



What is truth? By Pastor Martha Butzier

John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

I had a birthday this week; it was one of those milestone birthdays. And like all other milestones occurring during this chaotic time like graduations, new babies, and weddings, to name a few, it came with a new unwanted gift. I entered the world of what it means to be 65 years old. I would gladly relinquish my new senior discount status to be released from the gift of now being identified as one among many in the most vulnerable group when it comes to Covid-19. Filing for Medicare and changing health insurance for this next part of my life was a breeze compared to changes being thrust on all of us during this pandemic. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that what we learn from science would be cast aside as if it is a used paper towel. It's jarring to hear people are spreading the news that social distancing isn't working and we have beaten the beast and are prepared to return to normal. I want to return to life the way it was when I was still 64. It is comfortable to go back to being able to go wherever I want without a mask, without fear. We have been given the gift of misinformation making it difficult to know who or what to believe. This is the gift I would never choose to re-gift to anyone.

I have been thinking about the gift of Jesus' promises to us. He gives us the gift of truth; he is the truth. We need truth right now, verifiable scientific truth to guide us as our church and state and nation plan for the next steps. According to the scientific community, we are a long way from being safe enough to stop social distancing regardless of what politicians and businesspeople are telling us. But is this the kind of truth Jesus is talking about? No, it isn't.

Hearing Jesus, listening to his voice is a mark of discipleship. He tells the truth. Recall how he speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well; we hear how deeply God loves the world. The woman comes to believe in



that truth, and she becomes God's love for the world. That is a truth we need to hear. Many were threatened by how Jesus reached out to the vulnerable people, the over 65, parents teaching their children at home, workers in meat packing plants, the children and grandchildren who might be ordered back to school before testing is revved up and contact tracing is well established. The ones threatened by Jesus' love for all wanted to return to normal, the way life had been before. That life was comfortable and familiar.

At this moment in time, God is calling us away from returning to the comfortable and familiar life we knew a few months ago. Going back to life without social distancing leads us away from the truth of who Jesus is – love. Going back now will lead to more people, especially those over 65, being exposed to Covid-19 which will lead to many more deaths. Instead of being together in a building, we meet virtually for worship and meetings for the sake of community for the sake of love. It's not comfortable, but it is an important way of being God's love for the world, and we show others the gift of truth found in Jesus Christ.

Blessings, 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



A special thank you to our Lake Edge family for all the love and care you have extended to us, Wes and Kathy Simmons. Looking back we are so grateful for the many wonderful meals, flowers, cards, visits to Oak park and most of all the prayers. We are so blessed to be members of this wonderful congregation and feel your love so often as we continue to live our lives in our home on Buckeye Rd.

Blessings to each and everyone of you.
Kathy and Wes Simmons



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!



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In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

- those who grieve including: the families of Nancy Schultz and Ann Ahearn;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Jan Johnson, Kathy Simmons, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Shirley Boettcher, Debbie Staffeld, Rod Nordby, Kathleen Berkley, Du Wayne Zimmermann, Don Small, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, Lisa Swan Meyers, Christine Thompson, 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 Online Worship Continues

During these days when we're practicing social distancing and being safer-at-home, we will continue to worship online until we feel it's safe to worship in person. The church Council has decided to continue online worship through at least May 24.

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.

We encourage you to worship at your usual time on Sunday morning (8:00 or 10:30 am). 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!

Looking forward, the Church Council and Worship Mission are forming a committee to carefully and thoughtfully plan the phases and numerous details for safely returning to worship together in our sanctuary. Watch for details to unfold in the weeks ahead.

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

Worship Mission



Scenes from Online Worship

Congregational Meeting June 7

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 7 at 11 am for the Ministry Evaluation Task Force and Call Committee Member recommendations.

Deciding Our Future Ministry

Even though we're unable to gather together in worship, fellowship, council, or missions, we continue on our journey together. That includes the ministry evaluation task force and their report to council and the congregation. We are planning to try some new ways to connect with you and continue moving forward. The council has been meeting virtually via zoom, where we can see each other and talk with each other. Those without a computer or i-pad to connect via video, can also call into the meeting. We'd like to introduce that technology to the congregation for meetings, and perhaps some fellowship together. To that end, we've purchased a subscription to zoom for the congregation, and we've scheduled the following:

- **Monday, May 18** - Ministry Evaluation Task Force final report and recommendation to council - May 18
- **Sunday, May 31** from 11 to noon - Informal Ministry Evaluation Task Force report out to the congregation (both to hear from the task force, as well as to help people connect via zoom)

- **Sunday, June 7** - Congregational meeting - to consider the recommendations from the task force on future ministry and related staffing, as well as the recommendation from council for members of the call committee. While we hold out hope that at least some of us can gather in person for this meeting in June, we'll plan it for at least some, if not all of us, to attend virtually via zoom.

