



The Dialogue

Letter of Introduction: Rev. Martha Butzier

Excerpts adapted from a letter of introduction to the Church Council.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I am looking forward to meeting with you and working together!

I am a second-career pastor and life-long Lutheran. I worked as a nurse for many years in a variety of specialties in different parts of the country. I find the two professions to be extremely complementary, and my experiences in nursing have proved to be invaluable in my work as a pastor. Both professions provide me with the privilege of walking with people through the joys and challenges of being human. Nursing required the ability to develop relationships quickly, even while knowing they could be short lived. I have found this to be especially helpful as I've worked as an intentional interim pastor.

[We will have ample time for longer conversations about where life has led me along the way, but most recently,] I was sower of seeds. The reward for me has been watching others take my suggestions and claim them as their own. With a new sense of ownership, the seeds begin to bloom and grow into new ministries and new insights for using the gifts and talents of congregational members.

[I have] noticed how God's call rarely seems to go in a straight line. I have always had hills to climb and slopes to cruise down. Mix in the occasional detour like going to seminary, and life gets really interesting. Lake Edge is on one of those side trips or detours right now. Those unexpected, unplanned for diversions hold within them tremendous possibilities. In these moments, often accompanied by potholes of uncertainty, I have seen the grace of God giving me not what I wanted, but what I needed. I truly believe the same is

true for the body of Christ. Even now, God is at work doing something new at Lake Edge. We are people of the resurrection who live in the everlasting promise of new beginnings. It will be my privilege to walk with you on this stage of the journey. I am praying for our time together and look forward to meeting you soon.

Peace to all of you,
Pastor Martha Butzier



Interim Pastor Martha Butzier On September 1, 2019

On behalf of the LELC Council and church members, we will welcome Rev. Martha F. Butzier, Interim Pastor to Lake Edge Lutheran. Join us in the gathering area for cake and coffee after worship at 10:30 am.

We look forward to Pastor Butzier joining with Interim Pastor Zelle as they both serve as 3/4 time pastors.

Jonathan Pike, Congregational President
and the Church Family & Fellowship Mission

Pastor's Emergency Fund Update



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

In August the funds have been used to assist with several security deposits as well as rent and utilities, both through St. John's and referrals from other agencies. Housing will continue to be a priority as fall arrives and temps begin to drop.

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.

Ecumenical Worship Sponsored by Seeds of Peace Congregations

September 1; 10:00 am; St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Seeds of Peace Madison is a coalition of faith communities on the east side of Madison, working together to alleviate suffering in their communities. LELC is a member.

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.



I would like to thank each of you that helped in any way to make Curt's celebration of life special. Pastor Mae Jean and Chris were so helpful to our family. I feel blessed by your love and support. This congregation is truly a caring body.
Peace, Kären Blackdeer



Dear LELC,
What a gift to the east side community. From hosting candidate forums to neighborhood association meetings, you support the people who live over here in myriad ways.

Please accept this token of appreciation from the Friends of the Pinney Library for graciously hosting not one, but two monthly book discussions while the new library is under construction.

Thank you again for making us feel so welcome!
Liz Dannenbaum & Pinney Friends Board



I would like to thank all those who made our blood drive on August 20th a success. We had 32 donors with a total of 31 units of blood.
Fay Hanson, Blood Drive Coordinator



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Office Hours | Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Fri. 8:30 am-12:00 pm

In Our Prayers

- Our prayers for comfort and healing are with: the families of Curtis Grey Wolf Blackdeer and William Darrel Jones.
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Lil Genskow, Fred Leidel, Don Small, Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, 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, Nancy McFadden, Tony Paulson, Judy Fritz, Bette Paulson, Audrey Simonson, Wes Stiemke, Judy Kollath, Joyce Narveson, Albert Singer, Virgil Mellum, Bruce Burnside, and the family of Maureen Mengelt;
- our neighborhood church partners: Lake Edge United Church of Christ, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church, Monona United Methodist Church, Lakeview Moravian Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and Plymouth UCC;
- our synod and national church staff; our sister congregation, Cristo Rey, El Salvador; our companion church, The Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in India; and our ELCA partners in the Caribbean Synod and the Slovak-Zion Synod.



