



The Dialogue



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The Bur Oak and God's Grace By Pastor Martha Butzier

I heard a presentation recently where I learned what happens to the Bur Oak to make carving bowls out of it attractive. The tree must survive to a certain age for it to be large enough to make a bowl large enough to be of any use. Over the life of the tree, it is infected with various illnesses, just like we humans are. As healing occurs, the wood becomes more interesting and beautiful. As the tree recovers from each illness it leaves scars that add to the character and splendor of the bowl. The grain of the bur oak, with its small voids and splits created as the tree heals, is wild and distinctly different from one piece of wood to the next.



Humans have scars, visible and often invisible scratches and scrapes. When these vulnerabilities are made known to others, we can be labeled as "damaged goods." Jesus has a different perspective, that the healing of our injuries, be they physical or emotional, leaves us beautifully irregular – not like anyone else. We encounter so many messages telling us to be "normal" which challenges us to believe that God can really care about us. If no one is like anybody else, no one is "normal." God loves us for our differences. God powerfully and lovingly heals us, making us new and transforming each of us into someone who is distinctly different from anyone else. Like the aging bur oak with its small voids and splits – the marks of healing and God's grace – as we heal and are made new, we, too, become more beautiful. We often become more capable of empathy and compassion which when given to others spreads God's grace and love.



Ash Wednesday Worship at LELC

Wednesday, February 26; 7:00 pm

Join us for worship during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship at LELC

Holden Evening Prayer

Thursdays March 5 - April 2; 7:00 pm

Join us on Thursdays in Lent for beautiful worship with Holden Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.

Lent & Ashes

In Lent, God calls us to reflect on the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is named for the practice of imposing ashes. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible. The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

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Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Worship

February 26; Noon

Lake Edge UCC; 4200 Buckeye Rd, Madison

Pastor's Emergency Fund Update



Thank you all for your generous support of the Pastor's Emergency Fund. We are grateful for your generous donations that make assisting those in need possible.

Because of the generosity of the people of Lake Edge, 30 plus vulnerable people are helped every month. We are grateful for your generous donations that make assisting those in need possible.

As always, the first Sunday of the month is a good time to donate to the Pastor's Emergency Fund. Special envelopes are available in the pews for your contributions.

Thank you and God bless,
Pastor Martha

Come and Pray With Us

Lake Edge has two weekly prayer groups open to all. Sundays, 9:30 am: Centering Prayer; original building, 2nd floor sixth grade room. Thursdays, 11:30am-12:30pm. Prayer Group; Office Conference Room. All are invited to these prayer opportunities.



I wish to express my thanks to everyone who took care of me on Sunday, January 19th. The LELC community is truly a caring family.
Kathleen Berkley



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Office Hours	Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm Fri. 8:30 am-12:00 pm

In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

- those who grieve including: the families of Frank Brown, Julius Morgan and Rob Oehlkers;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including:
Jan Johnson, Kathy Simmons, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Shirley Boettcher, Debbie Staffeld, Rod Nordby, Kathleen Berkley, Du Wayne Zimmermann, Don Small, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, Lisa Swan Meyers, Christine Thompson, Nancy Schultz, LaJeane Hettrick, Ken Neundorf, Wesley Simmons, Gabe Blood, Doug Siebert, Lisa Pietrowiak, Jim Jerney, Ken Jackson, Mariellen Kuehn, Lorraine Hansen, Casimir Brandon, Sybil Gilbert, Nancy McFadden, Tony Paulson, Judy Fritz, Bette Paulson, Audrey Simonson, Wes Stiemke, Judy Kollath, Joyce Narveson, Albert Singer, Bruce Burnside, and the family of Maureen Mengelt;
- our neighborhood church partners: Lake Edge United Church of Christ, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church, Monona United Methodist Church, Lakeview Moravian Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and Plymouth UCC;
- our synod and national church staff; our sister congregation, Cristo Rey, El Salvador; our companion church, The Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in India; and our ELCA partners in the Caribbean Synod and the Slovak-Zion Synod.





