



# The Dialogue



## Will You Take the Pledge? By Pastor Martha Butzier

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

On June 17th, due to decades of collaborative commitment to work as ecumenical partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) held a commemorative service for the Emanuel Nine martyrs who were brutally murdered five years ago. The service was moving. For me, it not only honored the Emanuel Nine; it honored the ever-growing list of brown and black skinned people who are being killed simply because they are, according to some, the wrong skin color.

For too long, we, who are born into the privilege of being white, have allowed ourselves to be sheltered from the realities of what it is to be a black human in America. The partnership of the ELCA and AME has resulted in drafting the ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge. I ask you to prayerfully consider taking the pledge with me. If you click on the link below it will take you directly to the pledge. For those who do not have computer access, the pledge is written below as it appears on the ELCA's web site. Please contact me if you want copies of the resource links included throughout the pledge.

### ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge

From <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>

As church we are called to confess the sin of racism, condemn the ideology of white supremacy, and strive for racial justice and peace. Beyond statements and prayers, we are called to also act and respond to injustices. Take the ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge.

1. Sign the pledge below, "I commit to study, prayer and action to become an anti-racist individual in an anti-racist church," and share your participation on social media using #ELCA4justice.
2. Work to dismantle racial injustice by listening to voices, experiences and the expertise of people of color. Learn about the ELCA ethnic-specific associations and their strategies.

3. Learn the history of systemic racism in this country and the ways racism and white supremacy impact every aspect of our life together.
4. Join, support or attend your synod's anti-racism team or work with your synod leadership to start one in your congregation. Study the ELCA social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture" and the "Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent."
5. Explore and use on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday the forthcoming ELCA Advocacy resources on a "Just Society Supporting the Health of All," which are focused on advancing racially equitable public policies, and by engaging in ELCAvotes to encourage and ensure voting rights for all.
6. Start where you are by joining community organizations working for racial justice.
7. Reach out to build or deepen relationships with Historic Black Churches. Consider using the congregational resource "Understanding One Another," co-authored by the ELCA and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, or our Joint Statement of Mission with the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church as a way to get started.
8. Explore and use the anti-racism resources of our ecumenical partners through the A.C.T. Now to End Racism initiative of the National Council of Churches.



If you are led by the Spirit to take the pledge, add your name to the online list. If you do not have internet access and would like to have your name added to the list, please, let me know, and I will add it for you.

Lake Edge has a long history of working to change social structures that allow injustice to persist. As a Lutheran, I have longed to find a place willing to be committed to this mission of God's in the world. Thank you for letting me walk with you during this chaotic time of change in the world.

Peace to you and yours, be safe,  
Pastor Martha



## 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.

Due to the need for social distancing, we are not seeing people in the office. Instead, I have been sending money to the Porchlight office based at St John's Lutheran Church in Madison. This had been done with some regularity in the second half of 2019. The council and I are concerned about how members of the congregation are doing especially in light of rising unemployment. If you or someone you know who is a member of Lake Edge are having trouble financially, please let me know. I will keep all requests for assistance confidential.

As always, the first Sunday of the month is a good time to donate to the Pastor's Emergency Fund. You can mail donations to Lake Edge Lutheran Church at 4032 Monona Dr. Madison, WI 53716, and mark the envelope clearly as Pastor's Emergency Fund.

Thank you and God bless,  
Pastor Martha

## Dialogue Articles Due July 26, 2020

Please send Dialogue Articles to Chris Anderson in the church office at [communications@lelc.org](mailto:communications@lelc.org). Articles received after the deadline will be included in the following month's issue.



## Zoom is Changing!

It has been enjoyable learning how to Zoom with all of you. I received an email from Zoom explaining they are making some changes that will impact us and our future zooming. Beginning on July 1, 2020, all of the Zoom meetings scheduled on the Lake Edge account will have new links, meeting ID's and passwords. They will be included in the weekly newsletter. As always, please call me if you have any questions or concerns. My cell phone is 734.883.4564.  
Pastor Martha



## Keeping Connected

Please take time to call others for a telephone chat, or maybe even a face-time chat! We may not be in the same room, but we can still support each other, share laughter and share concerns. This is a unique time. We are creative people. Let's share the love and grace of God in new and innovative ways!



