



Trust and Transition

By Pastor Martha Butzier

"My car doesn't do that!" she exclaimed when the car jumped to 60 mph in just a few seconds. I laughed and said, "I like a car with stealth and speed so that I can trust I will be able to pass cars quickly and scoot across a busy intersection like greased lightning."

Actually, much of driving a car is about trust for all of us. Think about it. We drive on roads at speeds in excess of 70 miles an hour. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, and bicycles all use the same roadways. We pass cars at these high speeds with just a few feet of air in between. On two lane roads, on multi-lane roads, we trust that everyone will stay in their respective lane. For the most part, we are trusting that total strangers will do what we expect of them – use the roadways following all of the same rules that we follow. It's remarkable that we have this high degree of trust when it comes to driving our cars.

The question that springs to mind is this, "Do we have the same heightened trust in God?" When the sadness and brokenness of our lives leads us away from the green pastures into the dark valleys, are we walking the path confident in God's presence? We all know these opposites: green pastures and dark valleys, brokenness and peace, rejection and welcome, love and hate, and everything that falls in between. What happens to trusting God when we are run off the smooth pavement and into the potholes of life?

Lake Edge has bumped through a number of potholes and detours in the last few years. You have gone head on into change followed by times of transition. Psalm 23 promises **God's goodness surrounds us all the time** assuring us of unlimited abundance. No one else, nothing else can offer and fulfill that promise to us.

You have said goodbyes to three pastors in the past 18 months. It's an understatement to suggest these changes were all small bumps in the road. There were times when it must have felt like you had been forced over a cliff, and the car went up in flames due to the sparks generated in the crash landing. The Church Council made



difficult decisions, and some but not all did not agree with the road they chose. Some said, "Good riddance," and others, "I don't want you to leave." God was and is present and working with purpose during the process of these transitions. The Ministry Evaluation Task Force has been working diligently. We are no strangers to God who has been and will continue working in the hearts and minds of potential pastors to serve here at Lake Edge.

Will there be other changes here at Lake Edge? Probably. During this time of shifting gears at Lake Edge, the promises of God are still true. Through all the ups and downs, all the hills and valleys, God will be **faithfully working for good for Lake Edge.**

Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Martha Butzier

Pastor's Emergency Fund Update



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

It's winter, and we have continued to have a full schedule on Tuesday's with folks asking for financial support for a variety of reasons. During December, we helped people escape the coldest nights by putting them up for a night in a local hotel, helping with rental assistance, and obtaining a phone to help a person apply for jobs. There are also a variety of local agencies which we refer people to on a regular basis.

As always, the first Sunday of the month is a good time to donate to the Pastors' 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.

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.



Ministers	The People of Lake Edge
Interim Pastor	Martha Butzier mbutzier@lelc.org
Finance Manager	Linda Brown finance@lelc.org
Communications & Office Manager	Christine Anderson communications@lelc.org
Music Director	Patrick Christians
Organist	Jay Wolf
Custodians	Jesus E. Siles Brondo & Elvira Alvarez Munguia
Lake Edge Lutheran Church	
4032 Monona Dr. Madison, WI 53716 (608) 222-7339 • lelc.org	
Office Hours	Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm Fri. 8:30 am-12:00 pm

In Our Prayers

This week, please pray for:

- those who grieve including: the family of Rob Oehlkers;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Frank Brown, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Shirley Boettcher, Doreen Davidson, Anne Ahearn, Jerry Tollefson, Debbie Staffeld, Rod Nordby, Kathleen Berkley, Du Wayne Zimmermann, Lil Genskow, Don Small, Ron McKinley, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, Liz Ekola, Lisa Swan Meyers, Christine Thompson, Nancy Schultz, LaJeane Hettrick, Ken Neundorf, Wesley Simmons, Gabe Blood, Doug Siebert, Mary Pharmer, 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, January 23 - February 27
Offered Twice each Thursday at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

The Book of Faith will present a book study of "The Heart of Christianity" by Marcus Borg. Pastor Martha will lead the study. Used books will be available for \$2 each.

