



The Dialogue

You Want Me to do What? That's Easy! By Pastor Martha Butzier

It started out as part of the jokester atmosphere between the engineers and the welders who constructed what the engineers design. Destine Sandon the host of the Smarter Everyday YouTube series was summoned to the workshop where he was gifted with a bicycle. It looked like a normal bicycle. He was told there was one difference between the bicycle he learned to ride and the one standing in front of him. On this model, when you turned the handlebars to the left – the bike would turn right and when you turned the handlebars to the right the bike would turn left.

Being a smart guy, Destine was confident he could straddle the bike with its modifications and zoom down the street. After all he had learned how to ride a bike when he was six years old. No problem! Riding a bike is easy and you can't forget how to do it.

He straddles the bike, puts his feet on the pedals, and he can't make it work; every four feet he is forced to stop, putting his foot to the ground to steady himself. He falls off the bike numerous times. Behind his laughter and cheerful exterior was a whole lot of frustration. Being a sucker for a challenge, he persisted. He would make progress; only to find, if he relaxed his concentration, he would revert to his old way of thinking and fall off the bike. The small distraction of his cell phone ringing would cause him to wreck. It took him eight months to be able to ride the "new" bike.

Matthew's version of the Transfiguration story is spectacular. I wish being transfigured, being transformed, being changed and seeing the world differently, was easy, all in a day's work, but the reality is that it can take time, a lot of time. It took Destine eight months to change the way his brain was oriented.

God is calling us to change – not for the sake of following the latest trends, rather, God is calling us to be made new for the sake of the world. During Lent the Gospel calls



us to return to the Lord which is another way of saying the Lord calls us to change. Some transformations take a long time because, as Destine discovered, our brains are hardwired and rigidly set to think a certain way. He calls it a cognitive bias. We all have them. Now I don't think God cares if we can ride a backwards bike, however, God does call us to repentance which can override our brain biases. Those biases are what makes it so difficult to overcome racism, sex and genderism, and all the other isms holding us captive.

Those biases make change seem like it is impossible; with God, however, all things are possible. The faith practices of prayer, devotion, and repentance have the power of God to guide us into the change and the newness God has in store for us. If you aren't engaged in these parts of discipleship, this could be the time to start. If you already employ these practices, mix it up, try something new. God wants to catapult us into newness and is patiently waiting for us to call on God's power to make it happen.

Here's Destine Sandon's YouTube video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFzDaBzBIL0>

Pastor's Emergency Fund Update



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

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

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

Thank you and God bless,
Pastor Martha

Come and Pray With Us

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

Thank You From Meredith Oehlkers

I would like to thank you for the many expressions of sympathy and support our Lake Edge Church family members have extended to me and my family on the death of my husband, Robert. This church family was important to him.

There will be a service and celebration of Robert's life on Saturday, March 21. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am, with the service at 11:00 am and a luncheon following the service at Lake Edge Lutheran Church. All are welcome.

Gunderson's East is advertising the service. The obituary is online at www.gundersonfn.com/. Memorials can be made at U.W. Carbone Center, Agrace Hospice or Lake Edge Lutheran Church.

Thank You From Jeanette Johnson

A word of gratitude to you my dear sisters and brothers in Christ for the overwhelming generous gifts given to me during my hospitalization. Pastor Martha for time given and listening; Susan for transporting and assisting moves from one hospital to another; Kristin, Lil, Meredith, Karen, Karen, Marcy and Bob, Denise, and prepared meals (thank you for that ministry Mary) when I returned home. For the ministry of Lake Edge sending prayers, calls, cards, each lifting me to more clearly view the road ahead for these changing times. For my son Paul and his efforts to keep Mom afloat. Life is a journey. Thank you and God bless the Ministry of Lake Edge Lutheran. Do you wonder why we remain? Perhaps, it's for the least of these. Jesus names us.