## "Christ in Our Home" Devotional Booklets

We have current copies of these devotional booklets in the church office. If you would like one, please call the office or email [communications@lelc.org](mailto:communications@lelc.org) and we will make sure you receive one. Please indicate whether you prefer the small booklet or the large print booklet.

## Centering Prayer Continues via Zoom Sundays, 10:00 am

Join us for Centering Prayer every Sunday via Zoom. The Zoom number is 891 1479 5135.



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## In Our Prayers

### Please pray for:

- those who grieve including: the families of Ed Fredrichs, Brian Liddicoat, Hunter Kottke;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Pat Bitter, Nancy Anderson, Jan Johnson, Kathy Simmons, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Shirley Boettcher, Debbie Staffeld, Kathleen Berkley, Du Wayne Zimmermann, Don Small, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, Christine Thompson, LaJeane Hettrick, Ken Neundorf, Wesley Simmons, Gabe Blood, Doug Siebert, Lisa Pietrowiak, Jim Jerney, Ken Jackson, Lorraine Hansen, Casimir Brandon, Nancy McFadden, Tony Paulson, Judy Fritz, Bette Paulson, Audrey Simonson, Wes Stiemke, Judy Kollath, Joyce Narveson, Albert Singer;
- 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



## LELC Worship Continues: Online, By Telephone, On DVD



During these days when we're practicing physical distancing and being safer-at-home, we will continue to worship online until we feel it's safer to worship in person. The church Council has decided to continue online worship through at least July 31.

### Online Fellowship Before Worship

Grab your coffee and sign-in to Zoom at 9:00 for our weekly LIVE Sunday morning fellowship time <https://zoom.us/j/93180190780?pwd=MWZ1ek45cERObEJKdkZRcFBsR2tSQTO9>

Meeting ID: 931 8019 0780; Password: coffee +1 312 626 6799 (Just dial the one if calling from a land-line. Use the key pad to enter the meeting ID and password)

### Online Worship

Please join us for worship online at our YouTube Channel. You will find it at <https://bit.ly/3amB2nE> and on our web site at [LELC.org](https://www.lelc.org). We encourage you to worship on Sunday morning after our live fellowship time. On the YouTube channel, you will be able to see how many other people are worshipping with you!

We want to give a big shout out to Pastor Martha, Jay Wolf, Patrick Christians and Chris Anderson for all of their work and support to make the online services possible! Thank you, also, to the other familiar faces from Lake Edge who are now reading the lessons each week for our recorded services.

### Worship With LELC on the Telephone!

You can call in and listen to LELC worship on your phone! Any kind of phone will work. Call 1-833-273-2540. This is a toll free number.



### Worship on DVD

If online worship is difficult for you, or if you don't have the technology for online worship, you may still be able to watch our worship videos! We are able



to provide our worship services on DVD. If you have a DVD player connected to your TV, you can pop in the LELC worship DVD and watch it like a movie DVD. Please contact Chris Anderson in the church office at 608-222-7339 ext. 22; or email Chris at

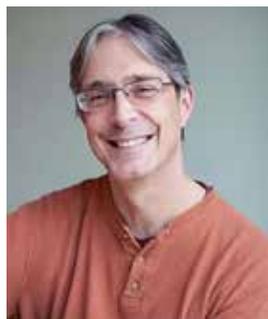
[communications@lelc.org](mailto:communications@lelc.org).

### Worship on Television

If you don't have the technology to watch our services online, we encourage you to watch Bethel Lutheran Church's Worship at Bethel broadcast on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WKOW Channel 27.

We may be physically separated for a time as we shelter in our homes, but we are still a community united in the love and the Grace of God!

Worship Mission



### New Finance Manager

Please welcome Jim Manos as the new part-time Financial Manager for Lake Edge Lutheran Church. Jim has started his orientation with Linda Brown.