Preview in Adult Education

On Sunday, January 5, Pastor Martha will give a preview of the study during Adult Education at 9:30 am. Sign up now!

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.



January, 2020:

"The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend"
by Katarina Bivald

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

Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive January 24-26, 2020



St. Vincent de Paul annually provides hundreds of needy people in Madison and its surrounding communities with good-quality, recycled and new blankets and bedding.

Lake Edge is one of dozens of area churches that participate in this drive annually. All the bedding we collect or purchase during this drive will be given away during the next twelve months to needy individuals and families who come to the Center for Vincentian Charity (2033 Fish Hatchery Road in Madison) seeking assistance from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please bring your donations of new or gently used blankets and bedding during the month of January to church. There will be a RECYCLE THE WARMTH barrel located just outside of the nursery door. Questions: contact Anita Grue at anita51_98@yahoo.com or 608-698-0345; or Chris Dull at chrisvmaloney1@icloud.com or 608-222-8519.



Winsome Widows' Luncheon

The Winsome Widows' Luncheon will be Wednesday, January 15; 11:45 am at North of the Bayou, 802 Atlas Ave, 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.

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



News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA)

**Women's Afternoon of Reflection
Saturday, January 4; 12:30 to 2:30 pm**

All women are invited to Lake Edge Church for an Afternoon of Reflection. We meet in Good Shepherd Hall from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Our leader will be Marsha Swenson and title of her presentation is "Faith and Me Filter". We will share a light lunch. Please sign-up on the poster on the bulletin board so that we can order the food.

**WELCA Board Meeting
January 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm**

At this meeting, one of the agenda items is to disburse Bake Sale funds from the November 16, 2019 Bake Sale. Circle Members, please indicate your wishes for consideration.

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 boxtops 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.

Luke House
The Community Meal Program



**Help Feed the Hungry at Luke House
Thursdays, January 2 & February 6, 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.

Madison Homeless Resources

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

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!

LELC Global Outreach Mission

Personal Care Kits

Included in these kits are the following items:

- One light or medium weight bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27") – dark colors recommended.
- Two bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz.) (Any brand in original wrapping).
- One adult-size toothbrush in original packaging.
- One sturdy comb (remove packaging).
- One metal nail clippers (remove packaging).

We are collecting these items each month for Personal Care Kits. A basket is available on the bottom shelf of the bookcase across from the bulletin board for your items. This is on a voluntary basis only. Last year Lake

Edge sent 174 Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief. Our goal for 2020 will be 150 Personal Care Kits. Thank you for your support and contributions.

Our items that we are emphasizing in January are dark colored bath-size towels and bar soap (4 oz.). We currently have 47 bath towels- so we are off to a good start.

Thank you for all of your support and contributions.