Fall Schedule Resumes Sunday, September 8



8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School & Confirmation
9:30 am Centering Prayer

9:30 am Adult Education (resumes Sept. 15)
10:30 am Worship
Fellowship follows each service.

Rally Sunday September 8, 2019 Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt to Church Sunday!

Wear your favorite Pro sports, high school, college, debate, family reunion, Thrivent or any other team shirt that day to show your support for your team. We will be back to 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. Snacks will be provided.

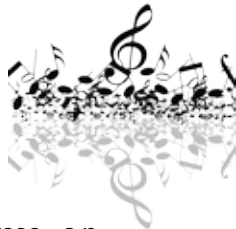


Faith Formation for Children & Youth

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! Classes begin September 8.

Choir Rehearsals Resume September 3 & 4

A great time to join choirs at LELC! The Handbell Choir rehearses on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm beginning September 3. Living Stones (contemporary choir) rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, and LELC Choir (traditional choir) rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, both begin September 4. All rehearsals are held in the choir room.



Young Adult Gathering: Wednesday, September 4; 7:00 pm



Glass Nickel Pizza

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



Pastor Mae Jean Zelle Celebrates 25 Years of Ordination on September 11! Celebrate Sunday, September 15

Please join in recognizing Pastor Mae Jean's 25th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at a reception between services. Much of Pastor Mae Jean's ministry has been serving congregations as they navigate difficult times of transition. Let us celebrate with her as she marks this milestone with us. There is a box in the office to drop your well wishes and cards.

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.



The Time & Talent Survey Coming Your Way What are your gifts?

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. The survey form will be distributed with the bulletin at the September 8 worship services. Additional forms will be available below the Jumbotron and in the office. The survey as a fillable form will also be made available on the LELC website. Before September 8 please take time to prayerfully reflect on your God-given gifts and how you might share them with the Lake Edge family and community. Our goal is to have Time & Talent forms from all LELC members by the end of September.

Thank you. Ron Siggelkow, Ministry Support Liaison

News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA)

We Are Having a Bake Sale!

**Specialties: Lefse and Scandinavian Delicacies
Saturday, November 16, 2019!**

In addition to Lefse, Delicacy items and baked goods, we will have some knitting items available and a few craft donations. Special efforts will be made to secure the necessary help on Lefse making days. We peel and make loaves on Fridays and pat and roll lefse on Saturdays. It is a team effort and we need as many as are available. **Mark your calendars now!**

If you have some craft items and are willing to donate your items to the Women of the church for the Bake Sale, please contact Terry Anne Taylor. Let's make this Bake Sale one of our greatest!

Baking Dates; 8:00 am - Noon:

Sign-Up Sheet Available in the Gathering Space

Friday	Saturday
September 13	September 14
October 4	October 5
October 18	October 19
November 1	November 2

Wednesday

November 13 Scandinavian Cookie Baking Day

Set Up

Friday, November 15
Set-Up 5:00-7:00 pm

Grand Finale: Lake Edge Bake Sale

Saturday, November 16 9:00 - 11:00 am

Boxtops for Education

Did you know that the Women of the Church have been collecting Box Tops for Education? There is a box on the lower shelf of the bookcase leading to the library. We give them to Frank Allis School. So continue to save them and put them in the box. Thank you!

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.

Recycle Styrofoam,Plastics & Batteries

You can recycle several kinds of items at LELC! There is a plastic cart with drawers in the east hallway by the cloak room for recycling toothpaste tubes, tooth brushes, dental floss containers, plastic deodorant containers, eye-glasses, hearing aids and cellphones. A battery recycling container is in the office near the reception desk, or give them to Jeff Ekola, who manages much of our recycling.

The Care of the Earth Committee of the Peace and Justice Mission has added Styrofoam recycling to our recycling efforts! You will find Styrofoam recycling containers on the main level and the lower level. Please wash Styrofoam containers clean before recycling.

