



He Has Told You, O Mortal, What Is Good By Pastor Martha Butzier

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

I am tired of wearing masks and limiting my social occasions to video calls or sitting in a park or on a porch or in a parking lot. I long to give hugs and receive them safely. I am waiting for the next wave of grief to wash over me and the Lake Edge community and other people I care about. I am tired of being pummeled by people who are angry but have no idea what the root cause of their anger and frustration is. I am dismayed that the place we as citizens are supposed to be able to count on for accurate information about this pandemic has been taken over by individuals who want to prevent the truth from getting out. Unfortunately, this clears the way for us to believe what we want to believe about sending our kids to school, playing football, and returning to worship, and so many other activities we long to return to safely. I want this whole Covid-19 thing to be over!

This week the US surpassed the 200,000 death mark due to Covid-19. I can't help thinking about the family and friends being left behind, and the grief which has taken up residence in them. They know firsthand how dangerous contracting this disease is. I am thankful that no one from LELC, to my knowledge, has been diagnosed with it. The reason we are able to celebrate that accomplishment is because, collectively, we have been following the best practices as defined by Governor Evers' Badger Bounce Back plan, the Wisconsin Council of Churches returning to person worship guidelines, and the recommendations of the ELCA.

The experts, Dr. Fauci and Dr Michael Osterholm, I follow are still saying, "Be safe. Stay home." Recently, Dane County has seen record new cases and record high percentages of positive tests for Covid-19. Even



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Thank you for your cooperation.

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Debe usar máscaras en este espacio para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de COVID-19. Gracias por su cooperación.

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when you eliminate the UW student population from the daily count of new cases, Dane County is still setting new records for new cases and positive testing results.

The God we confess, the One who calls us Beloved is the One who gives life abundantly. While we are still in the depths of the pandemic, the life-giving God calls on us to protect each other which is an essential element of working for justice. As much as I am ready to call it quits to wearing a mask and physical distancing and staying home and limiting indoor gatherings to ten or fewer people this is what God is calling us to do.

Not much has changed since mid-March when Governor Evers enacted the stay at home order. Walking humbly with God particularly now is immensely difficult as the world waits impatiently for a broadly effective vaccine and a safe reliable treatment for Covid-19. For the sake of the world community and the LELC community, we must continue to do what does not come easily to us and continue with our current plans of masks and physical distancing and small outdoor gatherings. None of this makes me happy, but mortals, it is giving and preserving life within our community.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Martha

Dialogue Articles Due October 25, 2020

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



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

Keeping Connected

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



"Christ in Our Home" Devotional Booklets

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


Here To Help!

If there are things you need help with during the time of social distancing, please let Pastor Martha know. No problem is too big or too small. She is available by phone 734.883.4564 or email mbutzier@LELC.org. She is pretty good at troubleshooting problems that arise. Call her. She would love to hear from you!

Zoom Meetings!

Many meetings take place and groups gather virtually using Zoom. All Zoom activities are listed on our online calendar and include the information you need to log in. You will find our calendar at lelc.org/calendar.aspx.





The Dialogue

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In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Those who grieve;

Those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Mary Ann Jerred, LaJeane Hettrick, Jan Johnson, Joan Martin, Lil Genskow, Anita Grue, Liz Ekola, Audrey Simonson, John Kollath, Pat Bitter, Kathy Simmons, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Shirley Boettcher, Debbie Staffeld, Kathleen Berkley, Don Small, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, Wesley Simmons, Gabe Blood, Doug Siebert, Lisa Pietrowiak, Jim Jerney, Lorraine Hansen, Nancy McFadden, Tony Paulson, Judy Fritz, Bette Paulson, Wes Stiemke, Judy Kollath;

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



Congregational Meeting via Zoom Sunday, October 11 at 11:00am

Join our Congregational Meeting by Zoom!

To join the meeting from a computer, tablet or smart phone with audio and video, go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/94568433886?pwd=Ri9ua2d0N1ZYbkxDVXd3RmQwaHVtdz09>

Indicate the Meeting ID: 945 6843 3886

When prompted, enter the Pass-code: 666910

To join the meeting from a telephone with audio only, call 312-626-6799 (Dial 1 first if calling from a landline.)

