



## Grief By Pastor Martha Butzier

No one escapes grief. If you think you have, I suggest you look a little deeper into your life. Most frequently, we associate grief with the death of a loved one. The reality is we grieve with every change we encounter in our lives. Even the changes we welcome, the changes we actively seek come with some degree of loss and grief. A new job, moving to a new home, having a new baby involve change. You can be excited about a new job, moving into a new home, or bringing that tiny baby home, but you give something up to in order to move into the next phase of your life. Grief is an inescapable part of being human.

Grief is not an event; it is a process that unfolds over time. A wellspring of emotions bubbles up and we discover we are having trouble remembering things. When a loved one in our lives dies, we expect this wave of emotions. But sometimes it sneaks up on us, and it's hard to pinpoint the cause of our grief. When my ex-husband died unexpectedly, I was fortunate to have another pastor friend tell me to expect a tempest of grief to wash over me. She was right. A more powerful storm disrupted my life in the aftermath of 9/11.

Since we can't escape grief in our lives, we will stay happier and live fuller lives when we are willing to walk into the grief. To do otherwise is to pretend we are immune to the normal events of life. The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35 "Jesus began to weep." The incarnate God wept at the time Lazarus died, and he knew he was going to raise him from the dead. Something about that time triggered Jesus' grief. Which changes or losses let loose the ripple of his grief? His public tears allow us to normalize the many ways grief trickles into our lives.

Times of loss create space for growth for both the grieving and the ones who walk with them. Lake Edge has been flooded with a series of grief events. Some can't recognize or claim what it is that is happening to them, but it is there just the same. In the future, Pastor Mae Jean and I will be putting together congregational events to

facilitate the grieving that needs to happen to heal what is aching and find a new normal as a congregation. The dates and times of these gatherings will be passed on as soon as we can get them on the calendar. Stay tuned.

Starting on October 9th at 3:30 pm, I will be offering Walking with Jesus through Grief. If you have experienced a personal loss of a loved one and are still searching for your new normal, this group is for you. There will be seven different sessions over the course of nine weeks. I will be out of the office for several weeks and we won't meet those weeks. Our last meeting will be December 4th. As a group we will help each other to embrace and grow through our grief.

I am looking forward to the journey.

Blessings, Pastor Martha



### **Journey Through the Wilderness of Grief Wednesday, October 9 - December 4; 3:30 pm**

I've had the opportunity to lead several grief support groups in the last several years, and I have been asked to facilitate a similar group ministry here at Lake Edge. My years of working as a nurse and as a pastor have helped me to develop an understanding of the power that grief has on us. If we don't do the work of grief, if we don't walk through the grief rather than around it, we deprive ourselves of having a full and loving life. Unresolved grief has a way of sneaking up on us and causing havoc in our lives. If someone significant in your life died, and you think you are still grieving, this is the place for you.

Our first session will be Wednesday, October 9th, beginning at 3:30 PM. The group will meet for 7 sessions, ending on December 4th. Please call the church office if you want to sign up. Pastor Martha Butzier

## Pastor's Emergency Fund Update



Thank you all for your generous support of the Pastor's Emergency Fund.

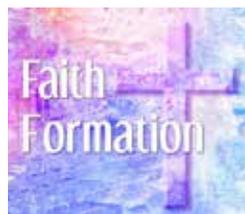
In September the funds have again been used to assist with security deposits and rent and utilities, both through St. John's and referrals from other agencies. We have also assisted with transportation and dealing with a health issue. People continue to look to Lake Edge Lutheran Church as a place that will help them in their time of need. We are grateful for your generous donations that make that assistance possible.

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

Thank you; and God bless you.

## 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.



## Faith Formation for Children & Youth

Registration is underway! Registration forms for Sunday School and Confirmation are available at the display in the Fellowship Area and at LELC.org on the pages for Children and Youth. Register today!