The City doesn't take Styrofoam in the recycling bins we leave at the curb. They do accept Styrofoam at the drop-off sites on the east and west sides, where we will take the Styrofoam you leave at church. They accept Styrofoam and some other items that the City recycles but doesn't pick up.

Please make every effort to recycle all of these items. This is necessary. Discarded plastics are harmful to the environment. Thank you for recycling!



Packing School Kits
Thanks to everyone who donated supplies, filled School Kit bags, and packed Kits for shipping!



LELC Global Outreach Mission

Thank You!

Thank you for filling School Bags for Lutheran World Relief. We purchased 164 pre-made bags and had 37 left over from last year. Currently, we have 199 filled bags that have been returned and packed into boxes for shipping on September 14. Thanks to Sharon Kreul, Lil Genskow, Liz Clark, Diann Oyan, Bonnie Gudmandsen, Myah Gudmandsen, Mea Saul, 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 are able to assemble 174 kits.

The Happy Quilters and Lutheran World Relief

The Happy Quilters have been busy the second Wednesday of each month, cutting, assembling, pinning, sewing, and tying utility quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts will be displayed on the altar on Quilt Sunday, September 8th, and will be blessed before they are packed for shipping.

Our Happy Quilts are crafted as gifts of love that will make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for men, women, and children in Iraq and Haiti who struggle with natural disaster, conflict, chronic poverty, illness and displacement. It can bring warmth on a cold night or shelter from the sun on hot day. It can become a room divider, a backpack to carry belongings, and at times, even a home. A special thank you to the quilting ladies for their time and talents:

Marlene Gerner, Barbara Gilbertson, Fay Hanson, Jean Morris, Bonnie Gudmandsen, LaJeane Hettrick, Karen Shawkey, Judy Davidson, Christine Maloney, Jan Summ, Joanne Wallendal, Nancy Pike. Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love! For The Happy Quilters- - Doreen Davidson

Coming Attractions

September 8 - Quilt Sunday- We will display our Quilts and honor our Quilters!

September 14- Boxcar Loading Day! You can help by transporting our boxes to the Box Car Site. Look for the sign-up sheet.

Boxcar Loading Day- September 14, 2019

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 14- It is Boxcar Loading Day for Lutheran World Relief. We are looking for "Transporters" to take our boxes to the Boxcar Loading Site at E. Johnson & 1st Street.

- Meet at church at 8 am.
- Load our boxes into your car, van, or truck and take them to the site on East Johnson Street
- The time commitment is 1 hour or less.
- Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Questions? Please contact Joan Martin at 839-1370.

Knit & Crochet Group

We recently sent 16 Baby Blankets to Global Health Ministries. We also sent 16 Baby Blankets in March of this year. "Thank you for your recent gift of blankets. . . your gifts make a profound difference in helping hands. . . in over a dozen countries. Thank you for your generosity and partnership." Global Health Ministries.

And also in May we gave nine (9) Baby Sweaters and five (5) Baby Hats to Hope Lutheran Church as they submit Baby Care Kits each year to Lutheran World Relief. In August we gave them nine (9) more Baby Sweaters.

We are currently making more Baby Blankets and Hats; more hats and mittens for the cooler weather later in 2019; some Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes. We are busy.

Remember we continue to meet every Monday afternoon in the Library at 1:00 pm. All are welcome. If you can't come, but would like to do something, patterns and yarn are available-contact Joanne Wallendal at samandjo@charter.net. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Luke House

The Community Meal Program

Help Feed the Hungry at Luke House

Thursdays, September 5 & October 3, 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 hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



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, September 12, 19, 26 & October 3, 10, 17 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Our Bible Study on Luke will resume in September! 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!

"One Coin Found" Book Reading and Signing with Rev. Emmy Kegler Thursday, September 26; 7:00 pm Trinity Lutheran; 1904 Winnebago St., Madison

"One Coin Found" follows Pastor Emmy's journey. As a queer woman who grew up in the church she knows how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude - yet she also finds beauty, truth, and liberation within it. Join Emmy in her story of coming to celebrate her sexuality, her faith, and her call to ministry - her story of being found. Emmy is the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in NE Minneapolis, the founder and editor of Queer Grace, an encyclopedia of online resources around LGBTQ life and faith, and the author of the new book, "One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins". This event is sponsored by the Reconciling in Christ Team of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA



Winsome Widows' Luncheon

The Winsome Widows' Luncheon will be Wednesday, September 18; 11:45 am at Breakwater, 6308 Metropolitan Ln, Monona, 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.