Jim has experience in accounting having worked with private business, non-profit and a church. He will also continue in his role as

owner/operator of Main Street Yoga.



### Salvation Army Summer Kettle Campaign July 30, 2020 at Metro Market

Every year, The Salvation Army helps nearly 30 million people; roughly one person per second!

Please contact Chris Maloney to sign up for one of the one hour shifts below. To sign-up or for questions contact Chris Maloney: 608-358-5248 or [chrismaloney@yahoo.com](mailto:chrismaloney@yahoo.com)

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm    3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm    4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### Needed: DVD Players

Do you have a DVD Player in good working order just sitting around gathering dust? Would you be willing to donate it? At LELC, we are working hard to connect as many people as possible to our recorded worship services. Some folks do not have online capabilities but would enjoy watching our worship services on DVD. A few folks don't have a DVD player.



We can use DVD Players that connect to a television set and DVD Players that are stand-alone with their own screen. If you have one to donate, please contact Chris Anderson in the church office at 608-222-7339 ext. 22, or [communications@lelc.org](mailto:communications@lelc.org). Thanks!!

### Your Offerings: Mail In or Give Online



We appreciate your continued support during this time while we must remain apart! Please remember that you have the option of making your weekly offerings through Online Giving at this link: <https://bit.ly/2WH4ZKS>. You are also welcome to mail your offerings to the church at 4032 Monona Dr. Madison, WI 53716. Church staff is monitoring mail, phone messages and email messages. Your mailed offerings will be received safely. Thank you!

## LELC Global Outreach Mission



### School Bags For Lutheran World Relief

It is that time of year when your support is needed for filling school bags! If you are new to Lake Edge, this is an outreach project where you can help by filling school

bags with specific items that go to children around the world so they are better able to participate in school. You purchase items from a list to fill the bags. The bags are then returned to the church by the beginning of September. Box Car Loading Day is September 26 at the railroad yard where the bags are then shipped for distribution.

With church not currently open, the Peace and Justice Mission will drop one or more bags at your doorstep, or you may pick up from Joan Martin. There are 165 School Bags to be filled and the contents are the same as in previous years. The Contents you purchase and put in your School Bags are as follows: (To keep uniformity it is very important to not add any additional items.)

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (8" x 10 1/2")
- 1 ruler (one side 30-centimeter or one side inches)
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Blunt Scissor
- 1 Eraser
- 5 Unsharpened #2 Pencils with erasers
- 5 Ballpoint pens (blue or black ink-no gel ink)
- 1 Box of Crayons (16 or 24)

Can we fill 165 school bags during a pandemic when we are not meeting in person on a regular basis? Yes, we can!

To receive your bags, let us know how many you want by doing one of the following:

Email or text Deb Jenson at [dbjenson@gmail.com](mailto:dbjenson@gmail.com) (920-296-1688)

Call Joan Martin (608-444-2982)

Call Sharon Kreul (608-222-7115)

Let us know when your bag is ready for pickup and we will make arrangements to get it from you, or stay tuned as we move forward with future decisions on reopening the church building.

Thank you so much for your generosity and compassion.

The Peace and Justice Mission



### Luke House in June 2020

#### Feeding the Hungry at Luke House

#### Make A Donation to Support Luke House Today! July, August, September, 2020

Luke House, as we knew it, will not be the same in the future.

We will not be providing any chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, or desserts this coming July 2nd, August 6th, or September 3rd. for sure, and maybe beyond that.

Luke House is not open for a sit-down meal since it closed mid-March. Luke House is open, but Matt Rogge (Director) and Sarah, his helper, are serving Bag lunches 9 times a week. Sunday through Thursday, evening Bag lunches and Monday through Thursday noon lunches. They are averaging between 65 to 85 bag lunches twice daily. Matt is considering using several volunteers, but because we are one of the "oldest" groups as well as his largest, he did not feel that he could even consider to ask us for volunteers.

Matt did say that each church group that provides a meal for Luke House has been providing, through donations by check, the cost of their meal they would have normally provided.

So, continue to keep Luke House in your prayers and if you can contribute do so by writing your check to Lake Edge and designate it to be paid to Luke House.