Follow the instructions to enter:

Meeting ID: 945 6843 3886

Pass-code: 666910



Lake Edge Lutheran Church Congregational Special Meeting Agenda

Sunday, October 11, 2020 - 11:00 am

- Call to Order/Determine Quorum (minimum of 50)
- Opening Prayer
- Approve Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2020 Congregational Meeting.
- Business of the Congregation
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Stewardship Presentation
 - Worship Task Force Report/Recommendations
 - Call Committee Report
 - Gifts Committee Recommendations (motion for approval needed)
 - Funds for an updated Fire Alarm System
 - Additional debt reduction matching funds
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment – Motion by member in attendance with a second member to adjourn.

Trunk 'n Treat Saturday Evening, October 24th at 6:00pm

Witches and Goblins! Spooks and Ghosts!
It's time to gather at the church you love most
wearing your costume and your mask.

Get dressed up.

Be Ugly! Be Aghast!

Bring your treat buckets for candy goodies.

(Remember your jacket, with a hoodie).

It might be chilly in the church parking lot. . .

. . . where we'll have a movie, whether it's cold or hot!

Bring a blanket and a chair.

(Put it by the movie screen—over there.)

Come at six. Stay 'til eight.

Now, do you have these instructions straight?

If you are those who BRING the treats. . .
Come early (5:30pm). Park. Set up your seats.
Decorated or not, open your tailgate or trunk
because, without you, this Holiday is sunk!

So folks, reserve your presence with a call (222-1081)*

Do it soon. It's already fall!

We'll tell you all the Covid regulations
Which you'll follow with no reservations.

And we'll all say "Congratulations"
(for a safe evening)



* or email mags0519@hotmail.com

Young at Heart Dinner

An alternative Young at Heart Dinner is in the plans. It will not be in person, as we comply with the Covid rules. If you have turned (or will turn) 70 in 2020, watch your early-October mail for a postcard, because YOU are invited. There's a small "assignment" for you to do. It will be a way (later) for you to see and hear-from your church friends. This is step 1 in the Young at Heart plans sponsored by the Fellowship Mission. Watch for a yellow postcard.



A Message of Thanks

To God, I am so grateful, thankful, honored to have my son Paul at my side this morning as we met with Dr. Rebecca Minitzer, the pancreatic oncologist who removed the cancerous tumor in March. The scan taken this past week indicated all is clear, my next apt. will be in 6 months. To each of the angels prayerfully keeping watch over me, my deepest loving gratitude. My car was totaled a week ago. Time to pick up the Green Cab. So fortunate was I, having minor discomfort. Lord, what path have you for me?
Peace, my sisters and brothers.
Jan Johnson

Resuming In-Person Worship Task Force Update

We miss you! We're eager to resume in-person, indoor services when and how health experts believe it's safe to do so. At this time, the Church Council has decided to continue online worship through at least **December 31** based on:

- Your feedback from this summer's congregational survey
- The latest recommendations from the ELCA, Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) and Dane County
- Continuing high levels of COVID-19 cases in Dane County

Outdoor Worship Service

While we're waiting for the day that we can resume indoor services, we're excited to invite you to the second **outdoor worship service** in our parking lot on Sunday, **October 25 at 11:30 am.** (The first one was September 27.) The service will be held--in your lawn chairs, not your cars--in the north end of the parking lot, nearest the church doors. Pastor Martha, Patrick and Jay will lead the service from the sidewalk near the doors. The service will include communion.

To Reserve a Space for October 25 Outdoor Worship

Call or email Judy St. Vincent by Friday, October 23, at 608-838-1677 or wissaint@aol.com

To ensure your safety and comfort, we'll **limit attendance** at the service so that households are spaced six feet apart and yet close enough to Pastor Martha, Patrick and Jay to hear the service as it's broadcast through a sound system. If you're interested in attending the service, **please reserve your space by Friday, October 23 by contacting Judy St. Vincent at 608-838-1677 or wissaint@aol.com.** If it rains at the time of the service, we'll cancel it.

We'll follow the latest precautionary guidelines for everyone's safety, so if you attend the outdoor service, we ask you to:

- Bring your own chair, wear a mask, use sanitizer and observe physical distancing
- Enter and park in the south end of the parking lot
- Follow directions from greeters / ushers as they guide you to and from your reserved space
- Refrain from singing and speaking as a congregation
- Refrain from entering the church building; it will be locked and restrooms will not be available



October 25 Recorded Worship Service

At this time we're planning to record the October 25 outdoor service and make it available online within a couple days after the service. We're sorry that the typical recorded service we've been offering would not be available on that Sunday morning. We'll evaluate the two outdoor services and their recordings for potential continuation and adjustments further into the fall.