Madison Homeless Resources

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

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.

September, 2019:

"The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson

October, 2019:

"Between Sisters" By Kristin Hannah

November, 2019:

"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho

December, 2019:

"Normal People" by Sally Rooney



Film: Neither Wolf Nor Dog The World is Not an Accident. We Don't Always Get to Choose Our Parts

September 11; 7:00 pm at the Barrymore Theater



The most successful non-Hollywood Native American themed film in cinemas in years.

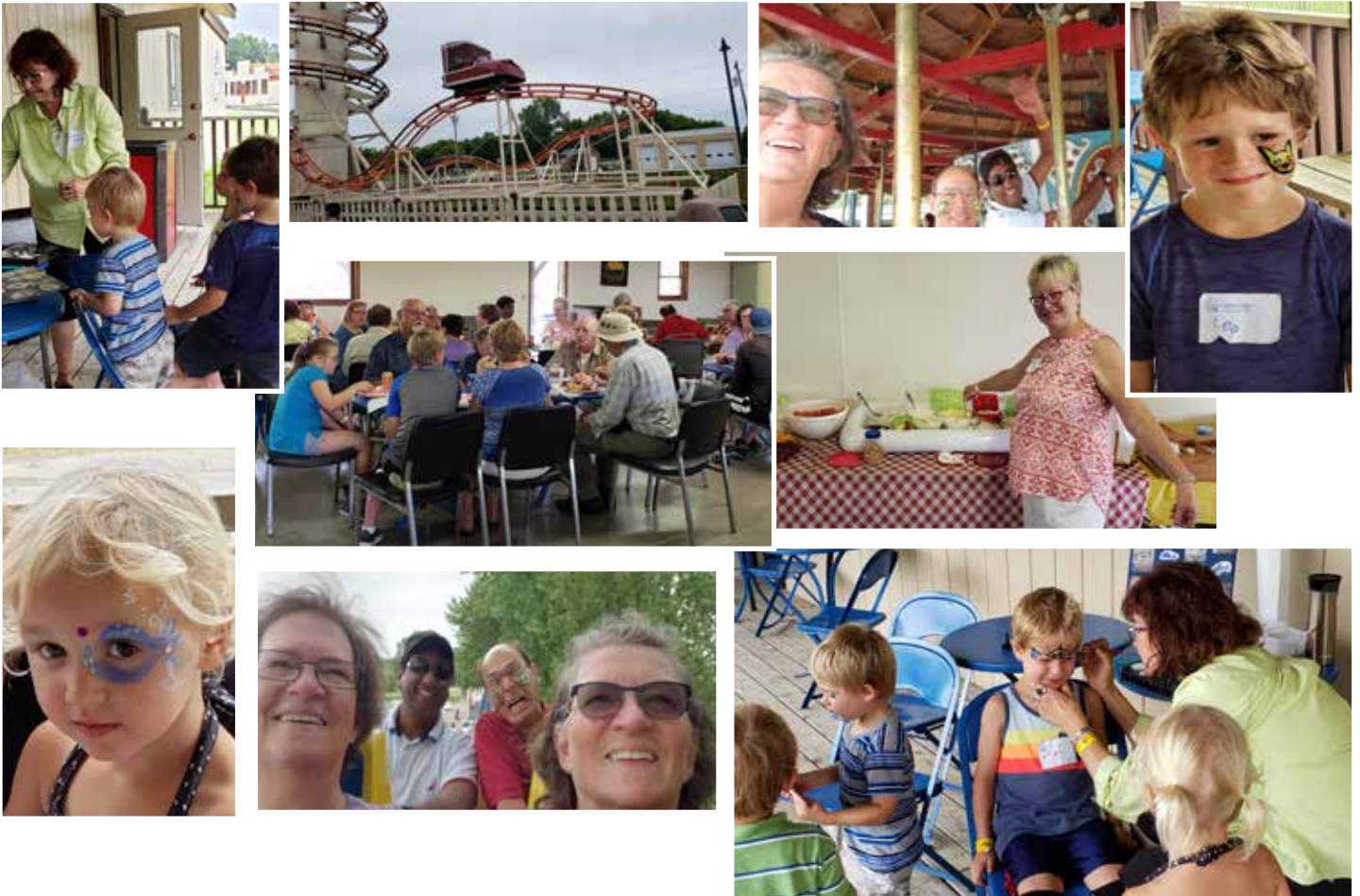
Based on the award-winning novel by Kent Nerburn, the film stars elder Dave Bald Eagle, who passed away at age 97. His incredible performance alone gives the film a great cultural weight. During the film's climax, his character, Dan, takes us into the heart of Wounded Knee. Dave's family connection to the massacre was even deeper than that of the character he played. Although the film is fiction, Dave delivers the most moving of improvised scenes. At the end of filming this scene, he said he had been holding in those words for 95 years.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door.

