



What is Lent?

*Excerpt from, "A Handbook for the Discipline of Lent"
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The season of Lent derives from the ancient Church's period of preparation for those who were to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. That preparation included instruction, fasting, repentance, prayers and special acts of devotion. Today, the entire Church uses this same period and some of those same practices to prepare for the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ.

The word "Lent" comes from the old English word "lencten" (meaning lengthen), and is a reference to the lengthening of days that occurs during this time of the year. For that reason, Lent is associated with Spring. As the earth sees a rebirth and renewal of the plants and flowers during this season, so Lent is a time for Christians to consider our rebirth in Baptism and engage in spiritual renewal as preparation for Easter.

<http://www.liturgybytlw.com/Lent/Discipln.html>

Lent 2019 at LELC

Lent 2019 comes to Lake Edge Lutheran Church amidst turmoil within and without. In the world around us, political leaders are at continual impasse. Inhumane policies are being carried out in our name on our southern border, and in more than a few police precincts. Our sister denomination is being torn apart by recent events and votes in St. Louis, inflicting pain far beyond their own walls. And Lake Edge is in the midst of a difficult pastoral leadership transition. Many are facing health issues and end of life decisions. Who can endure? How can we find hope? Let us let this Lent be a time to re-center ourselves in the promises of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is too hard to go it alone in the world just now. So let us gather, let us be renewed. Let us go together.

Lent at Lake Edge Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm: Worship

6:30 pm: Soup Supper

Join us at at 6:30 pm for food and fellowship before worship. Soup, chili, homemade breads and cookies are on the menu. Join us at 7:00 pm for Ash Wednesday Worship.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Holden Evening Prayer

Thursdays March 14-28 & April 4-11

7:00 pm

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

Ecumenical Worship Opportunities Seeds of Peace Congregations

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday worship will be March 6, noon at Plymouth Congregational UCC, 2401 Atwood Ave, Madison.

Ecumenical Good Friday worship will be Friday, April 19, noon at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 5700 Pheasant Hill Rd, Monona.





Pastors' Emergency Fund

The Worship Mission has designated the first Sunday of each month for donations to the Pastors' Emergency Fund. The "How Can We Best Help?" Forum yielded thoughtful conversation and a small task-force. They and Pr. Zelle will explore best practices and potential partnerships for the use of these funds.

Pastors' Emergency Fund envelopes are included in the offering envelope packets for those who have them. There are also designated "Pastoral Emergency Fund" offering envelopes in the pews in the sanctuary. Simply put your name on the envelope and place it in the offering basket. Loose cash from the offering on the first Sunday of the month will go to the Pastors' Emergency Fund. You are encouraged to make donations to the Pastors' Emergency Fund at any time.

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.

Thank You to Sunday School Students

I want to thank the Sunday school children for the beautiful valentine. It was forward out here to Arizona and arrived just in time on Valentine's Day. Judy Kollath



LaJeane Hettrick leads Sunday School Students in Creating Valentines for Home Bound Members



Photo Directories Available Now!

Our new photo directories are available in the church office. A suggestion of \$5.00 per book to help defray the cost of printing is appreciated.

Updates are available in the office from the December new member class.

Thank You

Thank you to all the great people of Lake Edge. Gene and I could feel all the prayers through our long journey. Thank you for all the cards, memories, the luncheon people, Altar Guild, wonderful pastors and all people to whom I forgot to say "Thanks." Carole Anderson

The Dialogue

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Fri. 8:30 am-12:00 pm

In Our Prayers

Our prayers for comfort and healing are with:

- those who grieve including the families of Fay Gage, Kathleen Nettesheim-Engel, and Dean Ziegler;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Lisa Swan Meyers, Pr. Katya Ouchakof, Christine Thompson, Nancy Schultz, Ken Neundorf, Rev. Jeff Tomberlin, Wesley Simmons, Diana Roehr, Gabe Blood, Doug Siebert, La Jeane Hettrick, Mary Pharmer, Lisa Pietrowiak, Jim Jerney, Ken Jackson, Del Jasper, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Mariellen Kuehn, Lorraine Hansen, Casimir Brandon, Sybil Gilbert, Bill Jones, Nancy McFadden, Tony Paulson, Judy Fritz, Bette Paulson, Audrey Simonson, Wes Stiemke, Judy Kollath, Joyce Narveson, Albert Singer, Virgil Mellum, 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.