Matt and Sarah are both well and have remained safe and their families as well.

Thank you so much for your continuing support over the years, it is so much appreciated.

Continue to be safe and stay well.

Joan Martin

### Madison Homeless Resources

A comprehensive list of resources for homeless people is available at [www.madcityhomelessresourceguide.com/resource-list](http://www.madcityhomelessresourceguide.com/resource-list).

## Knit & Crochet Group



Our Knit and Crochet group members continue to make baby hats for newborns at Lake Edge, Baby Sweaters for Baby Care Kits, mittens and hats for next winter, and Baby Blankets for Global Health Ministries.

We still have prayer shawls and lap robes available for anyone to take to a relative, neighbor or friend.

Currently we are meeting via Zoom every other Monday at 1:00 pm. We share what we have been working on and visit with current recipes or whatever we may be thinking about. The next Zoom meeting is June 29 th at 1:00 pm. If you want to join us contact Mary Graper for the Zoom meeting number, or go to the calendar at <http://lelc.org/calendar.aspx>

With Thrivent funds, Bonnie Gudmansen and Joanne Wallendal recently purchased additional yarn for our projects as we begin again to plan for the future.

We have many Baby Blankets to mail to Global Health Ministries when we meet physically again. We will be taking pictures of all of our projects that we have been working on.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.  
Your Global Outreach



## Healing House

The Healing House is a place a homeless child or family member can go to heal after surgery. Lake Edge has partnered with UCC, (United Church of Christ) to provide meals to the families who are temporarily housed there due to surgery or childbirth. There are 63 medical respites in the United States; Healing House is the first in Wisconsin. Madison's Healing House is at 303 Lathrop Street. It is an eight bed facility. They need our help with meals for the residents.

Our two summer dates are July 19-25 and September 13-19. Our church will be responsible for a day or two, not the entire week. Anita and I are looking for individuals who have an interest in this volunteer opportunity. Even if you are vaguely interested please contact one of us so we can put you on a call back list for helping. Because of COVID it is not clear, right if we will be able to provide a hot meal or just the groceries.

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Anita Grue:  
[anita51\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:anita51_98@yahoo.com); 608-6980345

## Book Club 2019-2020

### Meeting via Zoom The First Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm



The Lake Edge Book Club is meeting via Zoom at 7pm on the first Monday evening of each month. Would you like to discuss any of the books with us during this next year? Please join us! Zoom information can be found on the calendar at <http://lelc.org/calendar.aspx>

**July** "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens  
**August** "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict  
**September** "Salt of the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys  
**October** "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Meyes  
**November** "The End of the Spear" by Stephen Saint  
**December** "The Borrowers" by Rebecca Makkai  
**January** "A Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd  
**February** "Becoming" by Michelle Obama  
**March** "Sourdough" by Robin Sloan  
**April** "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haru

## Save the Date: Sunday, August 16, 2020

For: A Road Rally (with your own "safe" people)

Time: 1pm until approximately, 3pm

Safe? Yes, it complies with all Covid precautions.

Why? For something fun and different  
Not your covid-normal life!

Cost: Gasoline

Sponsored by: Fellowship Mission



## News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA) 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 6 pm. Contact Terry Anne Taylor 223-9807.

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

*These meetings may happen via Zoom while Sheltering-in-Place. Zoom information can be found on the calendar at <http://lelc.org/calendar.aspx>*

**Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm

**Bible Study & Prayer:** Pastor Martha led us in prayer.

**Review Minutes of May 18, 2020:** Ron moved and Dan seconded that the revised minutes of May 18, 2020 be approved. Motion Carried.

### **Review of Financial Dashboard**

Dan reviewed the May 31 financial dashboard, the detailed statement of activities, and our dedicated council accounts. Overall, we are over our budgeted giving by \$5,207, and expenses are under budget by \$28,537. Our expected net income is \$23,200, with our actual net income at \$56,944. We expect giving to continue to get closer to plan because of a couple early annual pledge gifts.