Peace, Jeanette (Jan) Johnson



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In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

- those who grieve including: the families of Mariellen Kuehn, Sybil Gilbert, Frank Brown;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Ann Ahearn, Jan Johnson, Kathy Simmons, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Shirley Boettcher, Debbie Staffeld, Rod Nordby, Kathleen Berkley, Du Wayne Zimmermann, Don Small, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, Lisa Swan Meyers, Christine Thompson, Nancy Schultz, LaJeane Hettrick, Ken Neundorf, Wesley Simmons, Gabe Blood, Doug Siebert, Lisa Pietrowiak, Jim Jerney, Ken Jackson, 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.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship at LELC

Holden Evening Prayer

Thursdays, March 5 - April 2; 7:00 pm

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

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5 at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Come and recall the events of that fateful first Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship at LELC

Friday, April 10 at 7:00 pm

Service of the Word, with music and prayer

Good Friday Ecumenical Worship

Friday, April 10 @ 12:00 at Monona United Methodist Church, 606 Nichols Rd, Monona, WI 53716

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 am & 10:30 am



Ministry Evaluation Task Force Update: Mark Your Calendar Congregational Conversation

Sunday, March 22

Following Worship, About 11:30 am

MET invites everyone to come to the Fellowship Hall immediately following 10:30 worship service to engage in a Congregational Conversation. The purpose is two-fold: 1) to provide people with themes and conclusions from the feedback you have provided through Questions of the Week, Small Group Meetings, and our confidential email address; and 2) to engage in conversation about staffing options for LELC. NOTE: Game Day will also be occurring upstairs at the same time and you will be able to join the fun following our meeting.

We appreciate the diligence with which members of the congregation have shared thoughts, feelings, and critical information about the importance of LELC in your lives. Because we have gotten so much valuable information, MET made the decision at its last meeting to NOT conduct a Written Survey of members. Notwithstanding, a short three-question survey will be sent to members who have not been in attendance in recent months. We want to ensure that every voice is heard. MET members have also gone outside our walls to interview three neighborhood churches to understand staffing structures and how ministry is accomplished.

MET is in its final stages of completing a report and recommendations to Council and preparing the Mission Profile required by the Synod. It seems fitting that we will journey through the forty days of Lent during our final phase of work, a season that calls each of us to reflect more deeply on what it means to be a follower of Jesus, to take the journey we might rather not take yet are called to enter. As we pray on Ash Wednesday: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.* Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of our salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12) Thank you for your prayers and support throughout the process. See you on the 22nd!

Game Day for All Ages!

March 22 Following Worship Until 3:00 pm

Kids can play while adults attend the Congregational Informational Forum presented by the Ministry Evaluation Task Force. Following the meeting, adults will join in the fun! Lunch is provided. Bring your favorite board game or card game. Euchre anyone?



Participate in Synod Assembly

The Council will be selecting our voting members to the Synod Assembly to be held at the Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, May 1-2, 2020. One male and one female along with one person under 30 can represent Lake Edge. Please consider attending this opportunity to participate with our Synod. Contact the Church Office if your interested in attending the Assembly on our behalf. (Lake Edge does have a budget to cover the cost of overnight lodging). Thank You, Your Church Council

Where Will The Quarters Go?

You've seen the Quarter Pole in the sanctuary and watched the children collect quarters to fill it. They have collected a *lot* of quarters during worship! Soon, the children will continue their lesson in stewardship as they decide how to use this money. We are looking at the ELCA Good Gifts catalog for ideas. You can download the catalog at <https://bit.ly/2SJqatE>.



Adult Education

Sunday, March 8 at 9:30am; Adult Ed Room
CEOs of Tomorrow



What is this all about? Come learn about a relatively new non-profit program at our Adult Education session on March 8. The program is

designed to help youth unlock their entrepreneurial gifts and use them to make the world a better place. In the process they earn real profits. They do this by developing their own revenue-generating business ideas to address social issues of importance to them.

As might be anticipated, this has been the initial motivator but the program also offers benefits for college and career preparation and cultural understanding. The founding director, Roxie Hentz, Ph.D will share some of the unexpected joys of working with these teens. To learn more about the program, visit www.CEOsOfTomorrow.com



Sunday, March 15 at 9:30 am; Adult Ed Room
"When the Diagnosis is Racism"



Feeling helpless about racism? Ever wonder what you can do about it? Everyone is invited to an adult education session on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 9:30

am to learn how other congregations and community folk are addressing racism. Joann Pritchett, Ph.D, a retired educator and an originator of the program will speak to us about how our church community can begin a healing journey.

