

THE GOOD NEWS

THE NORTHWOOD-WASHINGTON LUTHERAN PARISH October 2024

Washington Church Worship Ministers:

Ushers: Gail Ducioame, Chris Moore

NELC Worship Ministers:

Ushers: Gordon Hall, Tom Metz

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Wednesday, October 9 we will be partnering with area ELCA churches for a service project, meal, music and fellowship at the Grand Forks Town Square.

5:30—6:30 pm meal and service project

6:30—7:30 pm music and fellowship.

The service project is putting together Lutheran World Relief school kits. We will also be collecting food and personal care items for St. Joseph's food pantry. Items needed are: pasta, peanut butter, canned meat, cereal, instant potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables, feminine care products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors & shaving cream.

Washington WELCA has 9 am quilting and 11 am business meeting on Monday, October 7 (note change of day).

Northwood will be collecting items for the **Northwood Food Pantry** the months of October and November. Items needed: toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, pasta sauce, chili, bush beans, hamburger helper, Rice A Roni, juices, soap, cookies, peanut butter, spam, cold cereal, any and all canned goods (no pasta noodles or Ramen). Keep in mind most of the clients need only small, single serving cans, not large family size.



The fall **"Christ in Our Home"** devotionals are here. Remember to pick one up.

The **Bible Study** with Vicar Steve meets at Washington Church at 10 am on Thursdays.

The **Northwood-Washington Youth** are selling **wreaths**. If you are interested in ordering one, talk to them before or after worship.

Youth Chili Feed

Our Youth will be hosting a chili feed at NELC on Wednesday, October 23, 6-7:30 pm. We are hoping to have a chili cook-off. If you make a mean chili, consider bringing it to the chili feed. The Youth will be making a mild chili with all the fixings. Free will offering will go towards the parish youth fund. They could use a few desserts and corn bread, if anyone is willing to bring one, it would be appreciated.

The Youth will be serving a **pancake breakfast** Sunday, November 17 at Washington Church. More details in the November Newsletter.



Confirmation Class will not meet at 6 pm on October 9, 16, or 23.

No Youth Group October 9, 16, or 23.

The **9th Grade confirmation class** meets at 12 noon on Sunday, October 13.

No Sunday School on October 20 at NELC.

Help is needed to trim the shrubs around NELC at 10 am Monday and Tuesday, October 14 & 15. Bring your hedge trimmers and clippers.

NELC Council Meeting 12:30 pm Sunday, October 13.

Joint Council Meeting 1:30 pm., Sunday, October 13.

From Vicar Steve

Numbers 11:26-29

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Ever since this reading from Numbers came up in the lectionary it's been on my mind daily. A little context. The people are complaining at Moses that they want meat. They remind him of all the good food they had when they were still slaves, and say they were better off back then. Moses, feeling the burden of leadership begs to God to end all of this. He is tired, he is weary of the people's constant requests, and he curses God for making him a prophet. So, The Lord has an idea. They bring 70 men to the tent of meeting and the spirit of the Lord comes to them and they begin to prophesy in the camp, answering some of the requests of the people. There are two men however, Eldad and Medad, who were not at that meeting. They also go out to prophecy in the camp and Joshua essentially runs to Moses to tattle on them. Moses responds to Joshua that he wishes all of God's people were prophets. He wishes the spirit of the Lord was on everyone. Fast forward much later to the Pentecost story where the Spirit of the Lord does come to everyone.

Sometimes leaders in the church can feel a little like Moses. I will admit that I am guilty of putting too many things on the schedule. I over commit to people. I stretch myself too thin. I end up paying for it. Just this morning as I write this, my alarm went off and I meant to get up, but I ended up sleeping too late. We are all guilty of this and it's a product of the world we live in.