Advent and Christmas Worship

The WCC said recently that "Advent and Christmas will arrive as the flu season gets into full swing. Public health experts anticipate that the intersection of COVID and flu season will strain the ability of the health system to meet rapidly expanding needs. There is a significant chance that it will be prudent to have Advent/Christmas activities fully online....Even if it is prudent to meet [in person] in Advent and for Christmas, we anticipate that many people will opt for remote options for health reasons."

Sadly, we agree. We aren't currently planning to resume in-person, indoor services until next year. This means we won't celebrate Advent and Christmas in our treasured, traditional ways since it will likely be very difficult to gather safely. This will challenge us to find new, memorable ways to celebrate the blessed birth of Jesus during this unusual time.

We're thankful for your patience, flexibility, faithfulness and care for one another. We're praying for your ongoing health and safety!

Blessings,

Task Force Members: Jim St. Vincent, Patrick Christians, Dale Dull, Judy St. Vincent, Jeanne Stublaski, Pastor Martha Butzier

LELC Worship Continues: Online, By Telephone, On DVD



During these days when we're practicing physical distancing and being safer-at-home, we will continue to worship online until we feel it's safer to worship in person. Based on your feedback in the "Resuming In-Person Worship" survey and the recent upswing in COVID-19 cases in Dane County, the Church Council has decided to continue online worship services through December 31.

Outdoor Worship on October 25

For members who have been very eager to resume in-person services, we're happy to announce that we're offering an outdoor service in lawn chairs in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 a.m. Please see the details about the outdoor service in the Resuming In-Person Worship Task Force article on page 4.

At this time, we're planning to record the outdoor service on Sunday morning and make the recording available online within the next few days. Our regular online recorded service wouldn't be available that Sunday morning.

Online Worship

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

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

Worship With LELC on the Telephone!

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



Worship on DVD

If online worship is difficult for you, or if you don't have the technology for online worship, you may still be able to watch our worship videos! We are able to provide our worship services on DVD. If you have a DVD player connected to your TV, you can pop in the LELC worship DVD and watch it like a movie DVD. Please contact Chris Anderson in the church office at 608-222-7339 ext. 22; or email Chris at communications@lelc.org.



Worship on Television

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

United

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

Worship Mission

Online Fellowship Before Worship

Grab your coffee and sign-in to Zoom at 9:00 for our weekly LIVE Sunday morning fellowship time <https://zoom.us/j/93180190780?pwd=MWZ1ek45cERObEJKdkZRcFBsR2tSQT09>
Meeting ID: 931 8019 0780; Password: coffee +1 312 626 6799 (Just dial the one if calling from a land-line. Use the key pad to enter the meeting ID and password)

Centering Prayer: Zoom Sundays, 10:00 am Meeting ID: 891 1479 5135 Passcode: 161681

We meet for about 45 minutes doing a brief check-in, a 20 minute sit followed by discussion of a daily reading from The Daily Reader for Contemplative Living, a book based on excerpts from the works of Father Thomas Keating, one of the three architects of centering prayer. The primary purpose of doing the centering prayer practice is to deepen one's relationship with God.



We do this in response to the invitation given in Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." In this practice when we sit in silence, God introduces God's self to us. It is in consenting to God's presence and action within us that we become transformed and begin to know who God is. We don't pray for others during this time. We simply sit, alert and receptive to whatever God may or may not bring to mind—no agenda on our part.

LELC Global Outreach Mission

Thank you for filling School Bags for Lutheran World Relief. We purchased 163 pre-made bags. Currently we have 160 Filled Bags that have been returned and already packed into boxes for shipping on September 26, 2020. Thanks to Sharon Kreul, Deb Jenson, and Joan Martin for their help in going through each bag and packing in boxes.

Thank you for your generous donations for the Personal Care Kits. We put together 143 Personal Care Kits. Thanks to Deb Jenson, Sharon Kreul, Cheryl Jenson, Mary Ann Jerred, Chris Maloney, and Joan Martin for providing 2 (two) hours on Saturday morning August 8th to put these together.

Final Report will be in November Dialogue!