Blessing of Special Music



On Sunday, August 11, we were fortunate to have the singing group, Heart to Heart offering special music. The group consists of Barb & Kirk Hyder and Nancy & Brad Charles. Heart to Heart is a mixed acapella group that performs in many churches and at other events. Barb and Kirk Hyder are the daughter and son-in-law of Doreen and Elwood Davidson. Barb was raised at Lake Edge Lutheran Church.



**Big Fun at Little Amerricka: LELC Annual Picnic
Great Food! Fun Rides and Activities! Blessing of Fellowship!**

A wonderful time was had by all at the Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 11. Many, many thanks to the Church & Family Fellowship Mission and all those who volunteered to make this a successful and enjoyable event!

Ministry Evaluation Task Force Update

The Ministry Evaluation Task Force was installed on June 23, 2019 and has held three meetings over the summer. Discussion focused on the desire to add [Task Force] members who bring insight to young adult, youth and children’s ministry. To that end, three additional [Task Force] members were approved by the Council at its meeting on August 19. When we convene for our next meeting on September 4, our membership will be: Nancy Anderson, Julianne Brown, Julie Dahlen, Mary Davis-Smith, Dale Dull, Kaelin Fontaine, Michel Hagen, Deb Jenson, Ron McKinley, Verona Morgan, Brian Nesbitt, Katie Pike, Lesta Searles, Jeanne Stublaski, Mark Taylor, and Laura Tollefson. Lesta and Jeanne have volunteered to be co-chairs.

The team consists of long-time members who bring a sense of history and new members who have been part of LELC for a year or less. We seek a variety of perspectives and are committed to meaningful engagement of the congregation as we discern the future path of LELC.

The Task Force is in the early stage of finalizing the team’s objectives. A plan with specific tasks will be formulated. It is important to underscore, however, that our work is, first and foremost, a spiritual endeavor where we continuously ask: “how is God at work...in the congregation, in the work of the Task Force, and in the lives of the congregation?” While tasks will be completed, the true measure is how we, the Task Force and the congregation, grow in faith and remain open to the Spirit who moves among us and leads us whenever two or more are gathered.

The Task Force will communicate regularly through the Dialogue, as appropriate. We ask for your prayers as we strive to faithfully represent your hopes and dreams for the future.



Council Members present: Jon Fadness, Sharon Kreul, Linda Newman, Jonathan Pike, Nancy Pike, George Swamp, Mark Taylor, Pastor Mae Jean Zelle

Excused Absence: Jim Ahearn, Karen Cook, Ron Siggelkow

Call to Order by President Jonathan Pike at 6:49 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Mae Jean read a passage from Isaiah 43 and another verse from Lamentations. After a brief discussion, we prayed.

Business

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2019: Moved by Sharon Kreul, second by Mark Taylor to approve the minutes. Approved by voice vote.

Financial Dashboard: President Jonathan Pike presented the monthly report to the Council in lieu of the absence of our Treasurer. July has recently been closed out and the balances are generally positive. The benevolence account needs adjustment and additional follow-up will occur.