Thank You from Pastor Katya

Beloved community of Lake Edge Lutheran Church,

Thank you for sharing your lives with me for the past four years. I have treasured your stories. I have been blessed to walk with you in times of joy and sorrow. I deeply value the relationships that we have built. I loved spending time with the children of the congregation, and seeing their personalities blossom. I appreciated the hospitality of our homebound members who welcomed me for visits. I was honored to accompany many of you through times of grief or crisis.

While serving as your pastor, I found deep meaning in our shared worship and our collective work towards social justice. I learned at least as much as I taught



during Bible studies. Your faithfulness in prayer was inspiring to me. Your generosity astonished me, from your contributions to the food pantry to the art wall, and from doing yard work to offering memorial donations to the Gifts Committee.

The past several months have been difficult for all of us at Lake Edge. While it breaks my heart to see our paths diverge, recent events have necessitated this move for the sake of the health of the congregation. Thank you for making the past four years

some of the most meaningful of my career. I will miss you, and I will continue to pray for the vibrancy of the ministry at Lake Edge.

In Christ,
Pastor Katya

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call Sunday, March 3

Join us following worship at 9:00 and 11:30 for a celebration of Pastor Katya's Ouchakof's ministry with us at LELC. Come visit with Pastor Katya and sign a scrapbook being prepared as our gift to her. Cake and refreshments will be served.



Meet-up for Young Families

Interested in getting to know other parents at Lake Edge? If you keep meaning to say more than "hello" to other parents while you dash off after your own kids, here's your chance! Meet us in the church basement from 3-6 pm on Saturday, March 30. We'll have pizza & space for the kids to play. Let's share what drew us to Lake Edge & how we can connect & support each other during the longest-shortest years. Contact Karen Odegaard (karen.odegaard@gmail.com) or Kaelin Fontaine (kaelin.fontaine@gmail.com) to RSVP or with any questions.

2019 Leadership Education & Development (LEAD)

Saturday, March 9 - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Evangelical Lutheran Church
315 Main St, Mount Horeb
Register at <https://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2019>

Leadership Education and Development is an annual synod event for all! If you are a member of a congregation, a lay leader or pastor or deacon, or a partner that works with our congregations, you are invited! "Building Beloved Community" is the theme for this year's Leadership Education and Development Day!

Our keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of the Domestic Mission Unit of the ELCA.

Workshops will engage us around the topic of Beloved Community...there will be something for everyone and time to attend 3 workshops. The day begins with worship. There will be displays from synod-affiliated and Lutheran ministriesto visit. Lunch will be included and refreshments provided, childcare and free meals for kids over 3. Cost: \$30



Wear Green on St. Patrick's Day! Sunday, March 17

Celebrate by wearing your favorite green outfit! There will be snacks after each service.



Winsome Widows' Luncheon

The Winsome Widows' Luncheon will be Wednesday, March, 20; 11:45 am. 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. Call the church office for location.

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 quilts are projects of WELCA. Closer to home, WELCA has made lefse and Scandinavian delicacies for a 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.

Every year, the worldwide WELCA requests a ThankOffering, which it uses to support congregations experiencing great need, such as hurricane damage.

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

All (women) are welcome here!

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 7 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.

