



The Dialogue

Food Brings Us Together

By Pastor Martha Butzier

There is an interesting food show on PBS called *No Passport Required*. The host, Chef Marcus Samuelsson, was born in Ethiopia and raised in Sweden from the age of 2. The idea behind this foody show is that in the United States, because of its rich diversity found in multiple ethnicities, we can put our passports away. We can travel vicariously to Ethiopia, or Haiti, or Guyana, or Mexico to experience their genuine culture simply by taking advantage of our surroundings. We can get recipes from anywhere in the world and cook in our homes, or we can support the restaurants of our immigrant brothers and sisters right here in the United States. While this a marvelous idea, there is a deeper purpose to the program.

Chef Marcus holds the belief that food brings people together. It opens the world to us and helps to alleviate fears we may unknowingly harbor. Some Christians call Jesus the Rice of Life, these words bring us closer to our Asian brothers and sisters in Christ. This is the focus of Jesus' ministry to bring us all into one, recognizing our own chosen-ness and the chosen-ness of everyone else.

In the time Jesus spent with his disciples, we discover that meals are vital to building community. It doesn't have to be fancy. When we gather around the table with family or friends, we bump elbows. Because of our proximity to each other, we are more likely to ask a question about the food being eaten, about other places your fellow elbow-bumper has lived or traveled, about where they work, about what they love. Meals have the power to bring people together. We can begin to find out what has influenced their lives. What was unknown to you is revealed. Your body is fed, and community grows. Healing happens and heaven touches earth within this new understanding.

In this new awareness about the other, it becomes easier to see them as our neighbors. I think that is another reason Jesus took the loaves of bread and the fish and fed all those people on the lush green grass. With 5000 plus people, they must have been doing some serious elbow bumping and talking. As he worked his way through the crowd, Jesus fed them and they began to learn about the people next to them. He opened the world to them showing he had everything they needed. He opened the world to them showing them he could love them all the same regardless of their differences. He opened the relationship he wants to have with us.

Here's a little food for thought. Who would you like to know better? Could you invite them to a Zoom or phone call dinner?



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Dialogue Articles Due September 20, 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.


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.



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!



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In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

- Those who grieve including: the families of Caroline Erickson, Ed Fredrichs, Brian Liddicoat:
- Those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Joan Martin, Lil Genskow, Anita Grue, Jan Summ; Liz Ekola, Audrey Simonson, John Kollath, Pat Bitter, Jan Johnson, Kathy Simmons, Terry & Rose Mary Jackson, Shirley Boettcher, Debbie Staffeld, Kathleen Berkley, Don Small, Del Jasper, Marilyn Jerrick, LaJeane Hettrick, 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



From the Ministry Evaluation Task Force

Dear Lake Edge family,
It was over a year ago when the Ministry Evaluation Task Force started our work. Our findings and recommendations have been passed on to the congregation, leadership, and Call Committee.

We want to let you know we are deeply grateful for your prayers and accompaniment during this journey. We thank you for entrusting us with your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. We were honored to receive them.

We also want to thank Chris Anderson, our Communications and Office Manager, for her invaluable assistance with all of our efforts to keep you informed along the way.

We look forward with joyful anticipation to our next chapter, as we continue to Dare to Embody the Gospel together.

In team ministry,
The Ministry Evaluation Task Force

Thank You

Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers, soup, flowers, phone calls, e-mails, and cards as I recover from my fall in early August. God has truly blessed me with a great faith family. Chuck has now become the "chief" cook and bottle washer here in the Martin household..

Joan Martin



Sunday School

Pastor Martha, along with the fellowship, worship, and education missions are planning some virtual special activities for the start of Sunday School on Sept 13th, Rally Sunday. Stay tuned for more information. It

will be great to see to see those beautiful faces again, until we can one day meet in person!

A Message of Thanks

A huge thank you for all of the expressions of sympathy whether by mail, email, phone, or in person, upon the passing of Mom. My church family has always played a big part in my life and once again, this family has proven to care. Her passing was gentle, in her sleep (as she hoped). We held an immediate family only service, followed by a gathering at the cemetery and then off for a private celebration meal. Very understated, just as Mom would want. Once again, thank you for your love.

Love, Bonnie Gudmandsen



LELC Graduates

Congratulations are in order for several of our young people who graduated recently!