We look forward to connecting with you in the coming weeks as we consider our future direction in ministry together. We hope you are staying healthy, and praying for each other and our ministry together.

Yours in Christ, on behalf of the Church Council,
Jim St. Vincent

LELC Global Outreach Mission

Drive-Up To Lake Edge With Personal Care Kit Donations!

Saturday, May 16, 2020

1:00 to 3:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

The Peace and Justice Mission is collecting items for Lake Edge to send to Lutheran World Relief. Our goal is 150 kits to be collected by the end of May. To help reach our goal we are planning a drive-up service for you to drop off donations. The following items are needed to complete the kits:

19 Bath Towels (light to medium weight, 20" x 40" to 52" x 27") (dark colors)

30 Nail Clippers

6 Toothbrushes (adult size)

15 Combs (sturdy)

63 Bars of Soap (Bath-Size, 4 oz to 5 oz)

Peace and Justice Mission members will be in the parking lot to receive donations. Please keep in mind it is important for everyone to maintain social distancing. There will be 5 well-marked boxes near the church entrance doors, one for each item needed. You can choose to get out of your vehicle and place in the appropriate box, (one vehicle at a time) or we will collect your donation through your window using a pole to keep us six feet from one another. If there is a surplus of a certain item at the end of the round-up, they will be used for next year's kits. Please help us complete our goal and swing on over to the Lake Edge Parking lot on May 16! It will be so good to see you -- even from a distance!

Thanks!

Peace and Justice Mission



Luke House in May & June 2020

Feeding the Hungry at Luke House

Help Fight Coronavirus: Make A Donation Today!

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 May 7th or June 4th.

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.

Since these times are for safety and restrictions are many, it is almost prohibitive for most of us to go out for extra supplies for Luke House.

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 doing well and being safe as I have talked with them this past week.

Please continue to be safe and keep well everyone.
Joan Martin

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!



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. Please hold on to your donations for now. Thank you. Chris Maloney chrismaloney@yahoo.com 608-358-5248 or Anita Grue anita51_98@yahoo.com 608-698-0345

Madison Homeless Resources

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

Church Fellowship While “Safe-Distancing”



An Outside Experience

How do you talk with someone you haven't seen for awhile AND do something kind for the Madison Eastside people—at the same time? Why, of course: chalk our church's Monona Drive

sidewalk with good wishes and pretty pictures!

How:

- Call a friend or gather your family. Set a meeting date at church. Keep safe distancing at all times.
- Bring your chalk (or find the church-chalk which is hidden in the three bushes near the library-window on the Monona Drive).
- Pick a sidewalk square and draw, draw, draw. Put a baggie (provided) over the church-chalk (for “no germs”) Go anytime. Go again, after it has rained.
- Celebrate May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, or general Birthdays/Good Health/Happy-day.
- Return the chalk to its hiding place. Take your baggies home to your trash.



An Inside Experience



Zoom-talk with your church friends! Our church has a subscription to Zoom. Zoom

is an electronic means by which you can see and talk to others. We hope you will take the time to chat-a-bit with your Lake Edge friends. We'll set up four gatherings in May. Two in the afternoon and two in the evening. Choose your time (or times). Gathering times will be: May 7th at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm; May 19th at 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm. E-mail Pastor Martha when you chose a date (or dates) at MButzier@lelc.com

Indicate:

- A. Your choice of a gathering date and time
- B. If you want guidance learning Zoom. (We'll walk you through “how to chat”). Two or three days before the Zoom chat, you will receive an e-mail with the ID number and the password for the Zoom chat.

Zoom Gatherings

Dear All,

Several Zoom meetings have been set up for the congregation to gather via Zoom in preparation for holding a Congregational Meeting in June. You can attend by computer or smart-phone with video and audio, or you can just phone in with the number below. The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

May 7th 3PM	May 19th 1:30PM
May 7th 7:30PM	May 19 7:30PM

Pick a date and time convenient for you and join the conversation with other people from Lake Edge. It's the next best thing to being together again.