Thanks to everyone who filled School Bags and contributed items for Personal Care Kits!
In these times of COVID-19, we are doing GREAT!
Your Global Outreach Mission



Luke House Feeding the Hungry at Luke House Make A Donation to Support Luke House Today!

Luke House is still going on. Sara and Matt are preparing sandwiches and sack lunches which they hand out twice daily -- lunch time and evening meal time -- Monday through Thursdays only.

Since these are times to be safe, and restrictions are many at local grocery stores, it is almost prohibitive for most of us to go out for extra supplies for Luke House.

That's why I'm urging you, if you are able, to go on line and contribute to Luke House. If you are not comfortable doing that you may write a check to Lake Edge designated for Luke House and the LELC will send a check to Luke House. Thanks for your support.

Joan Martin
Please be safe and keep well everyone.

October Pop-Up Pantries

Our church's association with Seeds of Peace have fed 200 families during the last 10 weeks of summer. So successful that Second Harvest has agreed to extend their services through the end of October. These recipient families are ecstatic to be receiving fresh produce, dairy, canned goods and protein for their families.

We need more help for this to be a continued success. Can you help one of the following days? Your time commitment is only 2 hours and many times it is shorter than that. October 8, 15 or 22. Call me please and indicate what day would work best for you. Chris Maloney 608-358-5248.



Pop-Up Pantries: With the generosity and help of Second Harvest, the Seeds of Peace Congregations continued to the pop up pantries benefiting Schenk families. Pop Up pantries were held every week in September. Volunteers from LELC were among those who participated.





Fall Yard Cleanup

This is the perfect time to have a good workout and fun time finishing up the church yardwork for the year. Come and join others (at a safe distance), talk to each other as well accomplishing the yardwork.

On October 24th, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM, gather at church to rake the leaves. Please bring rakes and other supplies you might need. Again Jeff Meicher will coordinate the activities. The rain date will be the next day, October 25th at the same time.

Be sure to bring your own water and snacks. Unfortunately because of COVID 19, no refreshments will be served.

Thanks to all who have been working on the yard this summer and to all of you who will participate this fall.



Book Club 2019-2020 Meeting via Zoom The First Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm

The Lake Edge Book Club is meeting via Zoom at 7pm on the first Monday evening of each month. Would you like to discuss any of the books with us during this next year? Please join

us! Zoom information can be found on the calendar at <http://lelc.org/calendar.aspx>

- October** "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Meyes
- November** "The End of the Spear" by Stephen Saint
- December** "The Borrowers" by Rebecca Makkai
- January** "A Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd
- February** "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
- March** "Sourdough" by Robin Sloan
- April** "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haru

News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA)

Boxtops for Education

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

Circles

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

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

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

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

Madison Homeless Resources

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

Lake Edge Lutherans Catching Up!

We miss you! Lake Edge's Membership Support Mission has organized some small outdoor gatherings in order to "catch up" with people in our church family, since visiting outside is considered acceptable. The first five events have been enjoyed by all who attended!

Everyone is invited but please assess your own level of risk and decide what is best for your health and safety. We will try to find hosts in various parts of our



membership area, but you are not defined by your neighborhood. If the time works for you, consider yourself invited! RSVPs are recommended.

We will reduce risk by:

- Wearing masks properly (covering your nose and mouth)
- Observing at least 6 feet of distance
- Bringing our own chairs (If unable, contact your host who will provide a sanitized one)
- Provide our own refreshments

We plan to have one-two different times and locations each week, as long as the weather allows. Please watch each week's email-newsletter for upcoming opportunities! If you do not receive the e-newsletter, call Lesta Searles at 608-222-5420 for the upcoming week's schedule

Note: The visits will be canceled in the event of rain.

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

Absent: Mark Taylor

Call to Order: George called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm

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

Review Minutes of August 17, 2020: Al moved and Dan seconded that the minutes of August 17, 2020 be approved. Motion Carried.

Review of Financial Dashboard

Dan reviewed the August 31 financial dashboard, the detailed statement of activities, and our dedicated council accounts. Our total income is below plan by \$14,194, which is mainly due to member giving being under budget (\$13,834). We are ahead of plan on principal reduction giving, but that goes directly to reducing our debt versus helping with operational budget (over by \$9,958). We did receive the new La Follett rental agreement for the next two years.