Myah Gudmandsen
Daughter of Jeremy Gudmandsen and granddaughter of Bonnie Gudmandsen
Graduated from Madison East High School
Future plans are not yet determined

Nicolas Noffke
Son of Cindy and Chris Noffke
Graduated from La Follette High School
Plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, majoring in Accounting, with a goal of becoming a licensed CPA.

Tyler Schey
Son of Doug and Sherry Schey
Graduated from Waunakee Community High School
Will pursue a degree in Engineering;
Final college choice pending

Jessica Swan
Granddaughter of Pat Swan
Graduated from Madison College,
Respiratory Therapy program
Plans to specialize in neonatal care

Jonathon Swan
Grandson of Pat Swan
Graduated from Medical School at A.T. Still University of Arizona
Is now a psychiatrist at University of Minnesota Medical School

Ziema West
Daughter of Asta Sepetys
Graduated from UW-Whitewater with a Master's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders
Is currently looking for a position as a Speech Pathologist, preferably in the public school system



If we were not aware of a graduate, please contact the Membership Support Mission and let us know! Email Lesta Searles at lbsearles59@aol.com.



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>

- September** "Salt of the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys
- 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

Jay's Socks! Don't Forget to Vote!

Jay Wolf is the organist at Lake Edge Lutheran Church. Online worship has given us a closer view of Jay as he plays, and many of you have commented on Jay's sock collection. Now you have an opportunity to vote for your favorite pair of Jay's socks! During the month of August, Jay featured a different pair of socks from his collection every week (pictured below). We have been tracking his stylish footwear in the weekly e-letter. Voting began following the August 30th service, and continues through September 10th. Email your votes to Mary Graper at mags0519@hotmail.com. The winning pair of socks will be revealed on Rally Sunday, September 13th. The last day to cast your vote will be Thursday, September 10th.



Jay Wolf, LELC Organist and Sock Aficionado



Jay's Socks Week 1: August 2, 2020



Jay's Socks Week 2: August 9, 2020



Jay's Socks Week 3: August 16, 2020



Jay's Socks Week 4: August 23, 2020



Jay's Socks Week 5: August 30, 2020

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 (see page 14 for more info) and the recent upswing in COVID-19 cases in Dane County, the Church Council has decided to continue online worship through October 31.

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 landline. Use the key pad to enter the meeting ID and password)

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.

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

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!

Help With Mulching Needed!

We are in need of help with spreading 5 yards of mulch, and with other yard work on the church property. You are invited to stop by when you have the time. Please contact Jeff Meicher for information on where mulch is to be spread, other work that needs to be done and tools you will need. Thanks!
Jeff Meicher: 608-441-0721.

Centering Prayer: Zoom



Sundays, 10:00 am

Meeting number:

891-1479-5135

Sunday Centering Prayer at 10am, meeting number is 891 1479 5135. 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



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

On August 8, 2020, 6 of us gathered in Good Shepherd Hall and as we were safely distanced and masked, we put together 143 Personal Care Kits. In a matter of 2 hours, we assembled, tied, boxed, taped, and labeled Lake Edge's contribution of Personal Care Kits for LWR shipment on September 26, 2020. Great job, gals! Thanks to Sharon Kreul, Deb Jenson, Chris Maloney, Cheryl Jensen, Mary Ann Jerred, and Joan Martin for providing their time on that Saturday morning.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits Return School Kits by September 7

Our next big boxing will be School Kits. Time is growing short! Please return completed School Kits by September 7. We already have 49 School Kits boxed. We have the potential to complete 163 School Kits.

Thanks to all who have contributed for Personal Care Kits and all who are filling School Kits. In these times of COVID-19, we are doing GREAT!

Thanks to Jon Fadness for providing our packing boxes. Global Outreach Mission

Boxcar Loading Day



Saturday, September 26th is Boxcar Loading Day for Lutheran World Relief. We are looking for "Transporters" to take our boxes to the Boxcar Loading Site. Meet at church at 8:00 am. Load our boxes into your car, van or truck and

take to the site on East Johnson Street. The time commitment is approximately one hour. Contact please call Joan Martin at 839-1370! Thanks for your willingness to help.



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

Luke House, as we knew it, will not be the same in the future.

We will not be providing any chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, or desserts this coming August 6th, or September 3rd. for sure, and maybe beyond that.