Reports

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mae Jean reported visits to hospitals and hospice have continued. There have been two funeral services along with a week of vacation, and a week at the ELCA National Assembly as an elected delegate of the South-Central Synod. Other activities include planning the schedules for Pastor Martha and her new ¾ time beginning September 1st. Planning for the fall schedules of Sunday School, Confirmation, New Member classes, and pending Synod Events. Portico has also sent notice that benefits for next year will increase by 4%.

Pastor Mae Jean also reported that consultation is occurring with Bishop Eaton (Churchwide Bishop) concerning the recent resignation of Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld.

Missions

(Items needing Council Awareness or Approval)

Church & Family Fellowship: Nancy Pike reported August 11th was the Family & Friend Sunday and then the church picnic out at Little Amerricka. This was a first time event, but all who attended had a good time.

Finance & Property: Jon Fadness reported that several upgrades to the original church building have been completed. An extra drain will be installed in a low spot on the roof.

Peace & Justice: Sharon Kreul reported Luke House date will be September 5th. School kits are out for members to fill. These kits will need to be filled by the end of August. (90 school kits have been turned in so far).

Additional volunteers will be needed for the Schenk Elementary School weekend food program. One of the

5 initial churches have pulled out so more help will be needed.

September 8th 3-5pm there is a Madison Christian Community meeting being organized to discuss immigration issues. Additional information will be posted.

Worship: Linda Newman reported the mission explored the idea of using streamers at various days with celebrations of the church such as Pentecost, Baptism or other special occasions. Another discussion was the use of Name Tags. They are used twice a month and the current supply is running out. The next order will be generic rather than a special order. Two stations will be set-up to make it more convenient to get a Name Tag.

President's Topics

Rental Property Task Force listening sessions/open forum- when? The house was bought in 2001 and maintained as a rental property for the church. While currently there is no plan to change this arrangement, the question becomes what should be the future direction for this property. After additional discussions, listening sessions will be scheduled after church and once during the week. This will be announced at another time. (Not in these minutes.)

Ministry Evaluation Task Force reports that they have met and will seek additional members to the Task Force. Mark Taylor nominates Julianne Brown, Kaelin Fontaine, Laura Tollefson to the Ministry Evaluation Task Force. Seconded by Linda Newman, the Church Council approves the appointment of these new members by voice vote.

Exploring past efforts for Capital Campaign: Council discussed past efforts to form a campaign and all the changes that have occurred since the discussion last year. Motion by Mark Taylor to establish an exploratory Capital Campaign Task Force with members to be determined at a later date. Second by Linda Newman. Approved with a voice vote.

Visioning: Re-dedication of the original church building sometime this fall. Council discussed what this would look like but no dates were set.

Reminders:

September Dialogue Articles Due: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Next Mission Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:45 PM

Next Council Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019,

6:45 PM

Snacks for September's mission meeting – Church and Family Fellowship Mission

For the Good of the Church – We recognize Lake Edge participants at the Churchwide Assembly: Kathryn Small, Jason Xiong, Miriam Bohlmann-Kunz.

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Special Thanks to all the folks who brought a dish to Wednesday's funeral.

Another Thank You to Jeff Ekola, Linda Nettesheim and Fred Engel for all their help in many ways at Lake Edge. Special thanks to Joan Martin for her extra assistance this past month.

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

Adjourn – Motion by Sharon Kreul, seconded by Nancy Pike to adjourn. Passed by voice vote. Council adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.

Volunteers Needed for Schenk Weekend Nutrition Project

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, chrismaloney@yahoo.com

Join First Unitarian Society, in supporting the September 20th Global Climate Strike

This strike is the result of the work of thousands of young people around the world. These young people are calling on the adults in their communities to join in this effort to address the greatest existential threat that we all face. We fear for the future of our children and grandchildren. The September 20th event will launch a week of worldwide actions. The Wisconsin Youth Climate Action Team and other youth who organized Youth Climate Strikes earlier this year, are asking adults to come forward in united resistance to the destruction of the planet.