Dan submitted the refinancing application. Thrivent will let us know whether they approve it next week.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Martha updated the council on several items.

**Worship** - Pastor Martha indicated we continue to experiment and add to our on-line worship experience. Nice to have our music staff involved in planning and providing music, and having congregational members provide the readings.

**DVDs** - Deb Lorfeld has volunteered to help connect people connect with the church. She will be calling people to see if they are interested in getting DVDs of our worship services (do they have a DVD player or want one, etc.) We are also checking into getting a DVD copying machine.

**Audio** - Following up with an audio / visual company to determine if we can get a direct microphone connected directly to the camera for better sound.

### **Mission Reports for Council Awareness or Approval**

**Church & Family Fellowship** - Mary - Four groups have regular zoom meetings scheduled (two monthly and two twice per month), as well as the weekly coffee time on Sundays at 9 am. Waiting to see if we are able to hold a couple events later this summer.

**Education** - Mark - No update.

**Finance & Property** - Dan - Jeff is still working on getting additional bids on the fire alarm system. Hoping to have a proposal within the next month. Dan asked the mission to put together a maintenance list for the next few years for the church building. Jeff also replaced several lights in Good Shepherd Hall. We've heard nothing about the use of the original church building this fall by the school district.

**Membership Support** - Lesta - Continuing to call members to check in, with much appreciation for the connection. The mission is also in the process of trying to recognize our recent members who are graduating. The charge for our church software database is going up to over \$200 per month because of the number of records we have. Dale Dull has proposed that we clean up our records and then we can get our software charges lowered. For example, removing people who gave a onetime gift for a memorial, etc. who are not members.

**Ministry Support** - Ron - Still doing research into providing live stream services after we begin in person services for at risk or home bound members and visitors. It looks doable, but we'll need someone to coordinate and film the services. The budget seems reasonable. The mission is also seeking data on how much people are utilizing the on-line giving option, since there is a small monthly fee.

**Peace & Justice** - Sharon - Luke House is still on hold. Still coordinating school kits for global outreach, trying to fill 165 bags. Working out how members can pick up the bags to fill. The summer Red Kettle bell ringing on July 30th from 12 to 5 pm at Metro Market. Schenk program is on hold yet for the fall. We are currently looking for a racial equity representative for the synod.

**Worship** - Karen - Getting feedback that the worship services continue getting better. Discussed possible parking lot services. The mission would also like to see member participation in reading or singing included in the services.

**Mission Night** - Based on feedback from the council, we'll continue to hold mission night meetings via zoom.

### **President / President Elect**

**COVID 19 Connections Through Internet** - thanks to Mary Graper for arranging all the connections being made through zoom! It is terrific to see the faces of our members in live interactions, and the number of people using zoom for the first time.

**Worship Task Force** - Jim - Provided the council with a draft of a COVID-19 related survey that will be sent to the congregation for their input. We continue to follow the Council of churches and ELCA recommendations, as well as the Badger Bounce Back, Forward Dane and CDC guidance. While allowed to hold limited in person services, best practice from Dane County is to continue to hold worship services on-line versus in person. Karen moved and Dan seconded that we extend our virtual service offering, with no live services, through the end of July, with a re-evaluation each month at our council meeting. Motion carried.

**Fellowship plans** - They are planning a trivia search with families in the same car looking to solve clues. The second event would be a game day in the parking lot with bas-

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ketball, volleyball, and other game stations around the parking lot. Because of social distancing and the need to clean the equipment, the event will be postponed.

**Ministry Evaluation Recommendations** - Lesta - We worked through the Ministry Evaluation recommendations to assign out accountabilities for seeing them through.

- Adjust mission stmt - approved - office to update
- Strategic goals and priorities - council
- Culture & Strengths - all missions
- Pastoral leadership & staffing - call committee first, then council and pastoral support for the evaluation of future needs in 6 to 18 months
- Structure / wheel / communication - council and missions
- Pastoral review process - Pastoral Support Committee
- Member support outside worship - Membership Support
- Financial stability / growth in giving - Finance (Stewardship committee)
- Congregational communication - Council

The task force will be providing a narrative summary of their work, along with a draft ministry site profile for the call committee and council.