Adult Education

Join Us in the Adult Ed Room Sundays at 9:30 am



March 17: "A "Green" Topic arranged by Laura Tollefson, head of Creation Justice/Earth Care ministry team

March 24: Racial Justice Coalition Invites Muriel Simms, author of the book "Settlin: Stories of Madison's Early African-American Families". Copies of the book will be available at church in February and March, so you may read it before Ms. Simms' talk!

Book Club 2018-2019

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.



- March 4, 2019:** "So Big" by Edna Ferber
- April 1, 2019:** "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens
- May 6, 2019:** Book Club Cafe Selection
- June 3, 2019:** "Being Mortal" by Atul Cwande

Young Adult Gathering:

Wednesday, March 13; 7:00 pm



Glass Nickel Pizza

Note The Date Change!

Get to know other young adults in their 20s and 30s. We meet the first Wednesday of each month, in the basement room at Glass Nickel. on Atwood. Food or drinks are on your own.

We will meet the 2nd week in

March due to Ash Wednesday the 1st week.

Brat Fest 2019

You can work at the Bratfest on Memorial Day weekend and raise money for your church. Some people add to the budget or property fund. Some designate their earnings for Bible School or Outlaw Ranch trips. Some give to the Pastor's Emergency fund.

Typical jobs include: wrapping, selling, brat runner, cashier runner, griller, clean up, Green Team (recycling) or speciality (condiment, gear, corn, Pepsi) tents.

Sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in working this year. **To guarantee a job, sign up by March 13th.**



Interested in VBS 2019?
June 17-20, 2019

A sign-up sheet for Vacation Bible School is available on the Bulletin Board.

It may be hard to think ahead to summer right now, but Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 17 - 20, 2019! VBS is for children that have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Lutherdale Counselors will be joining us again.

Watch for upcoming fund raising activities and opportunities to volunteer, let's work together to make this another successful VBS!

LELC Global Outreach Mission Personal Care Kits

Last year, Lake Edge sent 193 Personal Care Kits to LWR (Lutheran World Relief). We are now collecting items for this year with a goal of 150 Kits.

For March our focus is on Nail Clippers and Bath Towels. Woodman's has nail clippers for \$.79 and \$.89. A basket for these items is on the bookcase shelf leading to the library.

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)

We currently have:

75 Bath Towels; 14 Nail Clippers 36 Combs; 61 toothbrushes; and 60 bars of soap (4 oz.).

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, March 7 & April 4, 2018

Mark Your Calendar! 1st Thursday Each Month

4:45-7:00 pm; 310 South Ingersoll St, Madison

Luke House provides dinner at 5:45 P.M., 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 (Paul Ashe has retired) 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 left-overs 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 and that can be risky, for we never know who 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. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Cooking-Day: March 30

Almost 10 people helped cook 5 different foods for our congregational members who are recuperating, living alone, or elderly. It was held on February 26. There is one more "cooking-day" scheduled for March 30th. Would you like to join the camaraderie in the church kitchen? Or, maybe, donate some money towards the ingredients?

What fun! Our Cooking Group on February 26 prepared several different dishes. Thanks to you all!



Senior Corner

NewBridge

NewBridge officially came into existence on January 1, 2019, as a non-profit organization serving older adults in Madison and Monona. While a new organization, it has a long history of service. NewBridge formed from the merger of the four Madison Senior Coalitions (East Madison Monona Coalition of the Aging, North/East-side Senior Coalition, South Madison Coalition of the Elderly and West Madison Senior Coalition). Each of these Senior Coalitions has provided service for over 40 years.

In 2015, the directors of the four Madison Senior Coalitions began conversations about sharing resources, integrating services and reducing administrative redundancy. This led to three years of planning with representatives of each of the four Madison Coalitions. The result is a new agency that will be a single, strong voice for older adults in Madison and Monona. By maximizing our resources and integrating services and administration, NewBridge will more effectively address the issues of race and poverty and better serve the rapidly growing population of older adults in our communities.