We expect that we might end the year about \$20,000 to \$22,000 below budgeted member giving. We also are below plan for visitor offerings, by about \$13,000. We encourage people to catch up with their pledges if possible, or let us know if their financial situation has changed. We'd also encourage those that can, to give beyond their current pledge or giving level. Our budget situation can help propel us into a new year with a new pastor.

On the expense side, we are under budget by \$36,535 through August. So overall, we are ahead of total budget by \$22,341.

We have also reduced our loan principle by \$53,638 so far this year, which includes principle reduction gifts and related matching from the gifts committee.

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

Sunday School -Pastor Martha talked about the start of Sunday school last Sunday via zoom. It lasted about 30 minutes for the 6 children that attended. Prior to the session, supplies were delivered for the first several weeks. We are checking into sending a link to the session for those unable to attend.

Vacation -Pastor Martha will be taking 2 weeks off during October. She will be arranging supply pastors to conduct worship for us for the two Sunday's she will be gone.

Mission Reports for Council awareness or approval

Church & Family Fellowship - Mary - The mission continues to find creative ways to connect congregational members. The mission is proposing a revised trunk or treat event on Saturday, October 24 that complies with COVID restrictions, which will include a movie. They are hoping to utilize the same sound system that we're using for the outdoor worship services. The mission is also putting together a special event in place of the young at heart dinner late this fall. Seniors will be encouraged to record short stories about themselves that can be put together on a DVD for distribution with some light food.

Education - Pastor Martha - The book of faith bible study began last week, and have two more sessions on the schedule for the next couple weeks. There is a proposal for a couple zoom sessions with speakers. Confirmation has begun with Chuck Martin as the teacher for our two students.

Finance & Property - Al - Are finalizing a proposal through the gifts committee seeking congregational approval at our October meeting to replace the fire alarm system. We are also in the process of getting estimates for replacing the broken window in the sanctuary (heat caused).

Membership Support - Lesta - The mission is continuing with the small group meetings as long as the weather holds out. The CARE team is meeting again in October. They have expanded their list of members that might benefit from extra contacts from them. They also brought forward questions about getting home communion for some home bound members.

Ministry Support - Ron - Continuing to research live streaming services for once we start up indoor worship again. They are also looking to obtain a new video projector for use by various missions.

Peace & Justice - Sharon - Luke House is not serving meals through churches during COVID. Next Saturday at 8 am at church our 50 boxes for Lutheran World Relief will be taken to the train station for shipping. Those include 143 personal care kits, 12 quilts, and 161 school kits. October 18 at 3 pm there will be a zoom meeting for MOSES regarding early release from prison / jail due to COVID. The seeds of peace meet regularly via zoom, with the next one scheduled for this Thursday at 7 pm (contact Mary Graper if interested in participating). Will be setting up a collection for food pantries in October.

Worship - Karen - The worship mission talked through their 2021 budget, and discussed worship options being discussed by the worship task force. They talked about communion options with pre-packaged kits.

President / President Elect

MET -Lesta mentioned that final reports with mission specific recommendations will be sent out shortly.

Call Committee - The committee is gathering information and preparing for interviews once the synod provides potential candidates. Congregational members have referred six potential candidates for the synod to contact to determine their interest in serving Lake Edge. The next step is the synod providing a list of potential candidates.

Worship Task Force - Jim - The task force is recommending we continue on-line recorded worship through December 31, with the addition of outdoor worship of up to once per month, starting with September 27 and October 25 at 11:30 a.m. following Sunday School. Motion made by Al and seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Congregational Meeting - George - Our next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at 11 a.m. via zoom. The agenda includes: treasurer's report, stewardship plans, worship task force report, call committee report and recommendation to the congregation for use of gifts committee funds for an updated fire alarm system and additional debt reduction matching funds. Dan moved and Sharon seconded that the congregational meeting include the above agenda items. Motion carried.

Team Ministry - We discussed the ministry evaluation task force feedback from the congregation. The congregation believes team ministry is a strength, but not all members understand it. So we need to find ways to communicate what it means for members and pastors more clearly.