Sharon Kreul
Your Global Outreach Mission

LELC Dashboard				
Statement of Activities				
Actual vs. Budget thru November 30, 2019				
INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Variance	
Member Giving	386,326	395,497	-9,171	
Building Debt Service	40,830	36,667	4,163	
Other Offering	15,176	19,524	-4,348	
Other Income	26,517	19,708	6,809	Note A
TOTAL INCOME	468,849	471,396	-2,547	
EXPENSES				
Salaries	237,687	224,257	13,430	
Benefits	49,409	39,861	9,548	
Support	2,370	3,163	-793	
Administrative	30,872	32,848	-1,976	
Utilities	28,764	30,245	-1,481	
Ins. & Debt Service	64,596	66,358	-1,762	
Benevolences	16,540	23,728	-7,188	
--MISSIONS--				
Worship	3,817	4,787	-970	
Education	359	2,842	-2,483	
Membership Support	675	1,146	-471	
Ministry Support	2,326	3,167	-841	
Church & Family Fellowship	4,332	4,217	115	
Youth Fellowship	298	0	298	
Peace & Justice	725	917	-192	
Finance & Property	37,986	36,438	1,548	
Miscellaneous Transfers	-443	-2,750	2,307	
TOTAL EXPENSES	480,313	471,224	9,089	
Year-to-Date (Income-Expenses)	-11,464	172	-11,636	
Checking Account Status				
General Operating Checking Balance*	76,035	As of 12/11/2019 (\$80,936 - \$4,901 = \$76,035)		
Ave. YTD Actual Mo. Expenses	43,665	10 Months		
No. of Mos. Coverage (Goal: 2.0)	1.74			
Mortgage				
Thrivent Financial as of 11/06/2019	Int Rate	Mo Pymt	Balance	
	4.75%	\$5,291	\$890,993	
*Includes balance of \$120,000 for Thrivent Loan-Church Renovations; as of 12/11/19 balance is \$4,901				
Worship Attendance				
	1st Service	2nd Service	Total	
Oct 6	78	99	177	
Oct 13	47	128	175	
Oct 20	59	113	172	
Oct 27	60	160	220	
Monthly Average	61	125	186	
Year to Date Average	58	114	172	
Attendance includes Sunday worship only. Membership				
Membership: ELCA Trend Rpt., 2019 Baptized, Family Units. YTD, 351 different people attended				
Membership				2019
Baptized Members				535

Note A: 'Other Income' includes one time Focus on Energy rebate of \$7,164



St. Olaf Choir Performing January 29 at 8:00 pm Luther Memorial Church 1021 University Avenue, Madison

Join the St. Olaf Choir, conducted by Anton Armstrong, for a performance at Luther Memorial Church on January 29 at 8 p.m. The St. Olaf Choir, with 75 mixed voices, is one of the premier a cappella choirs in the United States, and for more than a century has set the standard of choral excellence and remained at the forefront of choral artistry.

The 2020 St. Olaf Choir tour marks the 100th anniversary of the choir's first East Coast tour in 1920 (which included their first performance at Carnegie Hall), along with Dr. Armstrong's 30th anniversary of leading the ensemble. During this past century, touring has played an important role in the St. Olaf Choir sharing its artistry and beauty of sound with audiences around the world. This year, the St. Olaf Choir has adjusted its ticket pricing structure to promote greater accessibility, including \$10 tickets for all students. \$30 adults, \$3 discount by entering promo code CLASSIC at checkout.

Tickets are available at stolaf.edu/tickets and By calling: 1-800-363-5487.

LELC Sunday School Christmas Program, December 15, 2019



Council Members present: Karen Cook, Dale Dull, Jon Fadness, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Nancy Pike, Ron Siggelkow, George Swamp, Mark Taylor, Pastor Mae Jean Zelle. Absent: Pastor Martha Butzier

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 6:47 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Mae Jean read verses from Exodus, chapter 3 where God speaks to Moses. God directs Moses to have faith to move forward when we can't see the future. The Council prayed.

BUSINESS

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of November 18th, 2019. The minutes were corrected as needed. Moved by Jon Fadness, second by Linda Newman to approve the minutes as corrected. Approved by voice vote.

2020 Budget presented by Dale Dull – Dale Dull, Interim Treasurer presented the 2020 Budget based on the current pledges by the membership. It was noted that those with automatic withdraw will continue as arranged but if they don't report their intension it is not reported in the budget totals. The Council reviewed the entire Budget, made a few additional changes and then passed a motion. Motion by Linda Newman, seconded by Sharon Kreul, to recommend to the Congregation the Proposed 2020 Church Budget as presented to the Council, subject to additional changes by the Financial Manager. Approved by voice vote.

Review Process for Call Committee – Pastor Mae Jean shared an outline for the development of the Call Committee. In her years as an interim Pastor she has seen healthy and other processes occur to form a Call Committee.

The Council then discussed the progress of the Ministry Evaluation Task Force and the many aspects of Lake Edge ministry that need to be considered going forward.