Over the next five years, NewBridge will work to increase the total number of older adults they serve by 20%. In each of the past few years, over 5000 seniors have worked with one of the four Madison Senior Coalitions. NewBridge anticipates that by 2022, over 6000 area seniors will work with the new agency each year. Serving more seniors is critical because of the dramatically increasing number of older adults. Those ages 60+ are currently the fastest growing demographic group in Dane County. This is due to the large number of Baby Boomers reaching their sixties and to increases in life expectancy.



In addition to the rapidly growing senior population, the challenges older adults face are increasingly complex. Issues such as outliving retirement savings, lack of family support, mental health and addiction struggles, and lack of transportation combine to make life for older adults difficult. Unfortunately, these growing challenges come at a time when there is a decrease in resources available through city, county, state and federal programs to help seniors who are living at risk. NewBridge provides a variety of programs and services for these older adults to ensure longer, safer and healthier independent lives.

NewBridge Services Include:

- Case Management that connects case managers to seniors who need assistance accessing resources such as food, transportation, affordable housing, energy assistance and benefits.
- Nutrition Sites that provide socialization and meals to seniors throughout Madison and Monona.
- Home Chore Program that connects volunteers to seniors who need assistance with household chores so they can remain in their homes.

By merging into one agency, NewBridge can integrate these core programs to provide high quality service citywide with reduced wait times.

In addition, NewBridge will expand current programs that serve one portion of Madison into the whole city of Madison and Monona. Moving forward, NewBridge will have the infrastructure in place to develop new programs to respond to new issues affecting older adults.



Seniors continue to be valuable, contributing members in worship, on Missions, in the church office and in countless other volunteer positions at LELC. Pictured here are LaJeane Hettrick reading the lessons in worship, and her daughter, D'niece. Among many other things, LaJeane serves regularly as a "remote" lector in worship. Anyone with difficulty traversing the chancel steps is welcome and encouraged to read from their seat using the wireless microphone.

Council Members present: Jim Ahearn, Karen Cook, Jon Fadness, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Nancy Pike, Ron Siggelkow, George Swamp, Mark Taylor, Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Excused Absence: Pastor Katya Ouchakof

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 12:34 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Mae Jean led the council in a reading from Proverbs, Chapter 3.

Business

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2018. Moved by Sharon, second by Mark Taylor to approve. Approved by voice vote.

After a brief discussion, Moved by Ron Siggelkow, 2nd by Nancy Pike to appoint Elaine Meier to the Mission Support Chair of the Ministry Support Mission. Approved by voice vote.

Financial Dashboard – Jim Ahearn reviewed the current report for December but noted that further adjustments will be made as the close out for the year will be done in the coming weeks.

January 4th, 2019 the proceeds from the Thrivent Loan has arrived and will be maintained in a separate account.

REPORTS

Pastors' Report- Pastor Mae Jean reported that there have been two funerals and two baptisms in this past month along with several Lament & Remember services for members of Lake Edge. Council also discussed the Pastor's Emergency Fund and whether there might be a better use for this aid. (No decisions, more information is needed before any change might be considered.)

Pastor Katya is attending a continuing education program and will return next week.

MISSIONS

(Items needing Council Awareness or Approval) – It should be noted that all missions reported the benefits of new members joining their missions.

Church & Family Fellowship – Nancy Pike reported that new this year will be a blessing of animals/pets October 6th. There will also be a partnership with the Finance & Property Mission this year to assist with the annual Clean-Up Day. Another new idea is to explore service projects for our 4/5th graders to get them involved with activities in the community.

Finance & Property – Jon Fadness reported a new Request for Proposal from contractors can now be made and with the help of our HVAC Consultant, the best fit for our boilers can be installed with a target of May for the changeover.

A contract for a Certified Survey Map of the Church Property has also been made. This was needed to establish where the line between the church and our rental property would be since the establishment of the Memorial Garden. Once drawn, they will also need to be filed with the city as part of the process. There is also an issue with our neighbor to the south who has encroached several feet into our property line. This new survey will allow an affidavit of interruption to be filed to protect our property from any claim for the next 20 years.