We invite you to join in this practical, non-judgmental conversation as she poses simple questions to ponder in healing racism. Examples: *How was racism taught to me as a white person? What spoken or unspoken words and gestures have I used to talk about people who are different from me? What benefits have accrued to me as a white person?*



Here is an opportunity for all of us to "dig deeper"!!

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.



March, 2020:

"The Greater Journey"
by David McCullough

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



LEAD 2020

March 14th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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



Winsome Widows' Luncheon

The Winsome Widows' Luncheon will be Wednesday, March 18; 11:45 am at Off Broadway, 5404 Raywood Rd, 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.



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

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



Needed: Fabric to Make Children Happy

It is time to clean out your sewing room, closet or drawers! Seeds of Peace, of which LELC is part of, has adopted Schenk Elementary School. Like last year we will be making capes for the elementary children to celebrate their Super Hero Night on Monday, May 11, 2020. We need donations of fabric and ribbon and trim. We will make 50 capes. The capes need to be submitted by May 11, 2020. There will be a plastic bin in the coat room for donations. Thank you. Chris Maloney chrismaloney@yahoo.com 608-358-5248 or Anita Grue anita51_98@yahoo.com 608-698-0345



News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA)

WELCA'S Disbursement of Bake Sale Fund is Announced

At our January WELCA (Women of the Church) Board Meeting the distribution of the proceeds from our Annual Bake Sale last November was determined. This is the most gratifying article that we write all year. We again had a very successful Bake Sale and that is thanks to all of you who contributed. It is our goal, on the recipients of these gifts to be good stewards of our gifts and money. The distribution follows:

- \$500.00 Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)
- \$500.00 River Food Pantry
- \$500.00 Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
- \$500.00 Personal Essentials Pantry
- \$500.00 Annunciation House (El Paso, Texas)
- \$500.00 Just Bakery
- \$500.00 The Road Home
- \$500.00 ELCA Good Gifts
- \$500.00 Healing House
- \$500.00 Demeter House/NAMI

TOTAL: \$ 5,000.00

In addition we sent \$1,000.00 from our Savings Account to Church-wide WELCA (The National Office). We feel strongly that our gifts will touch many lives and that is being Good Stewards! Thanks to all of you who contributed baked goods, helped make lefse, rosettes, sandbakels, krumkake, and any other way you may have helped. And thanks to the matching funds that we received from Thrivent through the Gifts Committee.

Boxtops for Education

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

Circles

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

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

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

LELC Global Outreach Mission

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



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

For March we continue our focus on Sturdy Combs.

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

60 Combs; 82 Nail Clippers; 84 toothbrushes; 135 bars of soap (4 oz.); and 131 Bath Towels.

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

Luke House

The Community Meal Program

Help Feed the Hungry at Luke House Thursdays, March 5 and April 2, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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



Flower Chart for 2020

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

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

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild invites new volunteers to join our group. We meet the first Tuesday of each 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.

Madison Homeless Resources

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



**Welcome to
Eugster's Farm Market & Petting Farm**

**Spring Fellowship Trip to Eugster's Farm
April 19, Following Worship**

Join us on for our trip to Eugster's Farm, near Stoughton, for Lambing and Kidding Days. Come for outdoor play, petting and feeding animals, and holding baby goats! Pack a picnic lunch. There are treats available at the farm. We can carpool from LELC. This is Spring Fun for all ages!

**Save the Date for Our Spring Bike Ride!
Saturday, May 16, 10:30 am
Rain Date the Following Day,
Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 pm**

This weekend was chosen because it is the week-end between Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Bring a friend -- we are hoping to have lots of riders! We will meet in the church parking lot, do the Monona Lake Loop, and end at Bruce and Elaine Meier's home in Monona for a light lunch or afternoon snack -- if it turns out to be Sunday. Look for a sign-up later in March. 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 follow....
Deb Jenson and Elaine Meier



Enjoy Puzzles?

