

THE GOOD NEWS

THE NORTHWOOD-WASHINGTON LUTHERAN PARISH July 2024

Washington Church Worship Ministers:

Ushers: Gail Ducioame
Audrey Pederson

NELC Worship Ministers:

Ushers: Brian Jodock
Virgil Sheggerud

NELC's 150th Anniversary souvenirs are for sale for in the hallway at the church. Prices are: ornament - \$8.00; insulated tote bag - \$9.50; travel mugs -\$16.00; sticky notes - \$4.50; pens - \$2.00; spoons (from the 125th Anniversary) - \$5.00.

Our parish has purchased 20 tickets to the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks baseball

 **doubleheader** on Friday, July 19, with fireworks afterwards. Tickets are \$13 each. If you would like to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the Bethany Room at NELC or call the church office at 701-587-5381.

First come, first served. We can order more if needed.

Joint Council Meeting is Sunday, July 7 following worship and lunch at Washington Church.

NELC will not be having a council meeting in July.



The **Washington Ladies** will be **selling baked goods** at Old Fashioned Saturday at the community center on June 27.

We will be having a **joint worship service** at 9 am July 7 at Washington Church, followed by a potluck dinner. Grilled brats, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, with potluck salads and desserts.



Everyone is welcome to come!

Mark your calendars for VBS 2024!

Monday, July 15 - Thursday, July 18, 2024, 6-8pm ; Ages 3 – 12 years old are welcome.



Registration is at the door the first night.

VBS is looking for donations of 3 jelly roll pans of: Rice Krispies bars, scotcheros and brownies. They also need Band-aids, sharpies, packing tape, paper plates, paper cups and monetary donations to help pay for t-shirts. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for these items or call the church office. Thank you.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the **summer school meals**.

There will not be an August Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way by bringing items, helping set up or clean up after the **rummage sale** at NELC.

The **Thursday Bible Study** will start up again in the fall. Watch for announcements.

From Vicar Steve

If you don't know who Rob Bell is, he is a former Pastor and currently makes his living as an author, podcaster and speaker. I have used his Nooma video series for years in my confirmation classes. He came to fame by making a case that the traditional concept of hell and the way the church condemned people for their sins was not scripturally sound. His book "Love Wins" caused so much controversy in the church that he had to leave his pastoral call. What I have always found interesting about that situation is why on earth would it make people so upset to hear that they are not the judge and jury and that only God has the authority on such matters? Rob Bell's answer to them was that we serve a God who loves all of humanity, forgives us of sins, and wants nothing but good for each and every one of us. It perplexes me that so many respond in anger to this concept.

Too often these days I am seeing our holy scriptures used by people to decide who God doesn't love. People cherry pick verses from places like Leviticus or take out of context something Jesus said so that the words support their agenda. You see people trying to force their "Christian" ideals on others while completely ignoring the fact that forcing or indoctrinating of the Christian faith is wholly UnChristian. To me, when you do this, you are being disrespectful and careless with the word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says that "¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." That means that we must treat our Bible with the utmost respect and care so that we can learn from it, analyze the context of the passages, while also understanding that the words were written by flawed human hands. We should always be noticing where God is speaking through the writers and the words. I always defer to the greatest commandment of Jesus to love one another as he loved us because he said that it was more important than all the law and the prophets. As this passage from Timothy says, scripture exists to equip us for every good work. Our call is to love our fellow people as Jesus did. When you read your Bible always think about how God is telling you to act with kindness and compassion towards your neighbor and understand that scripture is never a license to exclude people, treat them poorly, or heap condemnation on them. Amen

Washington Council Minutes

Washington Church Council Meeting
June 23, 2004

The council meeting was called to order by President Cecil Tinderholt. Also present were Michael Loewen, Mary Gravdahl, Chris Moore, Craig Hanson, and church treasurer David Mullet.

New Business:

1. The main order of business was to determine if Washington Church wanted to donate money to help the families of the 2 staff members that lost their lives in a vehicle accident. One of the staff that lost her life was from Columbia and brought here by the International Exchange of North America (IENA) and the American Summer Camp program. IENA is graciously assisting in coordination of travel arrangements and financially supporting travel and lodging for one family member. They hope to raise funds to support two more family members who plan to join them to bring their daughter home.

There was discussion about in the future, travelers' insurance should be purchased in case unforeseen issues come up in the future. Cecil will mention to Steve DeKrey that the synod has a discussion on that matter.

The motion was made by Micheal Loewen that we give \$1,000.00 to help the family with travel and lodging. 2nd by Chris Moore. Was voted on and passed unanimously.

2. The church organ needs an electronic motherboard. We are waiting for an estimate of cost before any more decisions are made. It was mentioned that we still have the Kurzwel and the piano if the costs of the repairs are not feasible.

Old Business:

The phone system was discussed, and Craig Hanson looked at the telephone box outside the building and did not see any wires outside, so all the wiring is internal to the church. Inspection inside the building originating from the outside could not be found. More troubleshooting will have to be done with possible new wiring installed to the phone in the kitchen.

Michael said that Polar is still an option, but we would be responsible for the wiring from the outside fiber.