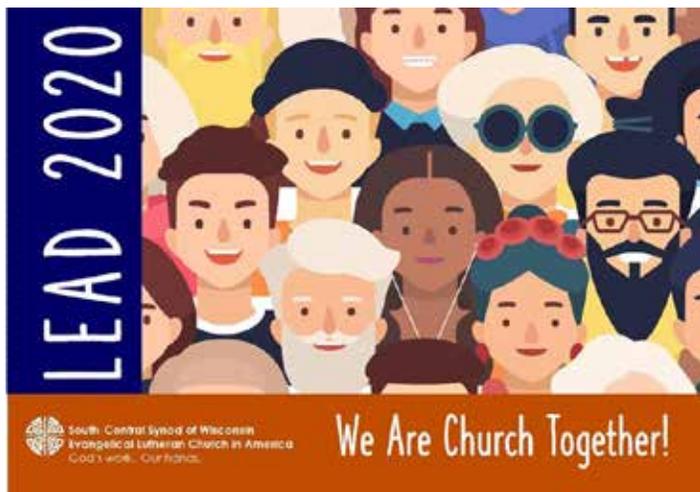
Opening the book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith Thursdays, Through - February 27 Offered Twice each Thursday at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

The Book of Faith presents a book study of “The Heart of Christianity” by Marcus Borg. Pastor Martha is leading the study. Used books are available for \$2 each.

Join us every Thursday through February 27 at either 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm. The same material will be covered at both sessions each week. You are welcome to attend either or both sessions!



LEAD 2020, March 14th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LEAD, Leadership Education and Development, provides an engaging day to help us be church together. This year it's here in Madison making it easier for people from Lake Edge to attend! The day is designed to provide opportunities to grow in faith and build community with the larger church. Rev. Dr. Eric Law is the keynote speaker; his topic for the day is Holy Currencies: Creating Sustainable and Missional Ministry. He is an Episcopal priest who has consulted and provided training for multiple denominations for the last 30 years. Break out sessions cover a broad spectrum of topics including spirituality, congregational constitutions, year round stewardship, racial equity, and many more. You can access more in depth information on the synod's website home page <https://scsw-elca.org>. There are also copies of this year's informational brochure in the church office.

Ministry Evaluation Task Force (MET) Update

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

At the beginning of this new year for Lake Edge Lutheran Church, it is *a time to discern and a time to move on*. A heartfelt “Thank You” for your active participation throughout November and December in our Questions of the Week and Small Group Listening sessions. Our goal was to complete the remaining sessions by the end of January in preparation for a MET work session on February 9. A MET sub-group is busy compiling your responses, but we continue to welcome your thoughts in person or through our email address at MET@lelc.org.

Snow and cold may have kept some people from attending worship in January. Thus, we include the last two Questions of the Week for your prayerful consideration:

Question: Jan. 19— Keeping in mind our mission and ministries, what staff do you believe will best serve the needs of LELC? Please comment on number of pastors and needs for other types of professional staff.

Question: Jan. 26— Please prayerfully consider and reply to the following: What do you feel is God’s call for our ministry together at this time? Who are we (LELC) and why are we here?

At our February work session we will discuss your responses, identify themes, and prepare for a full Congregational Listening Session in early March. Watch for time and place in the e-newsletter and Dialogue. A written survey will also be distributed in February to gather your perspectives and prepare a demographic profile. All of this information is critical as MET works with the leadership to complete the Mission Profile required by ELCA South Central Synod prior to beginning the call process. Our prayer is to remain faithful to the work we are called to, and be open to the Spirit of change in this New Year.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild invites new volunteers to join our group. We meet once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Our duties center around communion and altar care. On Saturdays we prepare for communion and on Sundays we place the communion elements on the altar for both services. We also clean up after each service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jan Summ at 608-669-7020.

February is Black History Month (Once a year for 28 days)

"...though it is sometimes very difficult to imagine our nation totally free of racism and sexism, my intellect, my heart, and my experience tell me that it is actually possible. For that day when neither exists, we must all struggle."

James Baldwin, American novelist,
playwright & activist

The struggle belongs to all of us who envision this kind of nation and who embrace LELC's mission of inclusivity. Be mindful of how you can participate in this struggle, even in small ways, and take this as a challenge to do something each day in February.