Let's unite, as communities of faith and conscience, to make sure that our voices are heard and make this a turning point in history. For more information, contact Mary Lee Nelson at mrylnelson@yahoo.com, Building Unity and First Unitarian Society of Madison.

Finance and Property

The school year is beginning again. The original building is rented out to La Follete High School and this year, it has received greatly needed improvements. Earlier this year we found out that the floor tile in the bathrooms and the floor tiles and the counter top in the kitchen contain asbestos. This triggered an immediate need to enclose the damaged asbestos areas to prevent anyone from contacting very nasty diseases. In addition, we decided to paint the entire area. Estimates were obtained for the flooring and for the counter top. Paint was purchased and other needed supplies. Modifications were made in the bathrooms to make them look more spacious. After much work and effort, the original building is ready for the new school year. Overall there has been a great improvement in appearance. An open house will be set for a future date so everyone can come and take a look at the new improved space. Many people have volunteered this summer to do all the work to accomplish this huge improvement. Many thanks to Jonathan, Deb, Mel, Linda, Jon, Jim, Dorothy, Brian, Doug, Dan, George, Mary Kay, Jeff, Nancy, Chris and Dale for all their hard work and for their willing spirit. The rental property will be vacant as of the first of September. Repair and maintenance will be done and when all is in order, the property will again be advertised for a new renter.

Food Pantry Thank You!

Dear Friends in Christ,
On behalf of the St. Stephen's Food Pantry and the many needy families we serve we thank you for your wonderful gift of \$625.00. The money will be used to purchase food for our clients.

Our pantry has been serving people in need for 45 years. We are open Monday through Thursday every week from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm and serve 80 households a week. January 1 through December 31, 2018 we served 2,699 households consisting of 5,501 adults and 3,816 children.

We thank you for sharing in our mission of caring for those in need in our community.

Sincerely,
Richard Benzine
Administrator, St. Stephen's Food Pantry

I Am Still Here: A Feature Film Exploring the Serious Issue of Human Trafficking Thursday, Sept. 12; 6:30-9:00 pm; Free Admission Edgewood College Anderson Auditorium 1000 College Dr. Madison

Based on true stories of courage drawn from interviews with trafficking survivors. This award-winning drama puts an unforgettable human face on the modern day atrocity of trafficking children. Director Mischa Marcus gives an inside look at the devastation these young girls face on a daily basis. A Q & A with Mischa Marcus & Madison Police Detective Roger Baker will follow the film.

Message on Behalf of Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld



August 12, 2019

Dear Siblings in Christ,
I wish you grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior.

I write to inform you that I have resigned as your bishop. It has been an honor to have served you. I thank you for the love, the kindness and support shown to me during my ministry among you. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been accepted. If there is any way I have sinned against you, I ask your forgiveness. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here. I continue to

believe that we are beloved community, church together in the ministry God has placed before each of us.

As I move on to new ministry opportunities, I will be returning to my beloved East Coast. I wish you well, praying you will continue to move toward beloved community, walking together in Christ. Soli Dei Gloria!

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

“We are beloved community. We are blessed to be a blessing.”

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What Happens Next?

With the above resignation the synod now finds itself in a position very similar to that experienced by congregations when their pastor departs unexpectedly. As with congregations, the synod will now be in a period of transition. Presiding Bishop Eaton will propose an experienced (e.g. retired) bishop to be an interim bishop. The Synod Council and Synod Vice-President, Jane Cahill Wolfgram, will attend to the issues related to working with the In-

terim Bishop and preparing for a bishop election process. Meanwhile Rev. Steve Kottke will continue in his role as Assistant to the Bishop and his work of assisting congregations and leaders in call processes. Other staff will continue their respective work as well. Let us join the many others of South Central Wisconsin in lifting these folks, this process, and our whole synod in prayer.