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

**Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
2nd Wednesday of Every Month at 9:00 am**

Beginning Wednesday, March 11



Join us in Good Shepherd Hall the 2nd Wednesday of the month to create quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No experience necessary! Add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. For more information, contact

Anita Grue anita51_98@yahoo.com 608-698-0345.

Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling your share through an LWR Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope -- you are not alone. (From lwr.org)

**Baking Days for the
Easter Brunch
March 11th and March
19th, at 9:00 am
Church Kitchen**



Join the church-kitchen-camaraderie to make some treats for the Easter Brunch. We'll be making mini quiches,

so having "thumbs" is the only requirement (to press the crust into the tins). Never made these before? No problem! We'll learn together. Sign up on the bulletin board at church.

**"Grandma's Kitchen"
Begins on April 11; 9:00 am to Noon
Church Kitchen**

This event will become an on-going gathering throughout the year. This opportunity is for Grandmas and (Grandma-wanna-bes) and children of all ages. We will spend time in the kitchen and learning how to cook and bake. Our first project is to make sweet breads for the Easter Brunch.



Grandmas please bring ingredients for a double batch of your favorite recipe (\$ will be reimbursed) and the right-size baking pans.

Children please bring listening ears and strong hands. Our church kitchen has flour/sugar, measuring cups and stirring bowls. Sign up on the bulletin board at church.

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

Absent: Karen Blackdeer, Al Anding,

Call to Order: George called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm

MOSES (Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality, and Solidarity) Justice System Reform Initiative:

Lucy Gibson, Karen and Jerry Cook joined the council for a discussion regarding continued membership in Moses for 2020. It was not added to the 2020 budget. In the past we paid \$600, but Lucy indicated we don't necessarily need to pay that much. Lucy indicated she would donate the money for our membership through a special gift. Lucy is requesting that council allow Lake Edge to remain a Moses member, assuming she will donate the necessary membership fee, and designate her as our official representative. Jim and Dan suggested that Lucy donate the membership fee through the gifts committee so they track the donation and disbursement to Moses.

There was discussion regarding why it wasn't budgeted for 2020. The reasons included budget savings and a lack of attendance by representatives from Lake Edge. Two people were regularly attending the meetings from Lake Edge. Council will reassess membership for 2021 during budgeting.

Sharon moved and Ron seconded that Council approve Lake Edge Lutheran Church remaining a Moses member for 2020, with the understanding that Lucy Gibson will donate the necessary membership fee through the Gifts Committee and be our official representative to the group. Motion Carried.

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

Review Minutes of January 25, 2020: Lesta moved and Dan seconded that the minutes of January 25, 2020 be approved. Motion Carried.

Review of Financial Dashboard:

Dan reviewed the January financial dashboard. He also provided a detailed statement of activities that show all revenue and expense accounts comparing actual, budget and last year, plus the annual budget, providing a better detailed view of our finances. Dan also provided a statement of our dedicated council accounts. The council will receive each of these reports monthly.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Martha updated the council on several items. One was concern regarding the slippery parking lot, with a few members falling in the past week.

Pastor Martha also updated us on the upcoming Bishop election process as well as the upcoming LEAD workshop.

St. Mark's is interested in starting a Spanish speaking service. They need a subscription to Sundays and Seasons. Augsburg Fortress publishing indicated they can be added to our subscription at no cost to us or St. Mark's because of our average worship attendance.

Dan moved and Mary seconded that we allow St. Mark's to extend our subscription to Sunday's in Seasons, as long as there is no cost to us. Motion Carried.

Mission Reports for Council Awareness or Approval

Church & Family Fellowship - Mary - There are three events planned: game day, Easter brunch, and organize old and young to go to Eugster's farm for lambing days.

Education - Mark - No new update. Adult Education follow up with Kay Simmons regarding a potential Adult Education session regarding racism.

Finance & Property - George - Property has identified several projects for the year. The house has been rented beginning next month.