For the wheel, feedback is that we have too many elected mission positions and unclear accountabilities between missions. So it needs an update to meet our current needs in terms of scope, positions, language, etc. The key is to make the structure more user friendly that encourages more participation by members. We'll plan to get feedback at the next mission meeting on potential changes, and then a small group will take that feedback and propose changes to the council at our next meeting. Lesta will provide the context at the beginning of the mission meeting. The small group for follow up will include Lesta, Jim and Mary and perhaps a couple others from nominating committee and the MET to make a recommendation back to council for potential changes.

Reminders

- Special Congregational meeting: Sunday, October 11 at 11 a.m. via zoom
- Dialogue Articles due Sunday, October 25
- Next mission meeting: Monday, October 12 from 6:45 to 8:00 via zoom
- Prep meeting for Pres, Pres elect, Treasurer and Pastor: Monday, October 12, 6 pm via zoom

Next Meeting:

October 19, 2020 at 6:45 agenda items:

- Call Committee Report
- Worship Task Force Report
- Team Ministry and related descriptions, including the wheel

Closing Prayer: Council said the Lord's Prayer together

Meeting Adjourned: Al moved and Sharon seconded to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

We've Come This Far By Faith: A Focus for 2021

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." Proverbs 3:9

While I don't know everyone's story, I know enough of them to know that 2020 has been a pretty tough year for LELC folks, both collectively and individually. Collectively and individually we have known loss and unwelcome change. We have weathered conflict and sought healing. We are in the throws of a very uncertain time. The Stewardship Team recognizes this. At the same time, we are moving forward with our annual Stewardship campaign through grace and compassion.

The vibrant ministry of Lake Edge Lutheran Church is possible because of your generous donations! The Stewardship Team asks you to reflect on your giving to the church, and consider how you might increase that giving for 2021. Your volunteer time, gifts-in-kind, estate

gifts, and weekly offerings are all greatly appreciated. Look for a mailing in early October with the 2021 Promise of Giving card, and plan to return your card through the mail

by November 1st. Thank you for your continued support of your faith community!

Fred R Swanson (for all of us)



LELC Financial Dashboard for August 2020

LELC Dashboard				
Statement of Activities				
Actual vs. Budget thru August 31, 2020				
	Actual	Budgeted	Variance	Last year
INCOME				
Member Giving	267,432	281,266	-13,834	293,504
Principal Reduction Giving	29,866	19,908	9,958	0
Building Debt Service	18,933	17,833	1,100	32,923
Other Offering	2,018	11,867	-9,849	12,851
Other Income	5,098	6,667	-1,569	13,430
TOTAL INCOME	323,347	337,541	-14,194	352,708
EXPENSES				
Salaries	126,631	132,470	-5,839	182,874
Benefits	20,689	24,361	-3,672	33,934
Support	45	833	-788	1,160
Administrative	17,760	21,616	-3,856	20,010
Utilities	19,278	21,997	-2,719	20,632
Ins. & Debt Service	66,518	63,848	2,670	48,097
Benevolences	15,500	17,350	-1,850	6,070
-- MISSIONS --				
Worship	1,994	4,769	-2,775	3,015
Education	0	2,067	-2,067	359
Membership Support	197	833	-636	220
Ministry Support	1,316	2,303	-987	1,613
Church & Family Fellowship	400	2,047	-1,647	2,865
Youth Fellowship	0	399	-399	273
Peace & Justice	73	467	-394	63
Finance & Property	22,795	34,017	-11,222	19,558
Miscellaneous Transfers	-354	0	-354	-120
TOTAL EXPENSES	292,842	329,377	-36,535	340,623
Year-to-Date (Income-Expenses)	30,505	8,164	22,341	12,085
Checking Account Status				
General Operating Checking Balance*	64,777	As of 08/31/2020		
Ave. Monthly Expenses	44,014	Ave. based on 12 Months		
No. of Mos. Coverage (Goal: 2.0)	1.47			
Mortgage				
	Int Rate	Mo Pymt	Balance	2020 change
Thrivent Financial as of 07/31/2020	4.75%	\$5,291	\$833,784	(\$53,638)
Worship Attendance				
	1st Service	2nd Service	Total	
Mar 1	59	72	131	
Mar 8	38	83	121	
Mar 15			0	
Mar 22			0	
Monthly Average	49	78	126	
Year to Date Average	49	81	130	
Attendance includes Sunday worship through March 8th. All services since March 15 h				
Membership				
Baptized Members			2020	522

Updates to Your 2020 Pledges

We rely on your 2020 pledged giving to help us manage the LELC budget throughout this challenging year. Please let us know if your circumstances have changed and you need to change your 2020 pledge. Otherwise we will be assuming you will be fulfilling your 2020 pledge. If you need to make a change in your pledged giving, you can contact our new Financial manager, Jim Manos, through the church office or by emailing Jim at finance@lelc.org. Thanks for your continued support during these difficult times!