Something I've noticed as of late in our church parish among our congregation members is that people will have an idea, and then come to me with it either looking for approval, or the idea that I will make that idea happen. Everyone means well, but I want everyone to know that if the spirit moves you towards something, then you should go for it. One of the unintended consequences of having a stable church leader is that congregations can get into a mindset of learned helplessness. This actually causes nothing to get accomplished because at some point, your leader just runs out of time and energy and burns out. When the spirit came to all God's people on Pentecost, Moses got his wish. God did not want the church to be set up as a hierarchy where one person is the driving force behind everything. God wanted the church to be a group of believers who all have gifts and talents they can bring that benefit the mission to love and serve our neighbors. Nothing brings me greater joy than when my congregations come up with new forms of ministry to serve the community and then they make those things happen independent of me. As an intern and Pastor in training, yes, I have some things that I want to do with our church community and I will drive them, but more often what I would love to be is your cheerleader and advocate. I encourage all of you to take that chance you've been thinking about. Find the people in this congregation and community that can help bring your ideas to life. God gave you the spirit the same as everyone else, and I believe in all of you. I believe in the wonderful things we can do together. Amen

Vicar Steve

Washington Church Council

Washington Church Council Meeting September 15, 2024 (Unapproved)

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

Secretary's Report:

Craig handed out the previous meeting minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Chris, 2nd by Mary. Motion passed.

Treasure's Report:

David handed out and read the report. The motion to accept the report made by Craig, and 2nd by Chris. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Craig reported that the phone system has been repaired and found that the problem was caused by CenturyLink and not within the church. Michael will now check the prices with Polar.

The organ was also discussed and was decided to let Diane Nelson determine when to retire the organ.

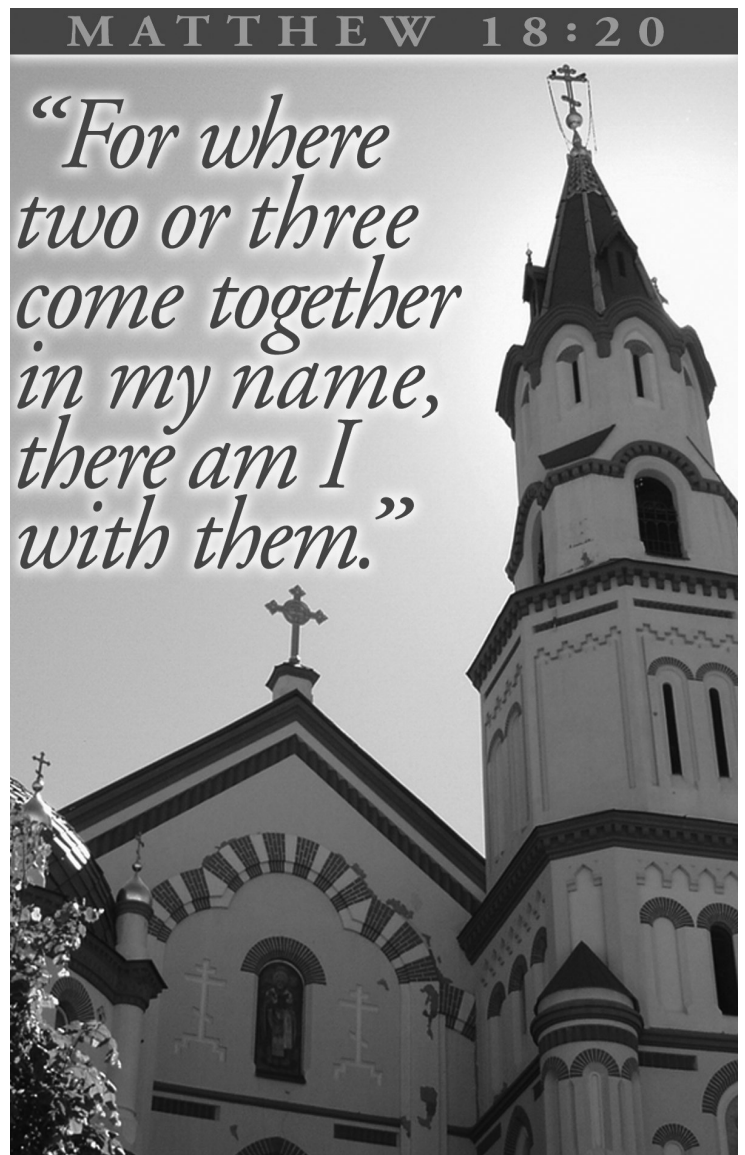
The backup music system was also discussed, and we need to have multiple people to know how to run the system.