Follow up: Property - look into getting the parking lot salted when necessary to reduce slippery conditions.

Membership Support - Lesta - Revising the friendship pads to ask visitors how they found out about Lake Edge to better direct our outreach approach.

Ministry Support - Ron - We sent a postcard to over 700 households in our neighborhood for \$211, which is less cost than one newspaper ad.

Peace & Justice - Sharon - We have about 1/3 of the items we need for the personal care kits for Global Outreach. For the recycle the warmth, we collected 27 blankets and quilts. The Road Home is asking for help. We are hoping to coordinate with Lake Edge United Church of Christ. Pastor Martha requested that Peace & Justice consider Lake Edge becoming a sanctuary congregation that would be willing to house people threatened with deportation.

Worship - Karen (via George) - Will be looking into some potential repair issues with the sanctuary sound system.

President / President Elect

Review of By-laws and Constitution - George provided copies of the constitution, by-laws and continuing resolutions.

Ministry Evaluation Task Force - Lesta provided an update on task force activities. They had over 1,000 lines of input from over 125 people that attended several small group meetings, plus another 300 plus comments from

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the question of the week to the congregation. So people have had several opportunities for input to the task force. They will be sending out a letter with a couple questions to people who haven't been regularly attending to get their perspective. There will be a large group meeting, likely on March 22 after church, to provide a summary of what was heard and request input on any remaining specific questions. Child care will be offered. The Synod site profile will need to then be completed and should be a joint effort with the task force, call committee, and the council.

Call committee criteria - George and Lesta reviewed synod resources regarding potential criteria for selecting a call committee.

Follow up: Next meeting: identify potential call committee members, based on criteria of representing the diversity of our congregation.

Synod Assembly - Lake Edge is authorized for 2 voting delegates to the synod assembly (one female and one male) and if possible, one young adult (30 or under). The assembly is scheduled for May 1 and 2 (Friday noon through Saturday) at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells, as well as attend the second assembly on June 20 to elect a new Bishop. We will elicit interest from the congregation. Follow up: Next meeting: select our Synod Assembly delegates

Attention Women of the ELCA in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

(especially church quilting groups)

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Ordination of women in the Lutheran Church. To showcase this and other ways that women have been active in our churches, the Synod Assembly Planning Team will construct a quilt backdrop behind the stage in the conference hall at the Kalahari (Wisconsin Dells). The theme for the Synod Assembly is, "We are Church Together!"



- Church quilting groups are encouraged to donate one quilt.
 - The quilt is allowed to have the church's name or picture on it (but this is not required).
 - After the Assembly, the quilts will be donated to the Lac Coudre Reservation.
 - The quilt backdrop will be assembled on Thursday, April 30. Synod Assembly is May 1-2, 2020.
 - Quilts may be dropped off at the synod office (6401 Odana Rd, Madison) any time before April 29, 2020.
 - SWO board members will also be collecting these quilts at any of the Conference Spring Gatherings.
- Thank you for your generosity.

Reminders

Next mission meeting: Monday, March 9, 6:45 pm (Snacks for February mission meeting: Fellowship and Education)

Prep meeting for Pres, Pres elect, Treasurer and Pastor: Monday, March 9, 6 pm

Next Meeting

- March 16, 2020 at 6:45 – agenda items:
- Review of Ministry Evaluation Task Force Findings
- Identify potential call committee members
- Select Synod Assembly delegates
- Mission night devotion & prayer process

Meeting Adjourned

Sharon moved and Lesta seconded to adjourn at 9:26 pm. Motion carried.