*Welcoming  
Pastor Martha Butzier  
September 1, 2019*





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Fri. 8:30 am-12:00 pm

## In Our Prayers

- the families of Fred Leidel, and Georgia Smieja;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Doreen Davidson, Du Wayne Zimmermann, Lil Genskow, Don Small, Ron McKinley, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, Sharon Kreul, Liz Ekola, Lisa Swan Meyers, Christine Thompson, Nancy Schultz, LaJeane Hettrick, Ken Neundorf, Wesley Simmons, Gabe Blood, Doug Siebert, Mary Pharmer, Lisa Pietrowiak, Jim Jerney, Ken Jackson, 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, including SCSW Interim Bishop, Peter Rogness; 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.



## **Open Forum: LELC Rental Property October 27 at 11:30 am; October 30 at 7:00 pm**

Attention LELC Members! There will be an open forum at church on Sunday, October 27th, following the second service. If you are unable to attend the Sunday open forum, another one will be held on Wednesday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the sanctuary. The purpose of the open forum is to hear your ideas regarding the rental property currently owned by LELC. This is an important first step concerning the future of your church. See you then!

## **Blessing of the Animals Friday, October 4 at 6:00 pm**

On Friday, October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis, the patron saint of the environment and animals, Lake Edge is going to celebrate by having a Blessing of the Animals service. Bring your two, four, six, eight-legged friends to receive a blessing from Pastor Mae Jean. All animals and humans are welcome. Have a friend or neighbor with a pet? Invite them to join us! Dogs, cats, chickens, rabbits, hamsters -- let's see what variety of animals we love. Do you or someone you know have an animal that would prefer to stay at home, like a fish, a shy cat or an animal that has difficulty getting around? Bring their favorite blanket, fish food, cat food to get blessed. Mice? Speak to the pastor about this!

For those that don't own animals and those that do, here's another way to participate. Bring a can of pet food or a monetary donation for the care of animals. We will collect these on Friday, October 4 at the service and the following Sunday, October 6, during worship. If you make a monetary donation at church, use one of the envelopes in the pews and designate for "Care of Animals." All donations will be split between two non-profits, the Dane County Humane Society and the Heartland Farm Sanctuary in Verona. The Heartland Farm Sanctuary can also use bread and peanut butter, which they use when giving medication to sheep or pigs, or canned pumpkin, which is given to the pot-bellied pigs. Find out more about these wonderful animal-loving organizations on their websites.

Please join us on Friday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. We hope to have a lively bunch! Following the short service and blessing at 6:00, sandwiches or pizza will be delivered by approximately 6:30 for us to share food together and then get your pets -- and yourself -- safely back home! All-welcoming, all-inclusive. Don't miss this! Hope to see you. Any questions, please contact Pastor Mae Jean, Deb Jensen or Laura Tollefson.

## **A Heart-felt Thank You!**

I would like to thank all the folks who helped me celebrate the 25th Anniversary of my ordination. Your cards, messages, and well-wishes were deeply appreciated. I would especially like to thank the Church Family Fellowship Mission for hosting the lovely reception on the 15th. It both nourished us and created time and space to connect a little more deeply than we usually can.



One of the cards I received asked if I ever imagined I would have ended up coming to a ministry situation like this one. The short answer is "No, not in a million years." When I was in seminary, the path I imagined for myself was very different from what has evolved. Along the way, certain doors opened and others closed. But I am grateful for them all. This path of ministry has blessed both me and my family -- and hopefully, the congregations I have served. My fondest desire is that along the way at least some of my work has served the Kingdom of God.

And now, I am as grateful for the past, with all its ups and downs, as I am curious to see what the future may bring. Until then, I serve with you all here and now. Together we do our best to see God's hand at work in it all.