Examples of how you can better understand your neighbor and do your part:

- A. Invite a person of color to attend Sunday morning worship service
- B. Read a book or a piece of poetry by an African American author
- C. Read your child a story involving an African American character
- D. Learn the words to the first verse and chorus of "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
- E. Sit down and engage an African American co-worker in conversation
- F. Go see "The Color Purple" at Overture Center between Feb. 18-23, 2020
- G. Pick up a copy of *UMOJA* or *Hues*, monthly news magazines which are available at libraries and other public venues free of charge--they give you a glimpse of communities of color perspectives
- H. Improve your knowledge by watching TV programs this month on PBS:
 1. Miles Davis documentary, Tues. Feb, 25th
 2. "Finding your Roots" with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Feb. 4th and 11th at 7:00 pm
 3. "Count Basie: Through His Own Eyes" on Monday, Feb. 10th
 4. "American Experience," The fight about the two men Max Schmeling of Germany and the American Black boxer, Joe Louis, on Tuesday. Feb. 11th
 5. Independent Lens, "Always in Season", Monday, Feb. 24th about an African American teenager found hanging from a swing and the ongoing fight for truth

This is just a beginning list of what is possible.

Madison Homeless Resources

A comprehensive list of resources for homeless people is available at www.madcityhomelessresourceguide.com/resource-list.



Sankofa

***"It is not wrong to go back
for that which you have forgotten."***

The past serves as a guide for planning the future.
The wisdom of learning from the past
ensures a strong future.

Sankofa is from the Akan tribe in Ghana, Africa. It stands with its head turned backwards while its feet are planted firmly facing forward. Sankofa carries a precious egg in its mouth.

Flower Chart for 2020

The new "Flower Chart for 2020" is now posted. It is located on the wall next to the coat racks. Please sign up to donate a bouquet in honor of someone, in memory of someone or to celebrate a special event. The cost is \$20.00 per bouquet. On behalf of the congregation and the Lake Edge Altar Guild we wish to thank all the people who have previously donated flowers to adorn our altar each Sunday and we look forward to your continued support.

Those who give flowers for the altar are invited to take them home after worship.

Book Club 2019-2020

The LELC Book Club typically meets the first Monday of every month. Below you will find a list of books that we are reading for discussion each month at 7:00 pm.

February, 2020:

"Chariot on the Mountain"
by Jack Ford

April, 2020:

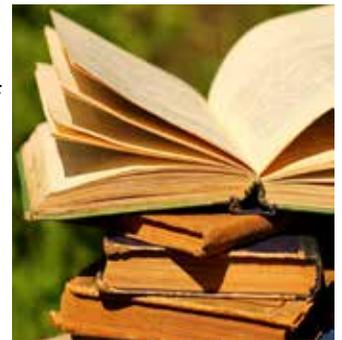
"The Peacock Emporium: A Novel"
by Jojo Moyes

May, 2020:

Book Club Cafe Selection

June, 2020:

"Where the Crawdads Sing"
by Delia Owens





Winsome Widows' Luncheon

The Winsome Widows' Luncheon will be Wednesday,

February 19; 11:45 am at Elie's Cafe; 909 E Broadway, Madison. All widows are invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board. The Winsome Widows meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 11:45am at a variety of locations.



News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA)

You have probably seen the articles and ads regarding the Women of Lake Edge/Women of the ELCA (WELCA) but may have wondered what the point of a women's group is---- wonder no more!

The WELCA website states:

"WELCA is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA...to help women grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

We engage in ministry; we take action through advocacy; we promote healing and wholeness, and we support one another in our callings."

At LELC, we put these goals into action in many ways. There are three "Circles" which meet monthly for Bible study, fun, and fellowship. The Lutheran World Relief collections of Personal Care Kits and School Kits are projects of WELCA. Closer to home, WELCA has made lefse and Scandinavian delicacies for our bake sale for years. The proceeds have supported community organizations which support families and women (e.g. DAIS, Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army) and supplied the Lake Edge kitchen with paper products, garbage disposal replacement, oven repair, and other needs benefiting the congregation.

Many deep, lifelong friendships have started from the seemingly small involvements of women in the Church.