REPORTS

Missions (Items needing Council Awareness or Approval)

Finance & Property – Jon Fadness reported the Certified Survey Map of Lake Edge has been filed with the City. This established the new property line between the rental property and the Memorial Garden.

Special Program Note - The Christmas Pageant will be held for one service at 9:30 and then the Congregational Meeting will occur after this on December 15th.

REMINDERS:

- Next Mission Meeting: Monday, December 9th, 2019, 6:45 PM
- Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 16th, 2019, 6:45 PM
- Snacks for November's mission meeting – Jonathan Pike
- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, December 15th, 2019, 11:00 AM
- Fred Leidel's celebration of life at Gunderson's, Monday, December 2nd, 2019

Closing Prayer – Pastor Mae Jean led the council in a closing prayer.

Adjournment - Motion by Karen Cook, second by Jon Fadness to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Swamp, President-Elect

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Friday, December 6, 2019

Additional discussions occurred after our council meeting, a new motion was made electronically by Dale Dull, second by Linda Newman to withdraw the previous motion to approve the 2020 budget to be presented to the Congregation for final approval.

Motion passed by electronic vote with one abstention.

Motion by Karen Cook, second by Ron Siggelkow to authorize the Council to submit the revised 2020 Budget to the congregation for their final approval.

Sunday, December 8, 2019

After additional electronic votes by council members were made, the revised 2020 budget was passed for presentation and approval by the Congregation.

Additional notes also respectfully submitted,
George Swamp, President-Elect

Draft of LELC Congregational Meeting Minutes ■ December 15, 2019

Meeting called to order by Congregational President Jonathan Pike at 10:53 am. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Martha

Meeting Minutes from July 14th, 2019 Congregational Meeting were printed in the August Dialog but not available for approval. The chair deferred the approval of the minutes to the next scheduled meeting of the Congregation. This was done without objection of the body.

Approve the 2020 Nominees for Missions and Church Council. Several corrections to the document were made prior to the motion. Motion to accept the recommendations of the Nominations Committee for the 2020 slate of Officers, Council, Missions, and Committee members with changes as noted by Mr. Chuck Martin, second by Le Roy Stublaski. Approved by voice vote.

Approve the 2020 Lake Edge Lutheran Church Budget. President Jonathan Pike presented a budget overview of items that were changed from last years budget. One item concerned the funding of Cristo Rey. After a discussion and clarification, a motion was made by Mr. Jim St. Vincent, second by Ms. Lucy Gibson to move \$3000 from unassigned benevolence to the Cristo Rey account. Motion passed by voice vote, with one opposed and three abstention.

Interim Treasurer Mr. Dale Dull was prepared to provide any additional details. After clarification that the Council had approved the 2020 Budget and recommended it to the Congregation for approval. A voice vote was taken with one abstention, the budget was approved.

Approve the 2020 Gifts Committee Budget. Mr. Dan Schultz gave a brief report of the Gifts Committee for 2019 and then presented the proposal for 2020. Motion by Mr. Jim St. Vincent, second by Fred Swanson to approve the 2020 Gifts Committee Budget, Motion passed by voice vote.

Closing Prayer President Pike led the membership in the Lord's Prayer

Adjournment Ms. Judy St. Vincent moved and second by Milan Summ that the meeting be adjourned. Motion approved by voice vote at 12:05 am.

Submitted by George Swamp, President-Elect

Draft of LELC Congregational Meeting Minutes ■ December 15, 2019

Council Members present: Karen Cook, Dale Dull, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Ron Siggelkow, George Swamp, Mark Taylor, Pastor Martha Butzier
Excused Absent: Jon Fadness, Nancy Pike

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 6:52 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Mae Jean led the Council in reflections of Christmas past and then we prayed.

BUSINESS

Ministry Evaluation Task Force – Ms. Lesta Searles led a discussion of a series of questions with the council.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of October 21st, 2019. Moved by Sharon Kreul, second by Linda Newman to approve the minutes as drafted. Approved by voice vote.