Peace & Justice – Sharon Kreul reported that the annual blanket collection is going on. (There's a collection barrow in the narthex area) The collection of personal care kits has also started.

Process Proposal – Pursuant to Section III C of our By-laws, the Council discussed the required Evaluation Process. Pastor Mae Jean presented a draft of how this process might proceed. After additional discussion, a motion was made by Ron Siggelkow, 2nd by Jim Ahearn to accept the Ministry Evaluation Process Proposal as written. Affirmed by voice vote of the Council. First step would be to establish a Professional Ministry Evaluation Team to establish an evaluation instrument for this process. Motion by Karen Cook, 2nd by Linda Newman to ask candidates nominated by the Council (Past Call Committee members or Pastoral Support Committee members) to form the Professional Ministry Evaluation Team. Approved by voice vote.

PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT TOPICS:

Draft Budgets – Jonathan Pike presented two draft budgets for discussion. Both versions included four fundraising ideas along with other modifications. After additional discussions, a Special Council meeting was set for Tuesday, February 5th at 6:45 p.m.

Reminders:

February Dialogue Articles Due: Sunday, January 27, 2019
Next Mission Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2019, 6:45
Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 6:45 PM
Monday, February 18, 2019, 6:45 PM

Snacks for next month's mission meeting – Membership Support Mission

Visioning – Jonathan Pike reported that members have recently lost money and keys in past weeks at Lake Edge. Council discussed various solutions and concerns that could be raised.

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

Adjourn – Motion by Ron, 2nd by Sharon to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. Council adjourned at 3:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.

LELC Council Meeting Minutes Corrected/Approved ■ January 21, 2019

Council Members present: Jim Ahearn, Karen Cook, Jon Fadness, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Nancy Pike, Ron Siggelkow, George Swamp, Mark Taylor, Pastor Katya Ouchakof, Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Guest: Rev. Anne Andert (Pastoral Support Committee)

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 6:45 p.m.

Prayer: Pastor Katya Ouchakof led the council in a reading and prayer.

Special Order of Business: Council met in executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Katya Ouchakof led the Council in a closing prayer.

Adjourn – Motion by Karen, 2nd by Jim to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. Council adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.

LELC Council Meeting Minutes Corrected/Approved ■ January 29, 2019

Council Members present: Karen Cook, Jon Fadness, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Nancy Pike, George Swamp, Pastor Katya Ouchakof, Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Guest: Rev. Kristin Rice (ELCA Pastor)

Excused Absence: Jim Ahearn, Mark Taylor, Ron Siggelkow

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 6:50 p.m.

Prayer: Pastor Mae Jean Zelle led the council in a prayer.

Special Order of Business: Council met in closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

- Council reviewed a list of activities that will need to continue in the coming months.
- Motion by Linda Newman, 2nd by Karen Cook to confirm the original offer of a severance package for Pastor Katya. Passed by voice vote.

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

Adjourn – Motion by Sharon Kreul, 2nd by Nancy Pike to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. Council adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.

LELC Council Meeting Minutes Draft ■ February 5, 2019

Council Members present: Karen Cook, Jon Fadness, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Nancy Pike, Ron Siggelkow, George Swamp, Pastor Katya Ouchakof, Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Excused Absence: Jim Ahearn, Mark Taylor

Guest: Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 6:50 p.m.

Prayer: Pastor Mae Jean Zelle led the council in a reading from Psalms and prayer.