All women are welcome here!

Boxtops for Education

Did you know that the Women of the Church save Box Tops for Education? There is a box on the shelf with Personal Care Kit items in the hallway leading to the library. We currently give our Box Tops to Frank Allis School. Please continue to save them and put them in the box provided. We deliver box-tops periodically to the school.

Circles

Deborah Circle: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Contact Doreen Davidson 839-5194.

Salome Circle; 2nd Tuesday, of the month at church at 6 pm. Contact Terry Anne Taylor 223-9807.

Rhoda Circle: 3rd Tuesday of the month in the church library at 1:00 pm. Contact Sharon Kreul 279-2814.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Monday, February 3

1:00 – 6:00pm

St. Luke's Episcopal

4011 Major Ave, Madison

Sponsored by East Madison Seeds of Peace. For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Enter sponsor code:EastMadisonSofP. Walk-ins welcome! You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.



Schenk Weekend Nutrition Program

Sign-up to Prepare and Deliver Student Weekend Food Bags 3 Weeks in March.

We participate with 3 other neighborhood churches in the Schenk Weekend Nutrition Program. We pack 8 food items into plastic bags and place them in the lockers of Schenk Elementary School children who are on the free and reduced lunch program. Food is packed on Thursday and delivered on Friday. Currently 100 children qualify. Please sign-up to help on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. March 12, 18 & 26: Pack at 3:30 pm at the Moravian Church. March 13, 19 & 27: Deliver at 9:00 am to Schenk Elementary. Questions: contact Anita Grue anita51_98@yahoo.com 608-698-0345 or Chris Maloney chrismaloney@yahoo.com 608-358-5248.

LELC Global Outreach Mission

Last year, Lake Edge sent 174 Personal Care Kits to LWR (Lutheran World Relief). Yes, here we go again. We are now collecting items for this year with a goal of 150 Kits.



There are only five items in the Personal Care Kits:
Bath Towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27" (light weight, dark colors recommended)
Nail Clippers
Toothbrush (adult size only)
Combs (sturdy)
Soap (Bath-size- 4oz to 5oz size - 2 bars per kit)

For February our focus is Sturdy Combs. Woodman's has sturdy combs for \$1.09. This type of comb is recommended. A basket for these items is on the bookcase shelf leading to the library. We currently have:

20 Combs; 70 Nail Clippers; 75 toothbrushes; 41 bars of soap (4 oz.); and 100 Bath Towels.

Sharon Kreul
Your Global Outreach Mission
Thank you for all of your support and contributions.

Luke House

The Community Meal Program

Help Feed the Hungry at Luke House Thursdays, February 6 & March 5, 2019

**Mark Your Calendar: 1st Thursday Each Month
4:45-7:00 pm; 310 South Ingersoll St, Madison**

Luke House provides dinner at 5:45 pm, Sunday through Thursday. Meals are provided and shared by faith communities throughout the Madison area, with a different menu from each community. Director Matt Rogge encourages community participation and welcomes all to come and dine. One doesn't need a black tie to join this feast! *"No shirt, no shoes!"* is not written on the entry. This is a gathering place of the servant church.

The first Thursday of every month Lake Edge Lutheran Church provides the menu and dines as guests of Luke House. We serve 165 children, women, and men.

We never have too much food. What may appear as leftovers feeds people at Luke House's lunch program or is taken to men at Port St. Vincent for the lunches they take to work.

We humbly ask God to move our community to reveal the Spirit of Christ in our midst. God enters our lives to become relational. That can be risky, for we never know who we will be given on loan, to love for the day.