**Call Committee** - The first meeting of the call committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 with the focus of the agenda hearing from Assistant Bishop Steve Kottke, who is the Synod mobility leader.

**Finance Director Hiring** - The group had a second interview with one candidate, while also waiting for any other potential candidates. They expect the hiring to be done within the next week.

### Reminders

- Dialogue Articles due Sunday, June 21
- Next mission meeting: Monday, July 13 from 6:45 to 8:00 via zoom
- Prep meeting for Pres, Pres elect, Treasurer and Pastor: Monday, July 13, 6 pm via zoom
- Next Meeting: July 20, 2020 at 6:45 agenda items:
- Call Committee Report
- Worship Task Force Report
- Ministry Evaluation Task Force - Site Profile review

### Closing Prayer

Council said the Lord's prayer together  
Meeting Adjourned. Sharon moved and Dan seconded to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried.

## Draft of LELC Congregational Meeting Minutes ■ June 7, 2020

1. Call to order - President George Swamp called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and established that there was a quorum present of over 50 members via zoom video and phone attendance.
  2. Opening Prayer - Pastor Martha began the meeting with a prayer.
  3. Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2019 - Deb Jenson moved and Fred Swanson seconded that the congregational meeting minutes from July 14, 2019 and December 15, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.
  4. Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2019 - Lisa Nienhaus moved and Fred Swanson seconded that the congregational meeting minutes from July 14, 2019 and December 15, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.
  5. Ministry Evaluation Task Force Recommendations - Lesta Searles summarized the findings and recommendations that were discussed in detail at last week's congregational listening session. Lesta addressed several questions from congregational members regarding some of the recommendations. Moved by council to approve the ministry evaluation task force recommendations as presented to the congregation in today's meeting. After further discussion, motion carried.
  6. Call Committee - George introduced each Call Committee nominee to say a few words of introduction to the congregation. Moved by council that the congregation appoint Gary Bushland, Kaelin Fontaine, Katrina Lorfeld, Deb Jenson, Kay Simmons, Julianne Brown, Lisa Nienhaus and Jim St. Vincent to the call committee. After asking for discussion, the motion carried.
  7. Treasurer's report - Treasurer Dan Schultz presented the financial dashboard as of April 30 to the congregation for informational purposes. He also provided an update on refinancing our loan at a lower interest rate for the same term, which will save us approximately \$80,000 over the next ten years. At the pace of our current debt reduction efforts, gifts committee matching, and the refinancing, we could pay off our loan within the next 10 years.
  8. Closing Prayer - Pastor Martha offered a prayer to close our congregational meeting.
  9. Adjournment - Jan Etnier moved and Mary Davis Smith seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.
- Recorded by Jim St. Vincent, President Elect