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!

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

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

Recorded by Jim St. Vincent, President Elect



MOSES Forum: Zoom Sunday, October 18; 6:00pm

Lake Edge Lutheran will hold a MOSES forum via Zoom about continuing efforts by MOSES and WISDOM to reduce prison and jail populations to protect inmates, staff, and surrounding communities from transmission of COVID-19 caused by crowded conditions and the difficulty of social distancing and sanitation in prisons.

After months of relatively good luck, COVID-19 cases are spiking in our prisons, including more than 200 corrections personnel. (<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/09/17/wisconsin-prisons-see-new-spike-covid-19-cases-among-inmates-staff/5795329002/>)

The speaker or speakers for the forum have not been confirmed yet, but will be drawn from MOSES and WISDOM membership and leadership, and will likely include at least one person who has experienced incarceration. Watch the weekly e-letter for updates.

MOSES Hosts State Assembly Candidate Virtual Listening Session Tuesday, October 6th at 7 pm!

All candidates for state assembly seats in Madison have been invited. The following candidates have committed to participating in the event:

Francesca Hong, Democratic Candidate for District 76
<https://www.hong4assembly.com/>

Samba Baldeh, Democratic Candidate for District 48
<https://www.samba4stateassembly.com/>

Phillip Anderson, Republican Candidate for District 47
<https://www.4philanderson.org/>

For more information and to RSVP, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/2682731565318851>

MOSES: Contact State Senators & Representatives

Please take a few minutes to make two phone calls. After months of relatively good luck, we are now seeing a major outbreak of COVID-19 in our prisons, including more than 200 corrections personnel. Your calls could make a difference: help us get the Governor's attention.

MOSES is asking its members to please contact our legislators to ask them to lobby Governor Evers to use his powers to reduce prison and jail populations throughout the state due to the dangers of COVID-19 in crowded correctional settings.

Since late March, WISDOM, the state-wide organization of which MOSES is the Dane County chapter, has been urging Governor Evers to take action to deal with the potential harm of COVID-19 in our overcrowded prisons. After months of calls, petitions, letters, emails, and a caravan of 200 cars to

Madison, the Governor finally agreed to speak with a few WISDOM leaders on July 20, including some from MOSES.

On July 20 we recommended that he use this power to:

- Release people who present a low risk to society, and who have a high risk of suffering from complications of COVID-19 - the elderly, the chronically ill, those with compromised immune systems;
- Release people who have been approved for work release, as they have already been determined to be of no danger to society;
- Release people who have been in prison since before they turned 25, and have already served more than 15 years, and have no history of serious trouble in the prisons;
- Release the 5,000 people currently in prison for "crimeless revocations", i.e. for technical violations of the rules of Supervision.

On June 20, Governor Evers heard these recommendations, and he promised that he would act quickly to set up a team of people to propose a process and procedure for recommendations to be given to him about potential commutations. He even suggested that WISDOM should be represented on that team.

As of September 14, he has not done anything. He has not even made a single public statement of his concern.

The Governor has the authority to commute sentences. He can, without need to consult the legislature or the courts, reduce people's sentences. You can download a document outlining that authority: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lrb/lrb_reports/prisoners_emergency_release_4_7.pdf

Please make those two calls now.

Lunch and Learn A MOSES Virtual Educational Event Thursday, October 22; 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Lunch -- bring your lunch and share your spirit!