Are you called to feed the hungry in our community? Have you questions? Contact Joan Martin at 839-1370. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



Save the Date! Spring Bike Ride Saturday, May 16, 2020

Due to a predicted rain forecast and schedule conflicts of several would-be bikers, the Fall Bike Ride on October 19 was cancelled. In order to get a jump on your spring calendars, a date is being set now for May 16, which is the week between Mother's Day and Memorial Day. In the interest of planning ahead, we are setting a rain date for the following day, Sunday, May 17. Stay tuned for times. It will be the Monona Lake Loop followed by brunch at the Meier's home. If you don't have your own bike or need some extra assistance, talk to us about renting one of the new Madison E-Bikes! We are hoping for a fun and lively group! More to come.... Deb Jensen and Elaine Meier



2019 President's Message: The Year in Review

2019 was a challenging year for Lake Edge Lutheran Church, the Synod, and for me personally as your president. Specifically, there were unforeseen pastoral changes at Lake Edge Lutheran Church during 2019 plus the departure of the Synod bishop. When I look over the past year, I never expected all the personnel changes, the impact they would have on our church and how much of a distraction they would be from what I thought needed to be done. I do believe we are on the right path of calling a new pastor and using the findings of the Ministry Evaluation Task Force to address the overall needs of our church.

In addition to all the personnel changes in 2019, we as a church group did accomplish some meaningful goals and programs which include: completion of the certified survey map, filing an Affidavit of Interruption securing our property rights for 20 years, renovating the first floor of the original church building, installation of an improved HVAC system, completion of a successful garage sale, conducting an open forum on LELC's rental real estate, researching the rental real estate options, hiring of a real estate management company to take care of the rental property, establishing a Ministry Evaluation Task Force to assess our needs as a congregation, testing the interior of the church for asbestos, revamping the Pastor's Emergency Fund/Woodman's gift card program, hosting Souper Suppers during the Lenten season, making improvements to the time and talents data base, and reworking the original 2019 operating budget to avoid a deficit situation.

Some meaningful ongoing activities at Lake Edge Lutheran Church in 2019 include: passing a realistic 2020 operating budget, conducting a very successful spring church property clean-up, completion of another bake sale with an improved volunteer turnout, contributing toward the wellbeing of the community through the Peace and Justice Mission, and the tireless efforts of the quilters.

Keep in mind there are several projects that will need our attention very soon. The most immediate task is putting together a Call Committee in 2020. Longer term and more expensive projects include a new roof on the 1966 / 2005 church. We also need to strongly consider an improved gutter / downspout system because the current system creates additional water problems for us by letting water infiltrate our church through the foundation. To further alleviate this water problem, we need to improve our landscaping, so the water flows away from the church. Furthermore, we need to address the asbestos in the 1966 church addition.

How can this be accomplished? We need volunteers, their time, and their talents. Without you and your ideas we cannot accomplish our objective of "Daring to Embody the Gospel" and helping our members and the community. I am confident the current leadership can continue to make positive steps in 2020. They are knowledgeable, experienced, and willing to do their best. They have answered the call to serve. How about you? I hope each of you finds a unique way to serve which starts by attending Sunday service.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I appreciate your volunteer time and your support while serving as your president in 2019. Remember, together (T) everyone (E) accomplishes (A) more (M).

Faithfully,
Jonathan Pike



Rev. George Carlson during Children's Word Time. Rev. Carlson was preacher and presider January 12 & 19 in Pastor Martha's absence.



Present: George Swamp, Karen Blackdeer, Mary Graper, Lesta Searles, Mark Taylor, Ron Siggelkow, Pastor Martha Butzier, Dan Schultz & Jim St. Vincent (recorder)

Absent: Sharon Kreul, Al Anding

Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Martha led us in prayer and bible study

Review Minutes of December 16, 2019

Ron moved and Mark seconded that the minutes of December 16, 2019 be approved. Motion Carried.

Review of Financial Dashboard

Dan reviewed the December 31, 2019 final LELC financial dashboard.

Follow up-- Dan will add the statement of council designated funds to the report each month.

Dan also reviewed the 2020 expected member giving. The Finance Committee is in the process of following up on some households that haven't yet returned their pledges. He will finalize estimated member giving in the next month.

Lesta moved and Karen seconded to accept the December 31, 2019 Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Martha updated council on her recent trip to Holden Village, as well as her work on several missions.

MISSION REPORTS FOR COUNCIL AWARENESS OR APPROVAL

Church & Family Fellowship - In the process of planning for the year. Planning for some cross generational activities.

Education - Planning for 2020.

Finance & Property - The mission discussed the need for our annual financial audit for 2019, with this year utilizing internal members as provided in the by-laws (no one involved from council or finance mission). They will also be discussing ways to involve the Stewardship committee more throughout the year.