Special Order of Business: Council met in executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

- Motion: Nancy Pike moved, 2nd by Karen Cook that Pastor Katya Ouchakof and President Jonathan Pike will review and sign the Pastor Ethics form and Congregational Ethics form on or before February 8th. (Part of the standard termination process) Passed by voice vote.
- Motion: Nancy Pike moved, 2nd by Linda Newman that a meeting in the Synod Office with Pastor Katya Ouchakof, Jonathan Pike and Bishop Vivian Breitfeld be held to sign the Agreement on Payment of Separation (legal document) no later than February 19th, 2019. Passed by voice vote.
- Letter to the Congregation: After a draft was discussed by the council, additional amendments to the draft were made. Motion by Linda Newman, 2nd by Sharon Kreul to approve the letter as amended to be sent to the congregation. Approved by voice vote.

Business

Approval of Council Minutes of January 12, 2019. After corrections were made, motion by Sharon Kreul, 2nd by Linda Newman to approve the minutes. Approved by voice vote.

Approval of Council Minutes of January 21, 2019. After corrections were made, motion by Karen Cook, 2nd by Sharon Kreul to approve the minutes as amended. Approved by voice vote.

Approval of Council Minutes of January 29, 2019. After corrections were made, motion by Jon Fadness, 2nd by Nancy Pike to approve the minutes as amended. Approved by voice vote. (Ron Siggelkow abstained – he was absent)

Special Congregational Meeting: Motion to hold a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 24th to consider a Revised 2019 Budget. Moved by Ron Siggelkow, 2nd by Linda Newman. Approved by voice vote. (Revised budget copies will be available the end of business on February 20 in the LELC Office)

Gifts Committee: Motion by Linda Newman, 2nd by Ron Siggelkow to appoint Milan Summ to join Jonathan Pike to represent the Council of the Gifts Committee. Approved by voice vote.

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Closing Prayer – Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld led the Council in a closing prayer. **Adjourn** – Motion by Jon Fadness, 2nd by Linda Newman to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. Council adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.

LELC Council Meeting Minutes Draft ■ February 18, 2019

Council Members present: Jim Ahearn, Karen Cook, Jon Fadness, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Nancy Pike, Ron Siggelkow, George Swamp, Mark Taylor, Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 6:56 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Mae Jean led the council in a reading from Proverbs.

Business

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of February 5th, 2019. Moved by Linda Newman, second by Ron Siggelkow to approve. Approved by voice vote. Jim Ahearn abstained (he did not attend the February 5th meeting)

Financial Dashboard: Jim Ahearn reviewed the current report for January but noted that the budget figures used were from last year.

Reports

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mae Jean reported no pastoral acts in the past month. However, this has been a month of walking with the congregation providing pastoral support as needed.

Missions (Items needing Council Awareness or Approval)

Church & Family Fellowship – Nancy Pike reported the March 3rd celebration of Pastor Katya's ministry has been set. March 6th, Ash Wednesday will begin with soup & fellowship at 6:30pm then worship at 7pm. St. Patrick's Day will be wearing green day on that Sunday. There's also an idea to match LELC Shut-ins with our missions to increase contact but this idea is still pending details.

Education – Mark Taylor reviewed the pending preparations for the Vacation Bible School with the Council. Coordination with Christ the Solid Rock will need to be made. A contract with Lutherdale for VBS Counselors will need to be made. Volunteers will also be needed for the day to day operation of the program. Council confirmed previous commitment to go forward with VBS. Church & Family Mission will assist the program. There will also be two fund-raising events to assist with the costs.

Finance & Property – Jon Fadness led a discussion about the current building use policy and whether the mission should have a role in the implementation of the policy. After additional discussion, Council did not consider further action.

The Certified Survey Map of Church Property has been completed. This is the first major step to filing an Affidavit

LELC Congregational Special Meeting Minutes Draft ■ February 24, 2019

Meeting called to order by Congregational President Jonathan Pike at 11:59 am.

Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Approve Meeting Minutes from December 16th, 2018 Congregational Meeting. Motion by Al Anding seconded by Jeff Meicher to approve the December 16th, 2018 congregational meeting minutes. Motion approved by voice vote.