Luke House is not open for a sit-down meal since it closed mid-March. Luke House is open, but Matt Rogge (Director) and Sarah, his helper, are serving bag lunches 9 times a week. Sunday through Thursday, evening bag lunches and Monday through Thursday noon lunches. They are averaging between 65 to 85 bag lunches twice daily. Matt is considering using several volunteers, but because we are one of the "oldest" groups as well as his largest, he did not feel that he could even consider to ask us for volunteers.

Matt did say that each church group that provides a meal for Luke House has been providing, through donations by check, the cost of their meal they would have normally provided.

So, continue to keep Luke House in your prayers and if you can contribute do so by writing your check to Lake Edge and designate it to be paid to Luke House.

Matt and Sarah are both well and have remained safe and their families as well.

Thank you so much for your continuing support over the years, it is so much appreciated.

Continue to be safe and stay well.

Joan Martin

Arts & Crafts for Criminal Justice Reform



Lake Edge Lutheran is a member of MOSES, the local interfaith community organization advocating for a comprehensive reform of our criminal justice system. MOSES is planning to hold an arts and crafts sale early in December, and we need art work and crafted items to sell. Are you an artist or a crafts-person? Do you know any artists or craftspeople who might be interested in helping to support our criminal justice reform advocacy with their art? To learn more about the sale or to share the names of possible artist contacts, please connect with Bonnie Magnuson: Bonniemagnuson@gmail.com. To learn more about MOSES, please connect with Lucy Gibson, our MOSES representative to Lake Edge this year. Her email address is lucyoflakeedge@gmail.com, and her phone # is 608-221-3258. (Please be patient with the answering machine!)

Christmas in July?

Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign

Thanks to Lucy Gibson, Deb Jensen, Chris Maloney and Dale Dull who each rang the helping bell at Metro Market. We each had a one hour shift in support of the programs that are supported by the Salvation Army. It was surprising how many customers at Metro Market dipped into their pockets to put a few dollars into the kettle even during the time of COVID. Wherever there is a need, the Salvation Army is there.

LELC will once again be "ringing the bell" during the holiday season. Be on the look out for a chance to ring in support of our community in the fall.

chrisvmaloney@yahoo.com



**Deb Jensen
at Metro Market**

Healing House

The Healing House is a place a homeless child or family member can go to heal after surgery. Lake Edge has partnered with UCC, (United Church of Christ) to provide meals to the families who are temporarily housed there due to surgery or childbirth. There are 63 medical respites in the United States; Healing House is the first in Wisconsin. Madison's Healing House is at 303 Lathrop Street. It is an eight bed facility. They need our help with meals for the residents.

Our dates are September 13-19. Our church will be responsible for a day or two, not the entire week. Anita and I are looking for individuals who have an interest in this volunteer opportunity. Even if you are vaguely interested please contact one of us so we can put you on a call back list for helping. Because of COVID it is not clear, right now if we will be able to provide a hot meal or just the groceries.

Chris Maloney: chrisvmaloney@yahoo.com;
608-358-5248. Anita Grue: anita51_98@yahoo.com;
608-6980345



From the Knit & Crochet Group



Wonders of wonders! In conjunction with our South Central Synod's in-gathering of homemade items, a truck was enlisted to take baby blankets to Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis.

We collected 18 blankets from Joanne Wallendal, 6 from Dorothy Nesbit and 5 from Bonnie Gudmandsen. Mary Graper and her granddaughters packed them into 4 boxes and took them to

News from the Women of Lake Edge Lutheran (WELCA)

WELCA Board Meeting

Our board met on July 28 and several decisions were discussed. Because we are not open due to COVID-19, we are unable to proceed with Lefse baking and our Annual Bake Sale. Hopefully we can do it in 2021.

We voted to get the entire first floor carpeting cleaned including office areas paid for with WELCA funds after BoxCar shipping day (September 26).

If we are open by January 2021, there is a possibility of having "An Afternoon of Reflection" during Epiphany.

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>

the Synod office. A good amount of postage was saved! Hurray for all at LELC who knit and crochet! We are an amazing group.

During the closure of the church building, we are making our items at home. We Zoom every other week and share (virtually) what we have been making. Our next Zoom is August 31st. Contact Mary Graper if you want to join the Zoom gathering.



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.