Membership Support - The mission continues providing gift bags to visitors who attend a worship service. Planning for 2020.

Ministry Support - Potentially sending out a post card to advertise our Easter season services and other activities, in coordination with Worship and Membership Support.

Peace & Justice - Planning for 2020. Luke House responsibilities for Lake Edge are for February 6.

Worship - Planning for 2020. Mostly keeping status quo until we have new pastoral staff.

PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT ELECT

Reflections on the Retreat - People liked the update, input and time spent on the Ministry Evaluation Task Force. People got a sense of confidence, progress, time-line and excitement. The task force is getting input from 41 different groups at Lake Edge and will be summarizing that input, along with input from the question of the week, and other sources, in February. They are planning a full Congregational Listening Session in early March, as the last step prior to presenting insights and recommendations to the council and congregation.

Ministry Evaluation Task Force - They have requested a budget to provide things like childcare during their meetings. Dan moved and Karen seconded that we authorize the Ministry Evaluation Task Force to pay up to \$200 for child care at Task Force meetings and events. Motion Carried.

REMINDERS

- Next mission meeting: Monday, February 10, 6:45 pm (review mission, vision and values)
- Executive Committee meeting: Monday, February 10, 6 pm
- Snacks for February mission meeting: Membership Support

NEXT MEETING

February 17, 2020 at 6:45 – agenda items:

- Review of By-laws and Constitution
- Review 2020 Budget
- Discussion of call committee criteria, make up, size, and process in preparation for Ministry Evaluation Task Force report in April

MEETING ADJOURNED

Dan moved and Mary seconded to adjourn at 2:26 pm. Motion carried.

LELC Dashboard			
Statement of Activities			
Actual vs. Budget thru December 31, 2019			
INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Member Giving	421,304	431,451	-10,147
Building Debt Service	43,134	40,000	3,134
Other Offering	17,987	21,300	-3,313
Other Income	26,145	21,500	4,645
TOTAL INCOME	508,570	514,251	-5,681
EXPENSES			
Salaries	261,649	244,645	17,004
Benefits	52,152	43,485	8,667
Support	2,519	3,450	-931
Administrative	32,579	35,834	-3,255
Utilities	31,126	32,995	-1,869
Ins. & Debt Service	69,887	72,390	-2,503
Benevolences	23,400	25,885	-2,485
--MISSIONS--			
Worship	3,817	5,222	-1,405
Education	359	3,100	-2,741
Membership Support	877	1,250	-373
Ministry Support	2,330	3,455	-1,125
Church & Family Fellowship	5,104	4,600	504
Youth Fellowship	298	0	298
Peace & Justice	725	1,000	-275
Finance & Property	40,343	39,750	593
Miscellaneous Transfers	-103	-3,000	2,897
TOTAL EXPENSES	527,062	514,061	13,001
Year-to-Date (Income-Expenses)	-18,492	190	-18,682
Checking Account Status			
General Operating Checking Balance*	74,261	As of 12/31/2019	
Ave. YTD Actual Mo. Expenses	43,922	Ave. based on 12 Months	
No. of Mos. Coverage (Goal: 2.0)	1.69		
Mortgage			
Thrivent Financial as of 12/08/2019	4.75%	\$5,291	\$889,229

Note A

Note B

Worship Attendance	1st Service	2nd Service	Total
Dec 1	71	97	168
Dec 8	149	98	247
Dec 15	0	149	149
Dec 22	52	84	136
Dec 24	128	72	200
Dec 25	0	53	53
Dec 29	49	84	133
Monthly Average	90	91	155
Year to Date Average	62	124	157

Attendance includes Sunday worship only. Membership Membership: ELCA Trend Rpt., 2019 Baptized, Family Units. YTD, 351 different people attende

Membership	2019
Baptized Members	535

Note A: 'Other Income' includes one time Focus on Energy rebate of \$7,164 in 2019
 Note B: The balance of the Thrivent Loan (\$4,900) was moved to 9052-Noah Property, Bal = \$12,924, 9050-Noah Fund, Bal = \$10,574. Noah accounts are for "rainy day", unexpected expenses (ie. New Roc