Learn -- how to grow our advocacy for:

- Safer neighborhoods
- Healing the harm for wrongs done
- People not prisons

With Justice Janine Geske

Professor, Marquette Law School; Former Justice, Milwaukee Circuit and Wisconsin Supreme Court; Private Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) consulting practice; Teacher at Green Bay Correctional Institution

11 am Welcome

(music & conversation with MOSES leaders)

11:30 am Presentation by Justice Janine Geske

12:15 pm Q & A

This event is free and open to the public. To register, please go to:

<https://mosesmadison.org/event/lunch-and-learn-fall-2020/>



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Presiding Bishop Responds to Gross Disregard for Human Life and Dignity at Private Detention Facility

September 18, 2020

"As Christ on the cross did not lose his dignity, but in fact revealed himself fully in vulnerability, every human who is being mistreated retains the image of God that confers dignity. A society should not deny a person's dignity for any reason." —ELCA social message "Human Rights," p. 4

On Monday, Sept. 14, I learned of the very disturbing account of human rights violations against immigrant women in custody in the privately run Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Ga. The center is run by LaSalle Corrections under a contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The whistleblower complaint that was filed on Monday by a licensed nurse practitioner revealed a pattern of medically unnecessary hysterectomies and medical neglect that violated women. Too often, the Christian community has given its tacit or explicit consent to acts of gender-based violence.

God holds each of us responsible for the welfare of our neighbor. We therefore condemn these acts of coerced sterilization as a form of gender-based violence. This is especially true when the perpetrators wield significant power and control over women who are at elevated risk of injustice, abuse and violence.

The ELCA acknowledges that "migrants, immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers often suffer more when they are women, girls, or gender non-conforming people" (ELCA social statement Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action). Further, the ELCA urges support for legal reforms, humane policies, and adequate services for migrants, immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, especially those who experience intersecting forms of oppression.

This statement affirms previous ELCA teaching and policy that stress fairness and generosity in responding to newcomers in the United States through the biblical instruction to "welcome the stranger." The ELCA's commitment to U.S. legal and policy reform includes several social-policy resolutions anchored by compassion, justice and wisdom. Those resolutions prioritize addressing the root causes of mass migration, the unification of families, and just, humane enforcement.

As a member of Christ's body, I share in the anguish and outrage evoked by these revelations of abuse and violence. Since Monday, we have learned that at least 17 women have come forward with stories of unwanted



medical procedures, including sterilization, which itself carries a significant history of sin in our country against immigrants, people of color, Indigenous women, people with disabilities and many others.

The sin of violence against the bodies of women cannot continue. People of all nations suffer violence inflicted upon them by others for gender-based reasons. We all have a responsibility to speak out against gender-based violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe in worship, at home, in the care of the state—in all places in our societies. That is why the ELCA is actively participating in #ThursdaysinBlack, the World Council of Churches' global ecumenical campaign to end and prevent gender-based violence.

As the ELCA we strongly condemn gender-based violence and violations of human rights wherever they occur. We pray especially for the courageous women who have come forward. We look ahead to the expeditious investigation of these reports by the Department of Homeland Security as urged by members of Congress, to be completed by Friday, Sept. 25, 2020.

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8064>

Lake Edge Lutheran Church October, 2020

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Please call the church office to learn how/if individual groups are meeting. 608-222-7339						7pm Book of Faith Bible Study: Zoom		
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Online Worship	1pm Kniters: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary						
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering	7pm Book Club: Zoom	11am Staff Meeting	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom					
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom		7pm Altar Guild	7:30pm Choir					
10:30am Zoom Sunday School								
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Online Worship	Columbus Day (regional holiday)		Worship Recording - Sanctuary					
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering	1pm Kniters: Zoom	11am Staff Meeting	9am Quilters					
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom	6pm Council Preparation	1pm Deborah Circle	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom					
10:30am Zoom Sunday School	6:45pm Mission Meetings: Zoom	6:30pm Gifts Committee						
11am Congregational Meeting: Zoom		7pm Salome Circle Zoom						
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Online Worship	1pm Kniters: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary						
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering	6:45pm Church Council: Zoom	11am Staff Meeting	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom				8:30am Yard Work Day	
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom		1pm Rhoda Circle	7:30pm Choir				5:30pm Trunk 'n Treat	
10:30am Zoom Sunday School		2pm SCSW Interim Pastors Meeting						
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Dialogue Articles Due	1pm Kniters: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary						
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering		11am Staff Meeting	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom					
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom		1:30pm WELCA						
10:30am Zoom Sunday School								
11:30am Outdoor Worship								

Due to the COVID-19, worship, meetings, activities and events are postponed or will meet virtually via Zoom, conference call, YouTube, or other virtual methods of communication that allow for Physical Distancing. Please watch your weekly e-letter for changes and updates. Check our Online Calendar for Zoom Meeting Details at <http://lelc.org/calendar.aspx>