August 2019 Worship Helper Schedule

	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	9/29/19
Greeters	9:30 AM Anita Hubanks Sybil Gilbert Donna Gehrke Loretta Erdahl	8:00 AM Ron McKinley Judy Raebel-McKinley Carol & Len Swart 10:30 AM LaJeane & Dneece Hettrick Linda Newman Mary Ann Jerred	8:00 AM Mary Nelson-Meicher Jeff Meicher Irene Sherman Bub Severson 10:30 AM Audrey Simonson Marlene Albrecht Tina & Alayna Small	8:00 AM Gary & Lee Lunda Chris Maloney Dale Dull 10:30 AM Jim & Judy St Vincent Diane & Bill Meadowcroft	8:00 AM Gudmandsens(4) 10:30 AM Fred & Beth Swanson Jerry & Karen Cook
Lectors	Jan Hagen	8:00 AM Ron McKinley 10:30 AM Linda Newman	8:00 AM Chuck Martin 10:30 AM Barb Gilbertson	8:00 AM Leslie Schey 10:30 AM Judy St Vincent	8:00 AM Mea Gudmandsen 10:30 AM Fred Swanson
Assisting Minister	Jan Hagen	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
Communion Assistants	Jan Johnson Michel Hagen Roman Hagen Kristen Friedrichs	8:00 AM Judy Raebel-McKinley 10:30 AM Karen & Leo Odegard Linda Newman Dneece Hettrick	8:00 AM Joan Martin 10:30 AM Tina & Alayna Small Jan & Milan Summ	8:00 AM Jan Hagen 10:30 AM Jim & Judy St Vincent Bill & Diane Meadowcroft	8:00 AM Gudmandsens(4) 10:30 AM Fred & Beth Swanson Jerry & Karen Cook
Ushers	C-2	8:00 AM A-1 10:30 AM A-2	8:00 AM B-1 10:30 AM B-2	8:00 AM C-1 10:30 AM C-2	8:00 AM A-1 10:30 AM A-2

Lake Edge Lutheran Church September 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-Sep		2	3	4	5	6
8:30am Centering Prayer 9:30am Worship 10:30am Welcome Pr. Martha Reception	Labor Day Church Office Closed 11:30am MUM Circles of Support 1pm Knitters 7pm Book Club	9am Sewing Machine Exec Board Meeting 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Altar Guild 7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:15pm Evaluation Task Force 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal 7pm Young Adult Gathering 7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal	11:30am Prayer Group 4:30pm Luke House Meal 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #2825			
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Name Tag Sunday Quit Sunday 8am Worship 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Centering Prayer 10:30am Worship	9am Foot Clinic 11:30am MUM Circles of Support 1pm Knitters 6:45pm Mission Meetings	10am Staff Meeting 1pm Care Team 1pm Deborah Circle 7pm Salome Circle 7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	9am Happy Quilters 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 2:30pm Pinney Library Book Club 6pm Brownie Troop 8172 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal 7pm LENA 7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal	11:30am Prayer Group 1pm Book of Faith Bible Study 7pm Book of Faith Bible Study	9am Lefse Baking		LWR Box Car Loading 9am Lefse Baking
	15		16	17	18	19	20
8am Just Bakery Sales 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Centering Prayer 9:30am Adult Education 10:30am Worship	9am Diabetic Foot Clinic 11:30am MUM Circles of Support 1pm Knitters 6pm Executive Committee 6:45pm Church Council	10am Staff Meeting 1pm Rhoda Circle 2pm SCSW Interim Pastors Meeting 7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	11:45am Whimsie Widows' Lunch 2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Junior Troop 2622 6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal 7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal	11:30am Prayer Group 1pm Book of Faith Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #2825 7pm Book of Faith Bible Study			
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Dialogue Articles Due Name Tag Sunday 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Centering Prayer 9:30am Adult Education 10:30am Worship	11:30am MUM Circles of Support 1pm Knitters	10am Staff Meeting 1:30pm WELCA 6:30pm Monona/Madison AAUW Branch 7pm Pinney Library Book Club 7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	2:30pm Pastors/Musicians Mtg 6:30pm Bible Study at CTSR 6:30pm Living Stones Rehearsal 7:30pm LELC Choir Rehearsal	11:30am Prayer Group 1pm Book of Faith Bible Study 1pm Dialogue Assembly 7pm Book of Faith Bible Study			
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