Blessings unfolding,  
Pr. Mae Jean

## **The Time & Talent Survey: What Are Your Gifts? Thank you to the 69 people who have returned Time and Talent survey forms so far!**

As a Team Ministry church, Lake Edge Lutheran Church has a role, small or large, for everyone ministering to one another and to those in our community. Whether we have an occasional hour available or many hours a month, each of us is blessed with gifts to share. We are taking an inventory of our members' gifts, skills, and interests to help connect you with areas of service fitting your gifts and interests. All LELC members -- long-term and newly-arrived, youth through seniors -- are invited to fill out the updated Time & Talent form. Paper copies of the survey are available in the literature rack beside the Jumbotron, and can be turned in to the office when complete. The survey as a fillable form is also available at LELC.org and can be submitted online or printed and turned in to the office. Please take time to prayerfully reflect on your God-given gifts and how you will share them with the Lake Edge family and community. Our goal is to receive Time & Talent forms from all LELC members!

Thank you. Ron Siggelkow, Ministry Support Liaison

## News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA)

### Lefse, Lefse, Lefse

It's that time of year again for our own "Church Basement Ladies." Gentlemen are welcome, too!

Lefse Bakes are set for:  
 September 13-14 (We had a great turn-out);  
 October 4-5  
 October 18- 19  
 November 1-2



Newcomers and old-timers are all welcome. The potatoes are prepared on Fridays starting about 8:30 am. The baking takes place on Saturdays beginning at 8:30 am. If you are interested, look for the big sign-up display and add your name. There are all types of jobs to do. Stay for an hour or two. (All, but one Saturday is an away game for the Badgers!).

Our Norwegian Delicacies will be baked on Wednesday, November 13 beginning at 9:00 am. This is a fun event and everyone is welcome!

Friday, November 15, we set up and mark our Baked goods from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There are many opportunities for you to help in our All Congregational Bake Sale. The Bake Sale is set for Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

### Boxtops for Education

Did you know that the Women of the Church have been saving 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. So continue to save them and put them in the container. We deliver them periodically to the school.



## Ministry Evaluation Task Force Update

The Ministry Evaluation Task Force welcomed four new members to the September 4th meeting who brought new eyes, new ears, and new perspectives to the discussion of our Task Force Objectives. Integral to the discussion was the desire to be as inclusive as possible, to look at different methods of communication, to be transparent and open to what we hear. The objectives, presented to the Council on September 16 are:

### 2019 Ministry Task Force Objectives

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  - Provide opportunities for congregational engagement as we transition together.
  - Encourage every voice to be heard.
  - Identify a communication plan.
2. Through listening and collecting congregational input, discern God's call for our ministry together.
3. Affirm our mission, vision, values, goals, and team ministry statements based on our call to ministry.
4. Identify the Pastoral gifts and skills desired/needed to assist the congregation in fulfilling the mission, vision, values, goals, and team ministry.
5. Based on the ministry needs of the congregation, recommend one or more options for pastoral and other professional staffing, including the number and structure of pastoral and professional lay staff.
6. Make recommendations to the Council and Call Committee for the Ministry Site Profile.

Lake Edge Lutheran is in a time of transition. In the September 17 issue of *What Matters*, the weekly newsletter of the South Central Wisconsin Synod, Rev. Walter Baires included a poem entitled "Above all, Trust in the Slow Work of God"\* by Pierre Tellhard de Chardin, S.J. Rev. Baires shared this with synod staff which is going through its own transitions, not unlike LELC. The poem gives voice to our human impatience, to the desire to reach the end, to skip steps. Yet we are called to discern what we cannot yet see nor describe, to "trust in the slow work of God". We ask for your prayers, your engagement, and your ideas as we go forth.

\*You can find the poem, "Above All, Trust in the Slow Work of God" in the September 17, 2019 issue of *What Matters* at: <https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/WM-09-17-2019-.pdf>

To subscribe to the synod's weekly e-newsletter, *What Matters*; email [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org).

## 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.

## LELC Global Outreach Mission

### Lutheran World Relief 2019 Totals

The boxes for LWR have been loaded into boxcars and are on their way to the LWR warehouse in Maryland. Lake Edge had another great year! We sent 75 boxes of various sizes that contained:

- 63 Quilts
- 210 School Kits
- 174 Personal Care Kits
- 5 Fabric Kits

Special thanks to ALL who helped make this a great year! Truly it took all of you to make this event happen. The Happy Quilters worked faithfully and diligently each month under the leadership of Doreen Davidson.