New Business:

The stairway in the back of the church was discussed. It was mentioned that we need to check the feasibility of extending the stairway to bring it up to code. Michael and Cecil will check with other members of the church to request estimates from construction companies.

Meeting adjourned.

Craig Hanson, Secretary



NELC Church Council

NELC Council Minutes September 8th, 2024 (Unapproved)

Council Members Present: President Mark Engen, Dan Turner, Ed Bina, Angela Lyste, Nancy Hall, and Vicar Steve DeKrey

President Mark Engen called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. Steve led prayer.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the August 18, 2024 meeting reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes. Ed second; minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was shared by Mark. Nikki was wondering about Skip's prepay. This is due at the end of the month. Dan made a motion to prepay for 4,000 gallons @ \$1.59/gallon for a total of \$6,360. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mark will let Nikki know.

Pastor's Report: Vicar Steve shared that there is a lot going on in the church! Next week we'll be kicking off confirmation and church school. Steve felt that the 7:00 pm time for confirmation was well accepted. The parent meeting for confirmation went well and was well attended. The church school meeting was not as well attended. They are not really sure what to expect for Church school this Sunday and how many will attend. Deb has offered to take the younger group (preschool and kindergarten) separately. The new curriculum looked good.

There will be 11 kids going to Castaway Camp and they are working on transportation. Jimmy Mutchler and Tera Brucker are chaperones. There will also be some fundraisers coming up. On October 23, the confirmation group will be doing a chili supper and November 17 will be a pancake breakfast at Washington. Deb is also going to be assisting with wreath sales. Steve shared that all of his paperwork is due November 13 and will wait for approval on December 13. Steve will be at a Pastor's conference and will meet with Deacon Laura

to set up a timeline of how the next few months will look. Worship attendance has been good and today's outdoor service attendance was about 65.

October 9 there will be no confirmation. NELC will be participating in "God's work, Our Hands" in Grand Forks. NELC needs to work on putting together a Call Committee. There can be an equal number of members from Washington and NELC, though it may be beneficial to have an odd number so there are no ties.

Committee Reports:

Property & Management: Mark hasn't heard anything about lawn mowing. The edging that needs to be replaced and will get done in the spring. The edging materials will get picked up in the spring when they are ready to begin. Mark will check with Drew Suby about snow removal. The ramp is back in place, but will need the corners to be painted yellow so they stand out to drivers.

Music & Worship: No report

Education: Included in Steve's update.

Finance: No report

Old Business: Souvenirs are still out but are no longer being advertised. They are not up on the website yet.

New Business: Mark, Nate, and Dan's council terms will be up this year.

For the Good of the Parish: Next NELC Council Meeting will be October 13, following church. Next Joint Council Meeting will be October 13 following separate council meetings.

President Mark declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Angela Lyste, Secretary

Washington Gifts and Memorials

Gifts and memorials given at Washington:

Karl A. Kappedal

To Washington Church: Rebecca Atkinson

Mary Haraldson

To the Cemetery Fund: Larry & Diane Strom

Judy Wheeler

To the Cemetery Fund: Craig & Shari Hanson, Ron & Marilyn Roch, Ila Dahlen, Larry & Diane Strom, Dave & Deb Aaland, Delvin & Doris Gylten,

To Washington Church: Karissa Colt

NELC Gifts and Memorials

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

Kathleen Kueber

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Brittney Hughes

To the General Fund: Rod & Sandy Gabrielson

Anna Maria Hellman

To the General Fund: Rod & Sandy Gabrielson, Renee Johnson

Arnie Bartelson

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Beverly Sieg

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson, Blanche Thingelstad, Jon & Carol Campbell, Rod & Sandy Gabrielson, Marie Christen, Renee Johnson, Jim & Char Voigt

Gitta Goeser

To the Elevator Fund: Marie Christen

Myrlie Peterson Altergott

To the Elevator Fund: Rodney & Gladyce Peterson

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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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