If you are joining the meeting by computer or smart-phone just go to the link below to join Zoom Meeting and follow the instructions. It will tell you how to download the app if you don't already have it at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/5204335922>

For the Meeting ID, please contact Pastor Martha at mbutzier@lelc.org

If you are joining by phone please contact Pastor Martha for the phone number. You can reach her at 608-222-7339 ext. 25.

If you have questions, please call me at church, 608-222-7339 ext. 25.

Peace and be safe,
Pastor Martha

Zoom Meetings!

These meetings have been scheduled to happen via Zoom in May:

Holy Knitters	May 4	1:00 pm
Book Group	May 4	7:00 pm
Altar Guild	May 5	7:00 pm
Salome Circle	May 12	7:00 pm

Participants will receive ahead of time the information needed to join the meeting.

Book Club 2019-2020

May Meeting: Zoom

Book club won't meet in person in May, but you are still encouraged to meet via Zoom

May, 2020: 7:00 pm Via Zoom
Book Club Cafe Selection

June, 2020:

“Where the Crawdads Sing”
by Delia Owens



Draft of LELC Council Meeting Minutes ■ March 30, 2020

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

Call to Order: George called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

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

Review Minutes of March 16, 2020: Dan moved and Karen seconded that the revised minutes of March 16, 2020 be approved. Motion Carried.

COVID - 19: COVID-19 Virus Impact: We've received several comments that the recorded services are well received. We've also gotten feedback that many people are watching at our normally scheduled service times. Based on the Governor's order, we discussed continuing with video recorded services so members and visitors can access them as they are able. Dan moved and Al seconded that we continue virtual recorded services through at least April 30. Motion approved. Our next council meeting is on April 20, where we will consider our approach for May.

Plans for Holy Week are to record the regular Sunday services for Palm Sunday and Easter, while also recording a Maunday Thursday and Good Friday service.

Call Committee: Council discussed a number of criteria and potential candidates for the call committee members to recommend to the congregation. We are aiming for 8 people willing to serve with a minimum of 6 desired to complete the process in case anyone is unable to complete the work of the committee.

Al moved and Sharon seconded that the Council prioritize the candidates to be approached to serve on the call committee, for final consideration at the April 20 council meeting. At that meeting, we'll vote to recommend the call committee members to the congregation. Motion Carried.

Follow Up: Mark to write up a summary of call committee responsibilities and tentative timeframe.

Council members to follow up with potential call committee members for consideration at the April 20 council meeting.

Ministry Evaluation Task Force (MET): The MET has continued meeting virtually to complete their work. Lesta provided a summary of their findings and draft recommendations that will be mailed to the congregation the week after Easter, in place of the congregational meeting / listening session that was planned prior to the pandemic.

Reminders:

- Next mission meeting: as needed by each mission area for April and May
- Prep meeting for Pres, Pres elect, Treasurer and Pastor: Monday, April 13, 6 pm

Next Meeting:

- April 20, 2020 at 6:45 agenda items:
- Ministry Evaluation Task Force Report
- Call Committee final recommendation to the congregation
- Funeral and Wedding Policies
- Seeds of Peace representative

Meeting Adjourned: Sharon moved and Mark seconded to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Motion carried.

Draft of LELC Council Meeting Minutes ■ April 20, 2020

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

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 March 30, 2020 Dan moved and Sharon seconded that the revised minutes of March 30, 2020 be approved. Motion Carried.

Review of Financial Dashboard: Dan reviewed the March 31 financial dashboard, the detailed statement of activities, and our dedicated council accounts. Discussion regarding a possible Small Business Administration

forgivable loan if we use the funds to support payroll. Dan will check into the details.

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

Zoom account - the church purchased a zoom account for the next year for approximately \$15 per month. We paid for one host, so any church meetings need to be set up through the church office, but the host / office doesn't need to attend.

Calls to members - Pastor Martha is regularly calling a few members each week to check in on them. The membership support mission has also been calling members, including through the care team. Member calling will be coordinated between the office and mission.

Worship - good feedback on the recorded services available.

Mission Reports for Council Awareness or Approval

Church & Family Fellowship - Mary - Mission will be 'chalking' the Monona Drive sidewalk for May day and for Mother's day. Fellowship will research the national youth gathering scheduled for next summer.

Education - Mark - The Sunday school teachers have been emailing families to stay in touch with families.

Finance & Property - George - Property has received one estimate to replace our fire alarm system. George has asked that they seek at least two more additional bids.