Call Committee: Ministry Site Profile Katrina, Call Committee Chair, walked through the Ministry Site Profile for the council, answering questions and providing suggested wording changes and feedback. Katrina also walked through the draft compensation and benefits package, which follows synod guidelines. The site profile is what's used by the Synod to identify potential Pastors for Call Committee consideration. Based on the discussion, Dan moved and Al seconded that the council approve the revised ministry site profile as presented. Motion Carried.

Next the Call Committee will be meeting with the synod to review the ministry site profile and begin the search process.

Review Minutes of May 18, 2020: Ron moved and Lesta seconded that the minutes of July 20, 2020 be approved. Motion Carried.

Review of Financial Dashboard

Dan reviewed the July 31 financial dashboard, the detailed statement of activities, and our dedicated council accounts. Our total income is below plan by \$9,589, which is mainly due to member giving being under budget. We are ahead of plan on principal reduction giving, but that goes directly to reducing our debt versus helping with operational budget.

We expect that we might end the year about \$10,000 below budgeted member giving by the end of the year. Some of the income below plan is for visitor offerings, which we don't anticipate making up during this year with continued on-line services. That reduction to income will total about \$13,000. So a total of \$22,000 to \$25,000 below offering budget. 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. Our budget situation can help propel us into a new year with a new pastor.

On the expense side, we are under budget by almost \$35,000 through July. So overall, we are ahead of total budget by just over \$25,000.

We have also reduced our loan principle by \$51,665 so far this year, which includes principle reduction gifts and gifts committee matching of approximately \$39,000.

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

Sunday School -Pastor Martha is meeting this week with the Sunday School teachers to prepare for zoom Sunday School for the foreseeable future. We will also be plan-

ning a special approach to the Christmas program. Going to send out a survey to families, asking them if they prefer live zoom or recorded sessions. Teachers like offering the live zoom sessions, while recording it for future viewing if needed.

Book of Faith - Meeting with the Book of Faith bible study group to determine whether we will offer a zoom bible study this fall.

Mission Reports for Council Awareness or Approval

Church & Family Fellowship - Mary - Yesterday was the road scavenger hunt, with 5 different cars / families. They are also determining whether we can offer a safe, socially distanced trunk or treat event for Halloween. Also discussing trying to get together small groups of people in person, outside, with appropriate social distancing, masks, etc. This is in conjunction with the member support mission. The many zoom get together of different groups are continuing.

Education - Mark - no report.

Finance & Property - Al - No update since missions. Still trying to get a third bid for updating our fire alarm system. We expect the total cost to be approximately \$20,000. We are planning to pay half from our Noah property fund and half from a gifts committee request. That much use of gifts committee funds would require congregational approval since it is over \$5,000 and not in their budget.

Membership Support - Lesta - Looking into offering small groups of members meeting outside, social distanced, masks, etc. These would be offered this fall, while the weather is still amenable to meeting outside. People would bring their own chair. They would be just an informal get together for members. Planning in coordination with fellowship.

Ministry Support - Ron - No updates since mission meeting last week.

Peace & Justice - Sharon - Boxed up the 143 personal care kits and 49 school kits so far with more to come (due back by September 6). The knitters gave six sweaters to a local church and 29 baby blankets for global health ministry.

Worship - Karen - Thinking about rally Sunday and the potential to highlight some work from our children. Judy is providing updates on the worship task force and plans for live worship. Looking into parking lot worship offering in the fall, with some type of communion.

President / President Elect

Congregational Meeting - George - The potential agenda would include: call committee, worship plans, finance

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update / stewardship plans, and potential approval of funds for an updated fire alarm system. Dan moved and Al seconded that we hold a congregational meeting for the above topics on Sunday, October 11 at 11 am. Motion carried.

Worship Task Force - Jim - With the recorded on-line services continuing through the end of October, the task force is focused on preparing to return to in person services by creating the instructions, training, messaging, and signs needed (and many required) that we'll need when reopening.

Reminders

- Dialogue Articles due Sunday, August 23
- Next mission meeting: Monday, September 14 from 6:45 to 8:00 via zoom
- Prep meeting for Pres, Pres elect, Treasurer and Pastor: Monday, September 14, 6 pm via zoom

Next Meeting September 21, 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 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.