LELC Dashboard				
Statement of Activities				
Actual vs. Budget thru January 31, 2020				
INCOME		Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Member Giving		43,164	44,700	-1,536
Principal Reduction Giving		2,886	2,489	397
Building Debt Service		2,000	2,229	-229
Other Offering		453	1,483	-1,030
Other Income		4,145	4,333	-188
TOTAL INCOME		52,648	55,234	-2,586
EXPENSES				
Salaries		15,624	16,559	-935
Benefits		3,426	3,045	381
Support		0	104	-104
Administrative		1,262	2,702	-1,440
Utilities		2,410	2,750	-340
Ins. & Debt Service		5,868	5,708	160
Benevolences		0	0	0
--MISSIONS--				
Worship		869	596	273
Education		0	258	-258
Membership Support		0	104	-104
Ministry Support		737	288	449
Church & Family Fellowship		62	256	-194
Youth Fellowship		0	50	-50
Peace & Justice		0	58	-58
Finance & Property		2,015	3,096	-1,081
Miscellaneous Transfers		-54	0	-54
TOTAL EXPENSES		32,219	35,574	-3,355
		Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Year-to-Date (Income-Expenses)		20,429	19,660	769
Checking Account Status				
General Operating Checking Balance*		94,209	As of 01/31/2020	
Ave. Monthly Expenses		44,014	Ave. based on 12 Months	
No. of Mos. Coverage (Goal: 2.0)		2.14		
Mortgage				
	Int Rate	Mo Pymt	Balance	
Thrivent Financial as of 01/31/2020	4.75%	\$5,291	\$887,458	
Worship Attendance				
	1st Service	2nd Service	Total	
Jan 5	55	79	134	
Jan 12	40	73	113	
Jan 19	46	81	127	
Jan 26	49	98	147	
Monthly Average	48	83	130	
Year to Date Average	48	83	130	
Attendance includes Sunday worship only.				
Membership				
			2020	
Baptized Members			522	



Looking for a Wonderful Way to Spend a Warm, Sunny Spring Morning?
How about coming to help out with the Lake Edge Spring Yard Clean Up?
Saturday, April 18; 8:30 to 11:30 am

Please bring yard tools like rakes, loppers and shears. An extra wheel barrow would be helpful, too, if you can bring one. Remember gloves. Refreshments will also be available. Can't come for the whole morning? Come for the time you are available!

March 2020 Worship Helper Schedule

	3/1/20	3/5/20	3/8/20	3/12/20	3/15/20	3/19/20	3/22/20	3/26/20	3/29/20
Greeters	8:00 AM Mary Nelson-Meicher Jeff Meicher Leroy & Jeanie Stubiaski 10:30 AM Linda Newman Mary Davis-Smith Jim & Judy St Vincent	Thursday 7:00 PM	8:00 AM Loretta Erdahl Donna Gehrke Irene Sherman & Bub Stevenson 10:30 AM Anita Hubanks Karen Justeson Nancy Anderson Jean Berg	Thursday 7:00 PM	8:00 AM Jan Hagen Deb Jensen Joan & Chuck Martin 10:30 AM Duane & Sandy Beczkiewicz Pat Bitter Karen Bitter	Thursday 7:00 PM	8:00 AM Nan & Jerry Tollefson Laura Tollefson Jenny Tollefson 10:30 AM Diane & Bill Meadowcroft Karen & Jerry Cook	Thursday 7:00 PM	8:00 AM Bernie & Sharon Kreul Stan & Donna Klein 10:30 AM Jan & Milan Summ Mary Ann Jerred Marlene Gerner
Lectors	8:00 AM Glenn Staffeld 10:30 AM Kay Simmons	Judy Raebel McKinley	8:00 AM Leslie Schey 10:30 AM Chuck Larson	Chuck Larson	8:00 AM Deb Jensen 10:30 AM Gary Bushland	Judy St Vincent	8:00 AM Chuck Martin 10:30 AM Jean Berg	Deb Jensen	8:00 AM Deb Olsen 10:30 AM Jean Duddleston
Assisting Minister	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Kay Simmons	Judy Raebel McKinley	8:00 AM Ron McKinley 10:30 AM Chuck Larson	Chuck Larson	8:00 AM Deb Jensen 10:30 AM Gary Bushland	Judy St Vincent	8:00 AM Chuck Martin 10:30 AM Jean Berg	Deb Jensen	8:00 AM Deb Olsen 10:30 AM Nancy Anderson
Communion Assistants	8:00 AM Deb Staffeld 10:30 AM Jim & Judy St Vincent George Swamp Dneece Hettrick		8:00 AM Leslie Schey 10:30 AM Elaine Meier Lisa Nienhaus Gary & Yvonne Bushland		8:00 AM Sharon Horstmann 10:30 AM Duane & Sandy Beczkiewicz Pat Bitter Karen Bitter		8:00 AM Joan Martin 10:30 AM Diane & Bill Meadowcroft Karen & Jerry Cook		8:00 AM Tim Olsen 10:30 AM Jan & Milan Summ Paul & Lesta Searles
Ushers	8:00 AM B-1 10:30 AM B-2	A-1	8:00 AM C-1 10:30 AM C-2	A-2	8:00 AM A-1 10:30 AM A-2	B-1	8:00 AM B-1 10:30 AM B-2	B-2	8:00 AM C-1 10:30 AM C-2