Meeting was adjourned.
Craig Hanson, Secretary

NELC Memorials

Gifts and memorials given at Northwood for the month of June:

Elnor Thompson

To the General Fund: Bill & Myrna Johnson

Ken Koch

To the General Fund: Jim & Char Voigt

Della Tufte

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson, Dave & Deb Aaland

Lyle Hjelmstad

To the General Fund: Rod & Sandy Gabrielson

In Honor of Brooke Bina's Baptism

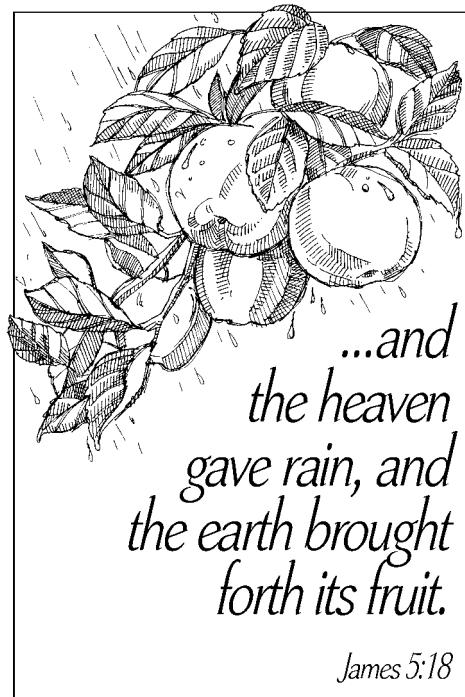
To the General Fund: Ed & Tracy Bina

Charles Gehrke

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Sherri Beth Evanson

To the General Fund: Dave & Deb Aaland



Church Council

NELC Council Minutes June 9th, 2024

Council Members Present: President Mark Engen, Dan Turner, Ed Bina, Nate Korsmo, Wade Bilden, Pete Antonson, Bob Bilden, Angela Lyste, Nancy Hall, and Vicar Steve DeKrey

President Mark Engen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Steve led prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 5, 2024 meeting reviewed. One correction to be made- change date from "Minutes from March 10, 2024 meeting reviewed" to "Minutes from April 14, 2024 meeting reviewed". Pete made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Wade second; minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed. Dan questioned what would be done with both CDs at Bravera as they are both coming due over the summer. With no big projects coming up in the foreseeable future, it was recommended to roll both CDs over as is. Pete made a motion to approve rolling over the CDs, Nancy second. With ownership switching over where we get our propane, Pete will check on how payments will work moving forward and if they will still accept the same prepay. The Treasurer's report approved.

Pastor's Report: Vicar Steve shared that Mark, Ashley, Chris Moore, and Mary Gravdahl went to the Synod Assembly. The church received recognition and a certificate from the Bishop regarding our 150th. Steve was recognized for his presentation on Dungeons and Dragons. The budget for the Synod was also discussed. Churches could send in their intended giving amount which would help in making their budget as well. They will be electing a new Bishop next July in Phoenix. Steve also shared that he met with the Education committee. There will be a parent meeting in August. Confirmation will switch to 6th-8th graders and 5th graders will stay in church school and not start confirmation. They also plan to move confirmation class from after school to 6:00 or 7:00. Steve and Gail will teach together and will also need parent volunteers to help out. After confirmation class, they will also hold Youth Group with 6th-12th graders. 9th graders will be confirmed in October and will not need to attend the confirmation classes, but could attend Youth Group. They will meet a few different times prior to the October date to go over some things.

Committee Reports:

Property & Management: Brian Danzl fixed up the front hall. Nikki took care of the bill. Shingles were also fixed. Dan shared a chair dolly that could be beneficial in moving the chairs around now that the floors have been redone. It would cost around \$350. Dan made a motion to approve purchasing the dolly; Pete second; Motion to purchase the chair dolly was approved. Dan will meet with Deb to get it ordered.

Music & Worship: No report

Education: Included in Steve's update.

Finance: No report

Old Business: A photographer was found for the 150th celebration. July 7th will be the next Joint council meeting. There will be no NELC Council meeting that day. Worship will be held at 9, lunch will follow around 10. The meeting will be held following the lunch and clean up around 11:30.

New Business: Steve will be at Red Willow Bible Camp the week of July 21-26th. Dan mentioned bringing up fundraising for the 2027 youth gathering so some of our youth would be able to attend.

For the Good of the Parish: Youth will have Camp Castaway in the fall. Steve thought it was for 6th-10th graders but would need to double check. Steve will get dates and would like to take a group.

Next NELC Council Meeting will be August 11, following church.

Next Joint Council Meeting will be July 7 at Washington following lunch.

President Mark declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40.

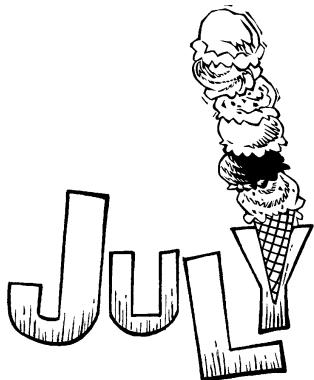
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Angela Lyste, Secretary

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Pastor's office hours: 8 am - 2:30 pm, Monday & Tuesday; 8 am - 5 pm Wednesday;
8 am - 3 pm Thursday

Parish Assistant's office hours: 8:30 am to 3 pm Monday thru Friday

Sunday Worship services at Washington Church start at 9 am

Sunday Worship services at Northwood Evangelical Lutheran Church start at 11 am

The worship service is livestreamed on our website: www.northwoodwashingtonparish.org

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