Approve Revised 2019 Budget. Presented by President Jonathan Pike, the materials provided for the meeting was reviewed and questions answered. Motion by Leroy Stublaski. 2nd by Meredith Oehlkers to accept the Revised 2019 Budget as shown. Motion passed by voice vote. (2 nay votes)

Closing Prayer: Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Adjournment: Dale Dull moved and second by Jan Johnson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion approved by voice vote at 12:34pm.

Submitted by George Swamp, President-Elect

of Adverse Action by our attorney against our neighbor to the south. This cost is included in our recent loan proceeds.

Membership Support – Karen Cook is exploring an idea for a Young Families Group (to include families with young children) with Christ the Solid Rock & Lake Edge. The thought would be maybe Saturday, 3 – 5:30 pm on a trial basis in mid or late March? Details are still coming together at this point.

Ministry Support – Ron Siggelkow reported that our Time & Talent sheets are pending an update. Past sheets will be shared with missions in the coming weeks. This mission will be taking over the coordination of the Art Wall in coming months.

Peace & Justice – Sharon Kreul the mission will be collecting personal care kits for this next month.

Worship – Linda Newman reported that her mission is looking into updating a worship guide for those who volunteer to provide services such as serving communion or reading liturgy.

President/President-Elect Topics:

Separation Agreement for Pastor Katya (copies & updates) Copies of the agreement that was presented to Pastor Katya was shared with the Council. She was given until this Monday (3 business days) to review and sign the agreement. However, Jonathan Pike reported that she had corrected the grammar, crossed out several paragraphs for

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the Council to consider. Motion by Linda Newman, 2nd by Nancy Pike to make the grammatical corrections if they don't affect the statements, confirm the agreement and extend the deadline to 5 pm, Wednesday, February 20th, 2019. Motion passed by voice vote.

Revised 2019 Budget – The Council reviewed a revised draft of the 2019 budget. Several fundraising activities were included, and a few past activities were dropped.

Motion to approve the revised 2019 budget by Linda Newman, 2nd by Sharon Kreul for presentation to the Congregation. Approved by voice vote.

Other church matters (Open Forum results) Council members discussed the issues and concerns brought up by members of the congregation during the forum.

Reminders:

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, February 24, 2019, 11:45 am

February Dialogue Articles Due: Sunday, February 24, 2019

Next Mission Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019, 6:45 PM

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2019, 6:45 PM

Snacks for next month's mission meeting – Ministry Support Mission

Visioning – Review of Open Forum

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

Adjourn – Motion by Jim Ahearn, 2nd by Linda Newman to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote. Council adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.

Finance and Property

Time to set the spring clean up date. Yes, for certain we will have spring, at least by June. We will try a new approach and develop a notebook of yard work to be done. Then everyone can choose what they want to do and when. Cleaning up debris and raking leaves has to be done before the first lawn mowing. More info will be coming.

We have had some leakage problems mostly due to the rapid changes of weather and we have been dealing with that incident by incident. If you notice leakage anywhere please let anyone from finance and Property know. Also since we only have a contract to have the sidewalks shoveled when the parking lot is plowed, please don't hesitate to shovel and/or put down ice melt or sand especially where a senior member might be endangered.

We are forging ahead and setting up plans and schedules for getting the new boilers. This involves a number of vendors and coordination of services and a lot of effort from the property mission. If all goes well, the new boilers will be in by the end of May.

If you have some time and energy to devote to some property projects please see Linda Nettessheim. Any and all help is appreciate.