Financial Dashboard – Dale Dull, Interim Treasurer presented the financial dashboard and walked the Council through the categories of the report. Actual expenses are very close to the 2019 budget.

REPORTS

Pastor's Report- Pastor Martha felt the Children's program went very well. So far, the change to becoming a full time Pastor has gone well.

One concern is that Jason Xiong, Seminary Student and Lake Edge member has been leading the Confirmation but will have to step away to finish his studies. Pastor Martha suggest a plan for another Seminary student she has previously worked with could be hired for a very limited time (January – May) perhaps 5 hours per week to conduct the confirmation class and assist with the numerous visitations to Hospitals and other shut-in settings. Council referred this to the Lay Staff Support Committee for recommendations.

Pastor Martha reports that she will be away for two Sundays in January, but she has arranged for former Bishop George Carlson to provide ministry in her absence. A memorial for Rob Oehlkers is pending to occur sometime in February or March.

MISSIONS

(Items needing Council Awareness or Approval)

Ministry Support – Ron Siggelkow reported they is still some advertising in Newspapers but this may change. Council then discussed how the work of the Missions might be shared with the membership.

Peace & Justice – Sharon Kreul reported the Luke House date will be January 2nd.

The Red Kettle campaign went well.
Personal care kits drop off as in past years.

Council then discussed whether a referral to the Gifts Committee for membership in MOSES might be done.

Worship – Linda Newman reported that the mission has had a discussion and the Alter Guild will handle issues concerning the eucharist and the alter.

PRESIDENT'S TOPICS

Call Committee nominees – Several members have been approached but this is still tentative pending the recommendations of the Ministry Evaluation Task force.

Scrip Program – After a brief discussion, this was referred to the 2020 Council.

Pastor Martha's employment contract as full-time interim Pastor – Tabled for a later Council meeting.
Response to the Congregational Meeting – Generally positive.

Visioning – What needs to be done for 2020. The council discussed a list of tasks that should be done along with the completion of the Ministry Evaluation Task Force and the Call Committee.

REMINDERS:

- January 2020 Dialogue Articles Due: Sunday, December 22nd, 2019
- Next Mission Meeting: Saturday, January 25th, 2019, 8:30 AM
- Next Council Meeting: Saturday, January 25th, 2019, 12:30 PM
- Snacks for January's mission meeting – George Swamp

For the Good of the Church – All Council Members

Closing Prayer – Pastor Martha led the council in the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment - Motion by Sharon Kreul, second by Ron Siggelkow to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Swamp, President-Elect

Bishop Election Process – You Are Invited To Town Hall Meetings Your Voice Matters!

We encourage broad participation in Town Hall Meetings that will take place across our synod to prepare for the election of a new bishop. Attend the Town Hall Meeting in your conference. We will have conversations around two questions:

1. What are the strengths and challenges of this synod and what makes this synod unique, what is it facing at this moment in history and from that snapshot . . .
2. What skills and characteristics would serve in the person of the next bishop?

A team will condense those comments into a profile of the synod and a profile of the bishop we seek.

Forum Dates & Locations

Please try to attend the forum in your conference. Forums are 90 minutes in length. Go to the link below to find which conference your congregation is in.

<https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/up-oads/2019/11/2019-Synod-Conference-Group.pdf>

Sunday, January 5 – 2:00 pm / Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 120 Faith Drive, Columbus, WI
Conference: NE Dane/N. Madison Conference

Sunday, January 12 – 2:00 pm / Location: Hope Lutheran, 3702 County Rd AB, McFarland, WI
Conference: Southeast Dane/East Madison

Saturday, January 18 – 10:00 am / Location: St. James Lutheran, 427 S. Main Street, Verona, WI
Conference: Central/West Madison/West Dane

Sunday, January 19 – 2:00 pm / Location: Faith Lutheran, 2116 Mineral Point Ave, Janesville, WI
S. Jefferson/Walworth/N. Rock/S. Rock