Thanks to Thrivent funds and Global Outreach Mission for purchasing the School Bags and thanks to all of you who took the bags home and filled them up! Thanks to: Liz Clark, Lil Genskow, Bonnie Gudmandsen, Myah Gudmandsen, Mea Saul, Mary Graper, Diann Oyan, Sharon Kreul, and Joan Martin for packing our School Bags.

Thanks to: Mary Ann Jerred, Karen and Jerry Cook, Linda Nettesheim, Liz Clark, Bonnie Gudmandsen, Myah Gudmandsen, Mea Saul, Lucy Gibson, Dale Dull, Chris Maloney Dull, Michele, Roman and Mickey Hagen, Pat Bitter, Sharon Kreul and Joan Martin who put Personal Care Kits together

Thanks to Jon Fadness for providing the boxes for our School Kits and Personal Care Kits.

Thanks to Custodian, Jesús Siles Brondo, who moved the boxes from the downstairs coat-room area to our inside door area.

Thanks, too, to our able-bodied transporters: John Kollath, Jeff Meicher, Dale Dull, Leroy Stublaski, Scott Brunsell, Bernie and Sharon Kreul. You are a great team! We are all part of this team! Every one of you responded faithfully each month as we collected items for Personal Care Kits and School Kits. God does continue to bless the community of Lake Edge and we rejoice that we can share with others around the world!

Your Global Outreach Mission

# Luke House

## The Community Meal Program

### Help Feed the Hungry at Luke House Thursdays, October 3 & November 7, 2019

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

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

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

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!

### Madison Homeless Resources

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



**Lutheran World Relief Box Car Loading  
September 14, 2019**





## Opening the book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

### Book of Faith Bible Study “The Book of Luke” Jesus’ Words, Actions & What They Say to Us Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Our Bible Study on Luke has resumed! The same session is offered from 1:00 to 2:30 pm and again from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Coffee, tea and a variety of treats will be available. Choose the time that fits your schedule best! Sign up now on the bulletin board and join us for a great study and conversation about the Gospel of Luke. We’re looking forward to seeing you there!

### 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.

#### October, 2019:

“Between Sisters” By Kristin Hannah

#### November, 2019:

“The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho

#### December, 2019:

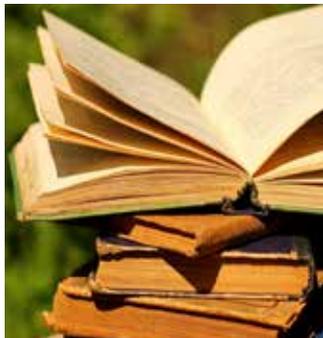
“Normal People” by Sally Rooney

#### January, 2020:

“The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend”  
by Katarina Bivald

#### February, 2020:

“Chariot on the Mountain” by Jack Ford



### Fall Bike Ride

#### Saturday, October 19; 10:00 am

Join us for a fall bike loop around Lake Monona. Meet at the church parking lot at 10:00 am. On the way back, as we get near the Monona Bait and Ice Cream Shop, we will stop at Elaine Meier’s house, one of our riders, for brunch. Following that you can head straight home or back to church if your car is there. No need to bring anything for the brunch. We’ll keep it simple. In case of rain, the event will be canceled. Hope you can make this leisurely ride around the lake!

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board so we have an idea who is coming. Questions about the event, contact Deb Jenson at 920-296-1688, dbjenson@gmail.com, or Elaine Meier, 608-628-9748, meier4404@gmail.com.

### Learn More About LELC

September 29; October 6, 13; 9:30 am LELC Library

***This opportunity is for Anyone Who Would Like to Learn More About LELC, Interested in Membership or Just Wanting a Refresher!***

We are excited to announce this new class for anyone interested in learning more about Lake Edge Lutheran Church. All who would like to share in this learning experience are welcome. If you are new to LELC, we look forward to getting to know you! If you are not new to LELC, we encourage you to join us in this fresh exploration of who we are at LELC! Those who would like to become members of LELC will be received during a worship service on October 20.