Good News From the LELC Call Committee

On Wednesday, August 19, 2020, the LELC Call Committee officially submitted the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). As you may recall, the MSP is the initial part of the Call process. The profile is a detailed

written description of our church – including such items as our membership size, our mission, our organizational structure and outreach efforts. It specifies our needs and expectations for those seeking a pastoral position, and serves as an ELCA sponsored publicizing instrument. Now that the MSP has been posted, the Call Administrator will begin forwarding to us applications from interested persons.

Our many thanks to all of you who have helped us by providing the necessary information for the MSP. The Call Committee asks for your continued prayers and support as we proceed.

Financial Dashboard for July, 2020

LELC Dashboard				
Statement of Activities				
Actual vs. Budget thru July 31, 2020				
INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Variance	Last year
Member Giving	236,885	247,733	-10,848	261,162
Principal Reduction Giving	26,972	17,420	9,552	0
Building Debt Service	16,911	15,604	1,307	30,626
Other Offering	2,019	10,384	-8,365	12,212
Other Income	5,098	6,333	-1,235	13,189
TOTAL INCOME	287,885	297,474	-9,589	317,189
EXPENSES				
Salaries	110,943	115,912	-4,969	167,710
Benefits	18,368	21,316	-2,948	32,244
Support	45	729	-684	1,160
Administrative	15,253	18,914	-3,661	17,814
Utilities	16,381	19,247	-2,866	17,676
Ins. & Debt Service	61,227	58,139	3,088	42,806
Benevolences	2,500	7,175	-4,675	4,600
--MISSIONS--				
Worship	1,954	4,173	-2,219	2,983
Education	0	1,808	-1,808	359
Membership Support	31	729	-698	36
Ministry Support	1,306	2,015	-709	1,470
Church & Family Fellowship	400	1,791	-1,391	2,073
Youth Fellowship	0	350	-350	273
Peace & Justice	73	409	27	28
Finance & Property	21,532	30,921	-9,389	13,937
Miscellaneous Transfers	39	0	39	-40
TOTAL EXPENSES	250,052	283,628	-33,576	305,129
Year-to-Date (Income-Expenses)	37,833	13,846	23,987	12,060
Checking Account Status				
General Operating Checking Balance*	69,833	As of 07/31/2020		
Ave. Monthly Expenses	44,014	Ave. based on 12 Months		
No. of Mos. Coverage (Goal: 2.0)	1.59			
Mortgage				
	Int Rate	Mo Pymt	Balance	2020 change
Thrivent Financial as of 07/31/2020	4.75%	\$5,291	\$835,757	(\$51,665)
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				
Membership				
				2020
Baptized Members				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!

Madison Homeless Resources

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

Resuming In-Person Worship Task Force Update

We know you miss each other desperately and we're all eager to return to in-person worship. We're thankful for your flexibility, faithfulness and care for one another! We'll resume 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 **October 31**.

Task Force Status

Teams & Tasks to Resume Services: The Resuming In-Person Worship Task Force is defining one-time tasks and the teams of people needed to resume services under the guidelines:

One-Time Tasks

- Create hygiene, cleaning and protective measures policies
- Decide worship time(s)
- Communicate plans
- Prepare building
- Train staff and members

Weekly Worship Support

- Pastor, musical leaders, lectors
- Administrative, financial, technology
- Altar Guild
- Sanctuary preparation
- Regular cleaning plus special sanitizing
- Welcome desk, greeters, ushers

Research: The Task Force is continuing to actively review the latest recommendations, guidelines and data from health officials, the ELCA, the Wisconsin Council of Churches, Dane County and the state for resuming in-person worship during the pandemic. On July 30, the Wisconsin Council of Churches released updated worship recommendations. You can read their complete report at <https://www.wichurches.org/2020/07/30/returning-to-church-july-2020-recommendations>. Here's their brief summary, which we're reviewing to consider how it affects our decisions:

- "Current conditions of COVID spread warrant a return to online-only worship and online options for most ministries. If you cannot move these fully online, we urge you to roll back to an earlier stage in your re-opening plans that involve less physical interaction."
- "Use a longer decision-making time frame. For many reasons, including the mental and emotional health of leaders, it would be wise to hold off reconsidering gathering until mid-September – meaning at the earliest, an October re-entry into our physical spaces of ministry. Considering an even later date is not an overreaction."
- "Begin adjusting your thinking about Advent and Christmas. The collision of COVID and flu season will mean that many treasured rituals and expectations will be affected. It will likely be very difficult, if not impossible, to gather safely."