March 2019 Worship Helper Schedule

	3/3/19	3/6/19	3/10/19	3/14/19	3/17/19	3/21/19	2/24/19	3/28/19
Greeters	8:00 AM Chris Maloney & Dale Dull Karen & Jerry Cook 10:30 AM Leo & Karen Odegaard Dneece & LaJeane Hettrick	7:00 PM	8:00 AM Nan & Jerry Tollefson Carol & Len Swart 10:30 AM Kamu & Malia Ahearn Marlene Albrecht Audrey Simonson	7:00 PM	8:00 AM Jan Hagen Loretta Erdahl Jeff Meicher & Mary Nelson-Meicher 10:30 AM Kay Simmons Kathy Simmons Diane & Bill Meadowcroft	7:00 PM	8:00 AM Deb & Tim Olsen Chuck & Joan Martin 10:30 AM Roman & Mickie Hagen Pat & Jadon Swan	7:00 PM
Lectors	8:00 AM Leslie Schey 10:30 AM Mary Graper	Linda Newman	8:00 AM Jenny Tollefson 10:30 AM Kay Simmons	Jan Hagen	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Milan Summ	Patrick Christians	8:00 AM Tim Olsen 10:30 AM Wayne Duddleston	Kay Simmons
Assisting Minister	8:00 AM Judy Raebel-McKinley (wine) 10:30 AM Dneece Hettrick(bread)		8:00 AM Nan Tollefson(wine) 10:30 AM Chuck Larson(bread)	8:00 AM	8:00 AM Ron McKinley (wine) 10:30 AM Rod Nordby(bread)		8:00 AM Chuck Martin(wine) 10:30 AM Jim St Vincent (bread)	
Communion Assistants	8:00 AM Leslie Schey 10:30 AM Leo & Karen Odegaard Pat & Karen Bitter	Linda Newman	8:00 AM Jenny Tollefson Nan Tollefson (Bread) 10:30 AM Kamu & Malia Ahearn Dneece Hettrick Ann Ahearn	Jan Hagen	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Diane & Bill Meadowcroft Milan & Jan Summ	Karen Cook	8:00 AM Joan Martin 10:30 AM Michel & Roman Hagen Pat & Jadon Swan	Kay Simmons
Children's Sermon Activity Time	10:30 AM Kathryn Small		10:30 AM		10:30 AM		10:30 AM	
Ushers	8:00 AM C-1 10:30 AM C-2	C-2	8:00 AM A-1 10:30 AM A-2	A-1	8:00 AM B-1 10:30 AM B-2	A-2	8:00 AM C-1 10:30 AM C-2	A-2

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8am Worship 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Adult Education 9:30am Centering Prayer 10:30am Worship 11:45am Farewell Reception for Pr Katya Ouchakof	1pm Knitters 7pm Book Club	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras 9am Sewing Machine Exec Board Meeting 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Altar Guild 7:30pm Handbells	Ash Wednesday 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Soup Supper 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	11am Prayer Group 4:30pm Luke House Meal 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #2825	1-Mar 9:45am Madison Youth Choir	9:45am Madison Youth Choir
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Daylight Saving Time starts Name Tag Sunday 8am Worship 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Adult Education 9:30am Centering Prayer 10:30am Worship	1pm Knitters 6:45pm Mission Meetings	10am Staff Meeting 1pm Deborah Circle 7pm Salome Circle 7:30pm Handbells	9am Happy Quilters 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 2:30pm Pinney Library Book Club 6pm Brownie Troop 8172 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Living Stones 7pm LENA 7pm Young Adult Gathering 7:30pm LEIC Choir	8am Breakfast 11am Prayer Group 7pm Lent Worship	14	15
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St. Patrick's Day Wear Green to Worship 8am Just Bakery/ Sales 8am Worship 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Adult Education 9:30am Centering Prayer 10:30am Worship	1pm Knitters 6pm Executive Committee 6:45pm Church Council	10am Staff Meeting 1pm Rhoda Circle 7:30pm Handbells	9am Church Basement Ladies & Gents 11:45am Winsome Widows' Lunch 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Junior Troop 2622 6:30pm Living Stones 7:30pm LEIC Choir	10am Care Team 11am Prayer Group 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #2825 7pm Lent Worship	17	18
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