### Finance and Property October, 2019

The fall clean-up date is upon us. We can join together to rake leaves, pickup sticks and other any other debris. We also have bushes that could use a good haircut. Come and help on October 26th at 9:00 am and then join in fellowship and some refreshments. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

The rental property is available for a new renter as of October 1st. The rental house has 2 bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, living room, bathroom, an enclosed porch and a single car garage. The lawn is cut by the church mowing service but the snow removal is up to the renter. If you know of anyone, ask them to call the church office and talk to Linda Brown.

The church is a large building and needs a lot of electricity to keep it running and well lighted. Of course, the more electricity we use the more that it costs. Many times lights are left on in the building and no one is around. The rule of thumb is if you walk into a room and flip a light switch to turn on the lights, when you leave the room, flip that switch to off. If you walk in a room and the lights come on automatically, then you can leave and the lights will turn themselves off based on that schedule. Let’s try to be aware of using lights as they are needed and save on electricity when we can.

### Volunteers Needed for Schenk Weekend Nutrition Program

November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22

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. Thursdays: Pack at 3:30 pm at the Moravian Church. Fridays: Deliver at 9:00 am to Schenk Elementary. Contact Chris Maloney with questions: 608-358-5248 or email, chrisvmaloney@yahoo.com



## Church & Family Fellowship

### Check Out All These Church & Family Fellowship Events!

#### **Trunk or Treat Meeting: Sunday, October 6, at 11:45am; Good Shepherd Hall**

Please attend if you are interested in helping plan the Fall Spooktacular event for Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. Church and Family Fellowship - Nancy Pike 608-332-4370

#### **Planning Meeting for the Re-Dedication & 65th Anniversary of the Original Church Building Sunday, October 13 at 12:00 pm; Adult Ed Room**

At this meeting, we will plan a luncheon and program for the Re-Dedication and 65th Anniversary event. Contact Nancy Pike 608-332-4370 or pikenancy56@gmail.com.

#### **Sunday, October 27 is Reformation Sunday** Remember to wear something RED.

#### **Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Day** Bring a picture of your loved one(s) if you would like.

#### **Sunday, November 17 is the Re-Dedication & 65th Anniversary of the Original Church Building** Join us for a Luncheon and Program from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Look for the Sign-Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board.

### Fall Spooktacular Event Information

#### **Candy Donations**

We are asking for candy donations for Trunk or Treat! Please drop off Halloween candy in the Monster Box labeled FEED ME. Candy must be individually wrapped in unopened bags.

Please drop off the candy by October 20th. For questions, please contact Nancy Pike 608-332-4370.

#### **Trunk or Treat Decoration Cars Needed**

The event provides a safe environment for TRUNK or Treating. We need volunteers with cars that will be decorated, parked in the church lot and handing out candies.

4:00-5:00 Park on the Parking lot and decorate your vehicle.

5:00-6:00 Trunk or Treating

6:00-7:00 Games and Food

#### **Volunteers**

We need a lot of volunteers to make this event safe for our children. Age does not matter. If you can donate your time to volunteer for this event, please sign-up on the bulletin board. We appreciate if you can only volunteer for 1 hour!

### Dane Sanctuary Coalition's Volunteer Driver Project Training Session

**Monday, October 7, from 7:00-8:30 PM at First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Ave.**

A great way to help immigrants deal with the legal system. Volunteering to give rides to immigration hearings and appointments. The Volunteer Driver Project of the Dane Sanctuary Coalition has provided over 30 rides since it began last December. About 2/3 of the rides were to the US Customs and Immigration (USCIS) office in Milwaukee and 1/3 to Immigration Court in Chicago. Immigration attorneys appreciate this service. Our drivers report how fulfilling it is to them personally. Requirements to be a volunteer driver are: valid driver's license; up-to-date car insurance; attend a driver's training session; U.S. citizenship.

To learn more, come to driver training to get the details. Free parking is available in the church's west-side parking lot where you can enter the building. The training session will be downstairs.