Saturday, February 1 – 10:00 am / Location: Grace Lutheran, 1105 N. Bequette Street, Dodgeville, WI
Conference: Iowa/Richland/Grant/W. Green/Lafayette

Sunday, February 9 – 2:00 pm / Location: St. John's Lutheran, 100 Oak Street, Prairie du Sac, WI
Conference: Sauk/Columbia

Christmas Message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

On Christmas Eve, there always comes a time when everything is finally still. After all the preparations and Christmas pageants, after all the rushing, it's wonderful just to settle into that stillness and have a chance to think about the miracles of Advent and Christmas.

For me, that came after the 11 o'clock candlelight service and after going home. With my husband and children in bed, I could think and settle into that stillness and marvel at the miracle that happened.

We know that God is up to something. We long for peace, and sure enough, God comes in the form of a helpless baby in a wooden manger. In that stillness, I think of another time when we are waiting and long.

It's at the Easter Vigil, when, by tradition, we feel that at the very stroke of midnight Christ was raised from the dead. This helpless man on a cross now becomes the risen Lord.

I hope and pray, dear church, that in this season of Advent and Christmas you will find time for stillness, find time to sense the expectation and the longing, but also to celebrate the miracle of God's love that has come to us in the form of a tiny baby who grows to be a human being who gives his life for us, that we might have life.

Merry Christmas, dear church,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop



For a video of this message: <http://bit.ly/BishopChristmas2019>

January 2020 Worship Helper Schedule

	1/5/20	1/12/20	1/19/20	1/26/20
Greeters	8:00 AM Gary & Lee Lunda Chris Maloney-Dull Dale Dull 10:30 AM Susan Marsh Jan Johnson Bernie & Sharon Kreul	8:00 AM Jeanie & Leroy Stublaski Jeff Meicher Mary Nelson-Meicher 10:30 AM Marlene Gerner Karen Justeson Sam & Joanne Wallendal	8:00 AM Chuck & Joan Martin Deb Jenson 10:30 AM Mary Davis-Smith Pat Bitter Jan & Milan Summ	8:00 AM Stan & Donna Klein Donna Gehrke Loretta Erdahl 10:30 AM Al & Kathy Anding Duane & Sandy Beczkievicz
Lectors	8:00 AM Gary Bushland 10:30 AM Jason Xiong	8:00 AM Jan Etnier 10:30 AM Mary Graper	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Nancy Anderson	8:00 AM Leslie Schey 10:30 AM Carol Cass
Assisting Minister	8:00 AM Gary Bushland 10:30 AM Jason Xiong	8:00 AM Chuck Martin 10:30 AM Chuck Larson	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Nancy Anderson	8:00 AM Terry Anne Taylor 10:30 AM George Swamp
Communion Assistants	8:00 AM Yvonne Bushland 10:30 AM Jan Johnson Dneece Hettrick Teri Deist Elaine Meier	8:00 AM Joan Martin 10:30 AM Karen & Leo Odegaard Karen Blackdeer Lisa Nienhaus	8:00 AM Jason Nallapu 10:30 AM Jan & Milan Summ Ron Baeseman Julie Dahlen	8:00 AM Deb Jenson 10:30 AM Al & Kathy Anding Duane & Sandy Beczkievicz
Ushers	8:00 AM C-1 10:30 AM C-2	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

Lake Edge Lutheran Church January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Artist of the Month - Ron Baeseman 8am Worship 9:30am Centering Prayer 9:30am Adult Education 10:30am Worship	11:30am MUM Circles of Support 1pm Knitters 2:30pm Pastor & Musicians Meeting	New Year's Eve 10am Staff Meeting 11am People In Need	Mission Evaluation Display - Library New Year's Day Office Closed	11:30am Prayer Group 4:30pm Luke House Meal		1pm Women's Afternoon of Reflection
29	30	31	1-Jan	2	3	4
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