Styrofoam Recycling

Thank you to those of you who are recycling Styrofoam at LELC. Please make sure any Styrofoam containers you put in are completely clean and free of any food residue. Styrofoam that is contaminated with food residue or anything else won't be recycled. Almost all of the Styrofoam that has been put in so far has been nice and clean. Good job, folks, and keep it up! Care of the Earth Committee of the Peace and Justice Mission

Please place ONLY STYROFOAM in the containers noted for Styrofoam recycling (in the upstairs cloakroom). No other recyclable materials should be deposited in the containers for Styrofoam. Other recyclable materials go in the blue recycling containers, or any container marked just "Recycling."



Enjoy Puzzles?

Stop by the church library, where you will find a puzzle on the round table. Please take time to add pieces to it!

Senior Corner

Care Team Offering Realistic Hope/Help to Seniors at Risk of Falling

Falls are the number one cause of preventable injury and death in people age 65 and over. Wisconsin leads the nation in this category. The key word is "preventable." Because of this, the LELC care Team is working with Safe Communities of Dane County to offer a Stepping On™ workshop at LELC to offer anyone interested the opportunity to minimize their fall risk. Please sign up on the bulletin board to indicate your interest level. Someone from the Care Team will be in contact with you. Space is limited to 15 people per workshop. If more than 15 people are interested, we can offer additional workshops.



Stepping On™

Stepping On is an evidence-based workshop meeting once per week for seven weeks, two hours per week, with a reunion class three months later. The class is led by trained leaders who work with you and your classmates to help improve your balance and reduce your risk of falling by reviewing medications, exploring the role of vision and falls, teaching strength and balance exercises, and offering help to improve your safety at home. Members of the class support each other's efforts to take action to prevent falls. Older adults who may have balance problems or fear of falling are the best fit for this class. According to studies, people who complete Stepping On classes see a 31% reduction in falls. A Stepping On workshop costs \$35 for the seven week session and includes the reunion class. Scholarships and rides to and from the workshops may be available through grants from Safe Communities.

February 2020 Worship Helper Schedule

	2/2/20	2/9/20	2/16/20	2/23/20	2/26/20
Greeters	8:00 AM Jenny Tollefson Laura Tollefson Nan & Jerry Tollefson 10:30 AM Mary Ann Jerred Marlene Gerner Paul & Lesta Searles	8:00 AM Deb & Tim Olsen Bernie & Sharon Kreul 10:30 AM Jerry & Karen Cook Karen & Pat Bitter	8:00 AM Chris Maloney-Dull Dale Dull Len & Carol Swart 10:30 AM Pat Swan Marlene Albrecht Fred & Beth Swanson	8:00 AM Stan & Donna Klein Gary & Lee Lunda 10:30 AM Cliff Johnson & Doug Siebert Karen Justeson Jan Johnson	Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM
Lectors	8:00 AM Jenny Tollefson 10:30 AM Jean Duddleston	8:00 AM Tim Olsen 10:30 AM Gary Bushland	8:00 AM Deb Jensen 10:30 AM Lucy Gibson	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Jan Etnier	Chuck Larson
Assisting Minister	8:00 AM Judy Raebel-McKinley 10:30 AM Lesta Searles	8:00 AM Jim St Vincent 10:30 AM Ron Baeseman	8:00 AM Ron McKinley 10:30 AM Dneece Hettrick	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Nancy Anderson	Chuck Larson
Communion Assistants	8:00 AM Nan Tollefson 10:30 AM Paul Searles & Kayla Pat Swan Dneece Hettrick	8:00 AM Judy St Vincent 10:30 AM Jerry & Karen Cook Karen & Pat Bitter	8:00 AM Judy Raebel-McKinley 10:30 AM Jan & Milan Summ Fred & Beth Swanson	8:00 AM Deb Olsen 10:30 AM Julie Dahlen Teri Deist Kay Simmons Kristen Friedrichs	Lucy Gibson
Ushers	8:00 AM A-1 10:30 AM A-2	8:00 AM B-1 10:30 AM B-2	8:00 AM C-1 10:30 AM C-2	8:00 AM A-1 10:30 AM A-2	C-2