Please RSVP by October 4 to attend, or if you have questions, email Dorit Bergen at elanor3560@att.net.

### Strengthening Families; Strengthening Lives Saturday, October 26; 5:30-9:30 pm

Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS) will host a fundraising gala "Strengthening Lives; Strengthening Families" to foster awareness, education and hope in the vital services it provides across the state.

Keynote speaker, Kimberly Galske, Mrs. Wisconsin 2019 will speak on the importance of professional mental health counseling for returning troops and LCFS's role in that service. Kim is a former Marine, active in the National Guard and Exec. Director of Salute of Troops Wisconsin.

LCFS's professional counselors help thousands of individuals, students, military veterans and struggling families with counseling designed to repair lives, restore relationships and set the path for successful futures. They also bring families together through licensed adoptions and its affiliated counseling.

If you would like to attend this event, learn more or offer a donation, please contact us at 414-536-8333 or 800-291-4513 or by email at LCFS@LCFSWI.org. Thank you!



### Winsome Widows' Luncheon

The Winsome Widows' Luncheon will be Wednesday, October 16; 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.



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

**Guests to the Council:** Jean Stublaski, Mel Johnson, Dale Dull

**Call to Order** by President Jonathan Pike at 6:50 p.m.  
Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Martha led the council through a passage by Rev. Susan Beaumont which explored the liminal seasons of a congregation's life. After a brief discussion, we prayed.

### **Ministry Evaluation Task Force Report to the Council**

- Ms. Jean Stublaski presented the Task Force Objectives:
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### **Business**

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2019. Moved by Nancy Pike, second by Sharon Kreul to approve the minutes. Passed by voice vote. (Abstentions by Karen Cook & Ron Siggelkow – they were excused last month)

**Financial Dashboard** – Treasurer Jim Ahearn has resigned from the council. Mr. Dale Dull was requested to prepare the monthly dashboard for review by the Council. Benevolences will be paid out over the next few months otherwise the accounts appear to be following the budget. It was mentioned that some budget numbers may still need to be adjusted from the last congregational meeting.

### **Capital Campaign Exploration**

Mel Johnson reported to the council that a discussion was held with several long-term members of the church. They concluded that a capital campaign should be delayed a year while we continue our current changes in

ministry. Several other details were discussed, and suggestions shared with the Council.

Motion by Linda Newman to add "Principal Reduction" to the 2020 printed offering envelopes and on an extra line for the 2020 pledge cards. Second by Nancy Pike, the motion was passed by voice vote.

### **Reports**

**Pastors' Report-** Pastor Mae Jean reported she has been busy with new schedules and the changeover to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time. Hospital visit have been down from last month but there have been 2 funerals and preparations for 3 baptisms.

Pastor Martha is glad to join us at Lake Edge. She too is working out the schedule and which duties she will have. Please come to Pastor Martha or Pastor Mae Jean with any concerns you might have with the ministry.

### **Missions**

*(Items needing Council Awareness or Approval)*

**Church & Family Fellowship** – Nancy Pike reported that the mission was busy with the welcome for Pastor Martha, Rally Sunday and Pastor Mae Jean's 25th Anniversary. Other activities will include the October 4th Blessing of the Animals, Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th and wear Red day Sunday, October 27th.

**Education** – Mark Taylor reported that Sunday school has started. There are about 18 students participating. Confirmation for 4 students will be Sunday, October 27th.

**Finance & Property** – Jon Fadness reported that estimates are pending for the removal of 9 tree stumps on the church property. Cardinal is preparing a quote for the humidification of the area by the church organ and heat strips for the down spouts. It appears the final assessment for the city street improvements will be less than the original estimates. Fall Clean-Up is set up for Saturday, October 19th. Make-up day would be October 26th.

**Membership** – Karen Cook reported new member classes will start September 29th with several sessions and new member service set for October 20th. There's also a discussion to begin a Grief Class with Pastor Martha but the arrangements are still pending.