Lake Edge Lutheran Church March, 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St. David's Day	1-Mar	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bam Worship	11:30am MUM Circle of Support	9am Sewing Machine Exec Board Meeting	2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:15pm MET	11:30am Prayer Group 1pm Book of Faith			
9:15am Confirmation Class	7pm Book Club	10am Staff Meeting 11am People In Need	6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal	4:30pm Luke House Meal 7pm Mid-Week Lent Worship			
9:15am Sunday School		7pm Altar Guild	7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal				
9:30am Centering Prayer		7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal					
10:30am Adult Education							
10:30am Worship							
Daylight Saving Time starts	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Name Tag Sunday	9am Foot Clinic 11:30am MUM Circle of Support	10am Staff Meeting 11am People In Need	9am Quilting for LWR 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg	11:30am Prayer Group 1pm Book of Faith			Bam ACM Youth Organ Experience
Bam Worship	1pm Knitters	1pm Deborah Circle	2:30pm Pimney Library Book Club	7pm Mid-Week Lent Worship			
9:15am Confirmation Class	6pm Council Preparation	5pm GSH Reserved	6pm Brownie Troop 8172				
9:15am Sunday School	6:45pm Mission Meetings	6pm Salome Circle	6:15pm MET				
9:30am Centering Prayer		6:30pm Gifts Committee	6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR				
9:30am Adult Education		7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal				
10:30am Worship			7pm Girl Scout Troop #2825				
2pm Eastside Progressives Candidate Forum			7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal				
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bam Just Bakery Sales	9am Diabetic Foot Clinic 11:30am MUM Circle of Support	St. Patrick's Day 10am Staff Meeting	11:45am Winsome Widows Lunch 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg	11:30am Prayer Group 1pm Book of Faith			9:30am Rob Oehlkers Visitation
Bam Worship	1pm Knitters	11am People In Need	6:15pm MET	7pm Mid-Week Lent Worship			11am Rob Oehlkers Funeral
9:15am Confirmation Class	6pm LENA	1pm Rhoda Circle	6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR				
9:15am Sunday School	6:45pm Church Council	2pm SCSW Interim Pastors Meeting	6:30pm Junior Troop 2622				
9:30am Centering Prayer		7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal				
9:30am Adult Education			7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal				
10:30am Worship							
Dialogue Articles Due	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Name Tag Sunday	11:30am MUM Circle of Support	10am Staff Meeting 11am People In Need	2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR	11:30am Prayer Group 1pm Dialogue Assembly	Wanger Wedding Stoughton, WI		
Bam Worship	1pm Knitters	1:30pm WELCA	6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal	7pm Mid-Week Lent Worship			
9:15am Confirmation Class		7pm Pimney Library Book Club	7pm Girl Scout Troop #2825				
9:15am Sunday School		7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal				
9:30am Centering Prayer							
9:30am Adult Education							
10:30am Worship							
11:30am Fellowship Board/Card Game Day							
11:30am MET Cong Forum							
	29	30	31				
Bam Worship	11:30am MUM Circle of Support	10am Staff Meeting					
9:15am Confirmation Class	1pm Knitters	11am People In Need					
9:15am Sunday School		7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal					
9:30am Centering Prayer							
9:30am Adult Education							
10:30am Worship							