Membership Support - Lesta - The Care team and Membership Support Mission are making additional contacts with members to stay in touch with people.

Ministry Support - Ron - Held a zoom meeting to begin putting together guidelines for church records through researching church bylaws and synod guidance. Records are currently stored in the original church building. Once they can get back into the building, they will work together with staff to get the records organized.

Peace & Justice - Sharon - Will be arranging for a Saturday in May for people to bring items for the personal care kits to the church and drop them -off from their cars. The kits are due by the end of May. We currently have 94 kits put together. Luke House is not going on currently with the COVID -19 situation. There are still meals being served, but they don't want the church volunteers involved until the situation stabilizes. People have been making monetary contributions to support the ministry since we are unable to support with food and service.

Worship - Karen - Met last week via zoom. They offered some suggestions for the services, including names of hymns, children's word time, etc. When we do get back together, they will work closely with the Altar Guild. Received good comments about the services being offered, including utilizing Jay and Patrick for music.

President / President Elect

COVID-19 Virus - creating connections - Fellowship - Will check into offering an open time, coffee hour each week that might start with a prayer and devotion and then provide open time for conversation. Our current zoom account has room for up to 100 people to sign in. For \$5 more we would increase the capacity to 300.

Worship Services - Longer term - We'd like to pull a group together to begin planning for how we transition back to live worship. There will be stages of transition, beginning with wide-spread testing and tracing of in-

fectured people (expected in a month or so), a pharmaceutical treatment if you get it (earliest expected in October), and then eventually a vaccine (earliest expected in winter of 2021). In other words, we won't just be able to re-open our doors any time soon. We'd like to establish a small group to look at the transitions to live and broadcast or taped services so everyone can participate. It would mean researching what other churches are doing, researching audio / visual companies to assist (including referrals from the other churches), and then put together a plan for the coming months. Jim has volunteered to be involved. A couple congregational members were recommended as well.

Follow Up: Worship - put together a small group to put together recommended stages for getting back to live services when it is safe to do so. Draft for the next council meeting. (Jim)

Worship Services - short term - Dan moved and Karen seconded that we suspend in person worship through May 24. Motion carried.

Congregational Meeting - Need a congregational meeting to hear the Ministry Evaluation Task Force and Call Committee Recommendations. Our by-laws and constitution do not specify in person meetings, so a remote meeting is possible. The synod has also issued guidance for holding remote congregational meetings. We'd like to have a couple sessions that could get people comfortable with the technology. People would have the option of logging in through a computer, laptop, or i-pad, or call into the meeting. The first session could be a report out by the Ministry Evaluation Task Force. Schedule:

- May 18 - Council
- May 31 - MET report out, practice zoom meeting
- June 7 - Congregational meeting

Lesta moved and Dan seconded that we hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 7 at 11 a.m. for the Ministry Evaluation Task Force and Call Committee recommendations. Motion Carried

Follow-Up: Congregational meeting: announced in the May dialogue, the weekly announcements and the May worship services.

Finance Director Hiring - Linda Brown has submitted her resignation as of July 15th. The Lay Staff Support Committee will have a sub-committee conduct the hiring process, with a recommendation back through Lay Staff Support and the Council.

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April 20, 2020**

Ministry Evaluation Task Force - Lesta - The task force sent out an intermediate summary report. They continue to meet weekly putting together their final report to the congregation. Final recommendations would be ready for the May 18 council meeting. The task force is also completing sections of the ministry site profile required for the call process. The council will need to complete other parts of the site profile. There is a desire to meet with the Call Committee once formed.

Call Committee - We have contacted several candidates, with most accepting a nomination to the congregation to serve on the call committee. We are waiting to hear from two people. The council will make a formal recommendation at our May 18 meeting.

Funeral & Wedding Policies - Membership Support - The membership support mission will review the wedding policy and create a funeral policy.

Seeds of Peace - Peace & Justice - Chuck Larson has been our representative to seeds of peace. As he will be moving to Minnesota this summer, we are looking for a new representative. Mary Graper has volunteered to be our representative.

Funeral & Wedding Policies - Lesta will contact the synod for guidance.