# Financial Dashboard for May, 2020

LELC Dashboard					
Statement of Activities					
Actual vs. Budget thru May 31, 2020					
<b>INCOME</b>		Actual	Budgeted	Variance	Last year
Member Giving	185,516	180,666	4,850	200,482	
Principal Reduction Giving	18,219	12,443	5,776	0	
Building Debt Service	12,419	11,146	1,273	24,034	
Other Offering	1,418	7,416	-5,998	6,076	
Other Income	4,973	5,667	-694	6,294	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>222,545</b>	<b>217,338</b>	<b>5,207</b>	<b>236,886</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Salaries	77,223	82,794	-5,571	126,861	
Benefits	14,324	15,226	-902	23,689	
Support	0	521	-521	1,745	
Administrative	10,841	13,510	-2,669	11,899	
Utilities	12,352	13,748	-1,396	13,432	
Ins. & Debt Service	36,474	37,632	-1,158	30,043	
Benevolences	2,500	7,175	-4,675	4,660	
<b>-- MISSIONS --</b>					
Worship	1,300	2,981	-1,681	1,759	
Education	0	1,292	-1,292	359	
Membership Support	236	520	-284	-39	
Ministry Support	1,285	1,440	-155	1,378	
Church & Family Fellowship	399	1,279	-880	1,509	
Youth Fellowship	0	250	-250	139	
Peace & Justice	28	291	-263	28	
Finance & Property	8,724	15,479	-6,755	12,283	
Miscellaneous Transfers	-85	0	-85	3,058	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>165,601</b>	<b>194,138</b>	<b>-28,537</b>	<b>232,803</b>	
<b>Year-to-Date (Income-Expenses)</b>	<b>56,944</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>33,744</b>	<b>4,083</b>	
<b>Checking Account Status</b>					
General Operating Checking Balance*	90,075	As of 05/31/2020			
Ave. Monthly Expenses	44,014	Ave. based on 12 Months			
No. of Mos. Coverage (Goal: 2.0)	2.05				
<b>Mortgage</b>					
	Int Rate	Mo Pymt	Balance	2020 change	
Thrivent Financial as of 05/31/2020	4.75%	\$5,291	\$863,496	(\$23,926)	
<b>Worship Attendance</b>					
	1st Service	2nd Service	Total		
Mar 1	59	72	131		
Mar 8	38	83	121		
Mar 15			0		
Mar 22			0		
Monthly Average	49	78	126		
Year to Date Average	49	81	130		
Attendance includes Sunday worship through March 8th. All services since March					
<b>Membership</b>					
Baptized Members				2020 522	

## MOSES Works to Cut COVID in Prisons

In June, MOSES joined with other WISDOM affiliates all over Wisconsin to lobby Governor Evers to use powers he legally has to release more prisoners, reducing crowding and infection danger for prisoners and prison staff. Prisons and jails are hot spots for COVID-19 infection, creating severe danger for prisoners and spreading infections to outside communities through prison staff, who also risk debilitating infection and possible death for themselves and their families. We believe that thousands of prisoners can be safely released to reduce dangerous concentrations of people in prisons. Even before COVID, many prisoners could have been safely released and put into community programs, saving money for the state and helping families.

On June 18, people from religious communities and ex-prisoner organizations in Dane County and many other areas in Wisconsin drove to the state capitol in a demonstration called "Drive to Decarcerate." With cars decorated with signs and banners, we drove around the capitol, then to the Governor's mansion to call for Governor Evers to fulfill promises he made before the election to reduce the prison population.

Here is what MOSES and WISDOM members are asking of Governor Evers:

1. Release the people in your care who are at highest risk for COVID 19 infection; those with compromised immune systems, chronic health conditions and the elderly. Individuals who are eligible for "compassionate release," medical furlough or special circumstance sentence commutation.
2. Release people being held in the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) on technical rule violations (crimeless revocation) who have less than one year left on their revocation sentence.
3. Parole, or commute the sentences of, Old Law Parolees. The vast majority of Old Law Parolees have done well over the number of years their sentencing judges intended.
4. Release those who are scheduled to come home within the next 6-9 months.

Clear guidance from the Legislative Reference Bureau shows that the governor has the executive power to do all those things without action from the legislature.

Will you write a letter to Governor Evers asking that he carry out these actions? If you have questions or want more information, you can call or email me: Lucy Gibson, Lake Edge liaison to MOSES, lucyflakeedge@gmail.com 608-221-3258 (Please be patient with the answering machine message.)

You may also wish to watch a State Senate candidates' forum about this issue on the Facebook page of MOSES 6pm on July 28 at: <https://www.facebook.com/MOSES-MadisonWI/>

If you want a yard sign that says "I care about people in prison. Does Governor Evers care?," email to [peggywest4expo@gmail.com](mailto:peggywest4expo@gmail.com)



From "Drive to Decarcerate"

## Planning When and How to Resume In-Person Worship From LELC Resume In-Person Worship Task Force

Thank you for your ongoing passion and love for our Lake Edge community and family. Your flexibility, faithfulness, and care for one another is amazing! It's our desire to resume services only when and how health experts believe it's safe to do so. At this time, the Church Council has decided to continue online worship through at least **July 31**.