What Can You Do While Waiting for In-Person Services?

Watch or Listen to our virtual worship services: Watch our online services on **YouTube** at <https://bit.ly/3amB2nE>, call 1-833-273-2540 to **listen** to the most recent service, or watch our recorded services on **DVDs**. (See the "LELC Worship Continues: Online, By Telephone, On DVD" article for the details.)

Reach out to each other:

- Call a friend. Call someone you haven't seen recently. Call a member who's staying safer at home.
- Meet a small group of your church friends in your driveway, at a park or in the church parking lot. (Remember to wear a mask, bring your own chair and sit at least six feet apart.)
- Contact church to set up a Zoom session with a group of your church friends.
- Join our Sunday morning Zoom fellowship at 9:00.

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

Road Rally Report!

What do “Lucky Bucky” “Love Bug” “J.J.” “Raptor” and “Wild Women” have in common? They were the “names” of the cars that attended the Road Rally on a Sunday afternoon in August. And what fun they had! (Where was the yellow barn? Did you find the heart-shaped cemetery monument? How many silos did you count?)

As for who’s “best”—all cars were so successful (97-100%) with their “discoveries” and so close in time—that the Fellowship mission is declaring everyone “Winners!” Hurray for silliness and fun!



Church & Family Fellowship Mission: Mary Graper (center right), Fay Hanson (far right); Volunteers Bonnie Gudmandsen (far left), Pat Swan (center left)



Lesta Searles & granddaughter, Kayla



Chris Maloney Dull & Dale Dull



Judy & Jim St. Vincent



Kaelin & Joe Fountaine Axel and Alma.



Carol Cass & mother-in-law Margaret

Brat Fest “Earnings”

This year, Brat Fest did not happen. Since this is a way that many, many local charitable organizations earn money for their projects, their teams, and their summer trips, it was obvious that these organizations would be having hard times ahead. So, the Metcalfs, who sponsor the Brat Fest, appealed to the community for donations which would go to all the hard-working charities. Then, they divided it and sent us our portion—\$317.

Our workers decided to contribute this to Lake Edge Lutheran’s Pastor’s Emergency Fund—for Members.



Something New! Lake Edge Lutherans Catching Up!

Lake Edge’s Membership Support Mission was recently zooming and thinking of how much we missed seeing our fellow Lake Edge members in person. We hatched an idea to have small, outdoor gatherings in order to “catch up” with people in our church family. Since visiting outside is considered acceptable, we decided to set up opportunities to meet while the weather is pleasant and inviting. The sites might be a driveway, a backyard, a park, large patio, church parking lot or any area where people can spread out.

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 suggested.

We plan to have two different times and locations each week.

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.

Please watch each week’s email-newsletter for upcoming Catching up 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.

Lake Edge Lutheran Church September, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please call the church office to learn how/if individual groups are meeting. 608-222-7339						
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering	Labor Day	Worship Recording - Sanctuary	9am Quilters			
9:30am Worship	Office Closed	11am Staff Meeting	9am Quilters			
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom	School Kits Due Back to LELC	1pm Deborah Circle	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom			
	1pm Knitters: Zoom	6:30pm Gifts Committee	7:30pm Choir			
	7pm Book Club: Zoom	7pm Salome Circle Zoom				
		7pm Altar Guild: Zoom				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Rally Sunday	1pm Knitters: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom	7pm Book of Faith Bible Study: Zoom		8:30am Yard Work Day
Zoom Sunday School	6pm Council Preparation	11am Staff Meeting				
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering	6:45pm Mission Meetings: Zoom	1pm Rhoda Circle				
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom		2pm SCSW Interim Pastors Meeting				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Dialogue Articles Due	1pm Knitters: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary				7am LWR Boxcar Loading Day
Zoom Sunday School	6:45pm Church Council: Zoom	11am Staff Meeting	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom	7pm Book of Faith Bible Study: Zoom		
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering		1:30pm WELCA	7:30pm Choir			
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom						
27	28	29	30			
Zoom Sunday School	1pm Knitters: Zoom	Worship Recording - Sanctuary				
9am Coffee Hour-Zoom Gathering		11am Staff Meeting	6:30pm Call Committee: Zoom			
10am Centering Prayer: Zoom						

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>