**Ministry Support** – Ron Siggelkow reported 30 Time & Talent forms have been turned in. Reminders will be made in the coming weeks for more forms to be completed. The mission will be looking into updating the web site in the next few months.

**Peace & Justice** – Sharon Kreul reported this past weekend the 176 personal care kits, 110 school bags and 63 quilts were loaded on the train. Sign-up for the Schenk weekend food program is almost full. Our turn to serve in this program will be over the several weekends in November. The Salvation Army bell ringing opportunities and sites will have a sign-up soon.

Motion: Sharon Kreul moved to appoint Anita Grue to the Peace and Justice Mission. Seconded by Linda Newman, motion passed by voice vote.

**Worship** – Linda Newman reported that the Gifts Committee approved a \$500 request for banners and other items that would be used for special church occasions. The mission also discussed music selections used in worship. Another project the mission is exploring is to provide training for those who serve at the Altar and provide an opportunity for new members to participate in this service.

### President's Topics

**Rental Property Task Force listening sessions/open forum** – The house was bought in 2001 and maintained as a rental property for the church. Open forum will be after Church Sunday, October 27th and at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

**Affidavit of Interruption update** – All documents have been signed and filed. This process has been finalized.

**Rental Real Estate/ Building Inspector update** - Repairs have been made, City Building Inspector has cleared the previous noted concerns. Our house is ready to rent.

**Previous bank service charges refunded** – Meeting with bank representative indicate an error occurred when a software change over was made. Those charges have been reversed.

**Rededication of the original church building** on Sunday, November 17th, 2019. This would commemorate to 65th anniversary of the original building. The council discussed this proposal.

**Treasurer request** to serve the remainder of Jim Ahearn's 2019 term.

Motion: Linda Newman moved to accept the resignation of Jim Ahearn with gratitude from Lake Edge as our Treasurer and appoint Dale Dull as an interim Treasurer through the end of 2019. Second by Ron Siggelkow, the Council approve the motion by a voice vote.

**Approve the four areas of concern** on the employment contracts for Pastor Mae Jean and Pastor Martha.

Motion - Linda Newman moved the following additions to the Pastor's employment contracts: Work with the congregation to discover who they are in 2019; what are the hopes and dreams of the congregation, and how is God calling Lake Edge into discipleship and mission?

- Embrace the past and how it is influencing the present and future; in that process rediscover God's presence and blessing throughout the of history Lake Edge.
- Seek to understand how Lake Edge operates using staff, pastors, and volunteers, and consider if that structure is what will work best going forward.
- Continue to build ties with the synod.

Second by Sharon Kreul, the motion was passed by voice vote.

**Visioning** – Security and solicitation at Lake Edge. After a discussion, Ushers will have the duty for any screening that may occur.

### Reminders:

- October Dialogue Articles Due: Sunday, September 22, 2019
- Next Mission Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2019, 6:45 PM
- Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:45 PM
- Snacks for October's mission meeting – Education Mission

**For the Good of the Church** – Shout outs to Jason Xiong, Anita Grue, Deb Jenson, and Fay Hanson. Big "Thank You" from the Pastors for the Anniversary celebration and welcome for Pastor Martha. Lastly, special thanks to Chris Maloney Dull for her help on the rental house.

**Closing Prayer** – Pastor Martha led the Council in a closing prayer.

**Adjourn** – Motion by Sharon Kreul, seconded by Jon Fadness to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. Council adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.

### Special Order of Business After Our Scheduled Meeting:

Nancy Pike made the motion to add Sara Brelie to the Ministry Evaluation Task Force based on Jeanne Stublaski's recommendation. Linda Newman seconded the motion to add Sara Brelie to the Ministry Evaluation Task Force. The motion passed based on the verbal vote of Jonathan Pike, George Swamp, and Nancy Pike plus the electronic vote of Karen Cook, Linda Newman, Ron Siggelkow, Sharon Kreul, Jon Fadness and Mark Taylor. The email vote / verbal vote of Pastor Mae Jean, and Pastor Martha were not recorded because they did not respond to the email request sent to all council members.