- Reminders Dialogue Articles due Sunday, April 26
- Next mission meeting: as needed by each mission area for May (please let George, Jim and Pastor Martha know if and when meeting)

Prep meeting for Pres, Pres elect, Treasurer and Pastor: Monday, May 11, 6 pm

Next Meeting

May 18, 2020 at 6:45 agenda items:

- Ministry Evaluation Task Force Recommendations
- Ministry Site Profile
- Call Committee Recommendation

Meeting Adjourned

Dan moved and Mary seconded to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Financial Dashboard for March 2020

LELC Dashboard			
Statement of Activities			
Actual vs. Budget thru March 31, 2020			
INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
Member Giving	116,468	113,600	2,868
Principal Reduction Giving	14,669	7,466	7,203
Building Debt Service	7,967	6,687	1,280
Other Offering	1,109	4,450	-3,341
Other Income	4,953	5,000	-47
TOTAL INCOME	145,166	137,203	7,963
EXPENSES			
Salaries	46,235	49,677	-3,442
Benefits	9,604	9,135	469
Support	0	312	-312
Administrative	7,947	8,106	-159
Utilities	8,153	8,248	-95
Ins. & Debt Service	16,176	17,125	-949
Benevolences	-150	0	-150
-- MISSIONS --			
Worship	1,215	1,788	-573
Education	0	775	-775
Membership Support	31	312	-281
Ministry Support	871	864	7
Church & Family Fellowship	400	768	-368
Youth Fellowship	0	150	-150
Peace & Justice	28	175	-147
Finance & Property	6,443	9,288	-2,845
Miscellaneous Transfers		0	
TOTAL EXPENSES	96,953	106,723	-9,770
	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
--to-Date (Income-Expenses)	48,213	30,480	17,733
Checking Account Status			
General Operating Checking Balance*	81,371	As of 03/31/2020	
Ave. Monthly Expenses	44,014	Ave. based on 12 Months	
No. of Mos. Coverage (Goal: 2.0)	1.85		
Mortgage			
	Int Rate	Mo Pymt	Balance
Thrivent Financial as of 03/31/2020	4.75%	\$5,291	\$883,89
Worship Attendance			
	1st Service	2nd Service	Total
Mar 1	59	72	131
Mar 8	38	83	121
Mar 15			
Mar 22			
Monthly Average	49	78	127
Year to Date Average	49	81	130
Attendance includes Sunday worship only. March 15 & 22nd worship was online only			
Membership			
			201
Baptized Members			52

Lake Edge Scholarships

The Gifts Committee awards annual scholarships to Lake Edge members. The order of priority for these scholarships is:

1. A member attending an ELCA seminary for a Masters of Divinity degree and pursuing ordination in the ELCA;
2. A member attending an accredited ELCA college for an undergraduate degree;
3. A member attending an accredited institution of higher learning for a two- or four-year undergraduate degree.



Students are eligible to receive an annual scholarship a maximum of four times.

2020 Lake Edge Scholarship Application Procedure

The deadline for applications is May 31, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please write a one-page letter addressed to the Gifts Committee. Letters should include:

- Your name, address, phone number, email address, and number of years you have been a member of Lake Edge Lutheran Church;
- The name of the seminary or school you will be/are attending;
- Why this scholarship is important to you; and
- Your current school, church, and community activities.

First time applicants please make sure to also include one copy of your grade transcript from your current school and a copy of your SAT/ACT score. All materials should be mailed to:

Lake Edge Gifts Committee Scholarship
4032 Monona Driv
Madison, WI 53716

Or they may be emailed to:
foursumm@sbcglobal.net

Decision

The Gifts Committee will make the final decision on awarding scholarships. This decision will be made based on academic merit, need, and involvement in church, community and school activities. Successful applicants may reapply in future years for a maximum of four times, but are not guaranteed a renewal.



Spring Comes to the Memorial Garden!

Yard Clean-Up

We can't gather as a group to clean up the LELC grounds, but we can come individually. Drop by the church and do a little bit of yard clean up when you can. Please follow Social Distancing protocol. If someone else is at LELC working in the yard, please plan to come back another time.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own yard tools since there won't be anyone at the church to give access to the church's yard tools. There will be a tarp on top of the blue sand barrel by the Hegg Ave. entrance, so the yard waste can be dragged over to the curb on Hegg Ave. for the city to pick up. Thanks. Jeff

Spring Bike Ride Postponed!

The May 17 bike ride around Lake Monona has been postponed. When the time comes for resuming group activities, a new date will be scheduled. Stay tuned and stay safe; and if you're biking, maintain at least six feet of clearance and remember to announce your presence before passing! See you soon!



Prayer Opportunities When Sheltering at Home Ends!