### Task Force Status

**Research:** The Resume In-Person Worship Task Force is continuing to actively review the latest recommendations and guidelines from health officials, the ELCA, the Wisconsin Council of Churches, Dane County and the state for resuming in-person worship. We're also looking at worship plans at other churches in our synod and the Madison area.

**Survey:** We sent the "Resuming In-Person Worship Survey" to all members in an email or postal mail around June 16. The purpose of the survey was to better understand your personal feelings about **when** and **how** to resume in-person services and to learn when you would return to worship. **Thank you** to everyone who responded to the survey by the June 30 due date. Your input is critical in helping us recommend next steps and make decisions.

### What We've Learned

**Advice from You:** We realize that your decision to return to in-person worship services is a very personal one. As we write this article, we're still receiving and reviewing your survey responses. With **minimal** analysis so far, about 93.5% of you said that you'll be "excited to return to worship" when testing and tracing, treatment and/or a vaccine are available. The rest of you said that you would be excited to return to worship "now."

**Advice from Experts:** In Phase Two of the Forward Dane Plan, we would be **allowed** to hold in-person worship services at 50% capacity in the sanctuary. However, according to that same plan, **"Providing virtual services is still the safest and recommended practice.** Religious entities are **required** to use technology to the greatest extent possible to avoid meeting in person."

**Guidelines for Resuming Services:** Whenever we do resume in-person worship services, we'll need to adjust our typical services (see the list on the right) until a vaccine is available.

### Next Steps

We'll analyze your survey responses and make recommendations to the Worship Mission and Church Council regarding when and how to resume in-person worship services. We'll also start looking ahead at the teams of people needed to resume services under the guidelines (e.g., prep the sanctuary, sanitize before/after services, take attendance for tracing, etc.)

Watch for more from the Task Force in the weeks ahead.

### Task Force Members:

Jim St. Vincent, Patrick Christians, Dale Dull, Judy St. Vincent, Jeanne Stublaski, Pastor Martha Butzier

## Guidelines for Resuming In-Person Services Until a Vaccine is Available

*(From the ELCA, Wisconsin Council of Churches and Dane County)*

- Limit worship attendance to ensure physical distancing
- Continue offering online worship
- High-risk individuals (e.g., over age 60, with underlying conditions, uninsured or under-insured, or vulnerable in any other way, etc.) continue to shelter in place
- Ask worshippers to avoid attending worship if are:
  - Feeling ill
  - Exposed to someone not feeling well or testing positive for COVID 19 within the past 14 days
  - In an at-risk or vulnerable group
- Increase sanitation/cleaning and hygiene measures
- Do not provide nursery care
- Do not offer fellowship time before or after worship
- Remove children's worship activity bags and musical instruments
- Remove hymnals, pens, friendship pads, envelopes, etc. from the pews
- Pre-place bulletins in the sections where seating is allowed
- Refrain from having receiving lines (greeting) at the doors before and after worship
- Refrain from any type of communion, handshakes, hugs, passing offering baskets
- Refrain from congregation and choir singing
- Refrain from unison speaking like reciting the Lord's Prayer
- Ask worshippers to wear masks at all times

# Lake Edge Lutheran Church July, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Due to the COVID-19, worship, meetings, activities and events are postponed or will meet virtually via Zoom, conference call, YouTube, or other virtual methods of communication that allow for Physical Distancing. Please watch your weekly e-letter for changes and updates. Check our Online Calendar for Zoom Meeting Details at <a href="http://lelc.org/calendar.aspx">http://lelc.org/calendar.aspx</a></b></p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering 9:30am Worship 10am Centering Prayer: Zoom	7pm Book Club: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary	9am Quilters 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR-Zoom 7:30pm Choir	7pm Zoom: Worship Task Force		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Name Tag Sunday 9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering 9:30am Worship 10am Centering Prayer: Zoom	1pm Holy Knitters: Zoom 6pm Council Preparation 6:45pm Mission Meetings: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Deborah Circle 7pm Salome Circle	Jesus Siles Brondo's Birthday 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR-Zoom 7:30pm Choir			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Please call the church office to learn how/if individual groups are meeting. 608-222-7339