When the Safer-at-Home order is lifted, Lake Edge will resume 2 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.

MOSES Asks Us to Help Prisoners and Guards Escape COVID-19



Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality, and Solidarity

MOSES is calling on its members (and that includes members of Lake Edge Lutheran) to email and call Governor Evers to ask him to bring together all involved parties to get as many people out of jails and prisons as possible, those who really are not a threat to public safety, and, in some cases, should have been out months or years earlier.

This is very important given the crowded, unsanitary conditions in prisons, to keep prisoners and prison staff from suffering the death penalty via COVID-19, and to avoid carrying more infections into the communities and families of prison staff.

Governor Evers' administration has already taken some strong steps. In early April, Kevin Carr, the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, ordered the immediate release of 1,148 people who were being held on revocation holds. An additional 68 people were released from the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility who had been held on an "alternative to revocation". He further ordered the expedited release of everyone eligible for Earned Release who would be expected to be out in less than a year.

But the Governor also has other powers he can use, and, as well, he can call on judges, district attorneys, sheriffs, the parole commission, and DOC Secretary Carr to use their powers. Examples are: "compassionate release" for elderly and infirm prisoners; and parole for some 3,000 prisoners who were sentenced under the law before 2000, when they were supposed to get parole much earlier than the law prescribed after the year 2000. Under Governor Walker, thousands were not paroled appropriately, and around 3,000 are still in prison when they should be out. While the DOC has been reviewing such cases one by one, it could go a lot faster.

So please, call or email Governor Evers, and call or email your State Senator and Representative and ask them to tell Governor Evers how important this is.

For a window into the unsanitary conditions in prisons, you can read a Wisconsin Justice Initiative article here:

<https://www.wjiinc.org/blog/Type-official-line-v-a-description-of-life-inside-a-wisconsin-prison-same-issue-different-worlds#comments>



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 boxtops periodically to the school.

Circles

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

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

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

These meetings may happen via Zoom while Sheltering-in-Place.

Lake Edge Lutheran Church May, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8am Worship Online 10:30am Worship Online	11:30am MUM Circle of Support 1pm Kniters 7pm Book Club	Circo de Mayo 9am Sewing Machine Exec Brd Mtg 10am Staff Meeting	2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:15pm MET: Zoom 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR	11:30am Prayer Group 3pm Zoom Gathering 7:30pm Zoom Gathering		8
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8am Worship Online Name Tag Sunday 8am Worship Online 10:30am Worship Online	11:30am MUM Circle of Support 1pm Kniters 6pm Council Preparation 6:45pm Mission Meetings	10am Staff Meeting 1pm Deborah Circle 6pm Salone Circle 6:30pm Gifts Committee	9am Quilting for LWR 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6pm Brownie Troop 8172 6:15pm MET: Zoom 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 7pm Girl Scout Troop #2825	11:30am Prayer Group		14
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Mother's Day Name Tag Sunday 8am Worship Online 10:30am Worship Online	11:30am MUM Circle of Support 1pm Kniters 6pm Council Preparation 6:45pm Mission Meetings	10am Staff Meeting 1pm Rhoda Circle 2pm SCSW Interim Pastors Meeting 1:30pm Zoom Meeting 7:30pm Zoom Meeting	11:45am Winsome Widows Lunch 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Junior Troop 2822	Ascension Day 11:30am Prayer Group		21
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8am Just Bakery Sales 8am Worship Online 10:30am Worship Online	11:30am MUM Circle of Support 1pm Kniters 6pm LENA 6:45pm Church Council	10am Staff Meeting 1pm Rhoda Circle 2pm SCSW Interim Pastors Meeting 1:30pm Zoom Meeting 7:30pm Zoom Meeting	11:45am Winsome Widows Lunch 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Junior Troop 2822	Ascension Day 11:30am Prayer Group		28
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Dialogue Articles Due Name Tag Sunday 8am Worship Online 10:30am Worship Online	Memorial Day 11:30am MUM Circle of Support 1pm Kniters	10am Staff Meeting 1:30pm WELCA	2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 7pm Girl Scout Troop #2825	11:30am Prayer Group		
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Pentecost						
8:30am Centering Prayer 9:30am Worship Online						

Due to the COVID-19, worship, meetings, activities and events will either be postponed or will meet virtually via Zoom, conference call, YouTube, or other virtual methods of communication that allow for Social Distancing. Please watch your weekly e-letter for changes and updates.