

THE GOOD NEWS

THE NORTHWOOD-WASHINGTON LUTHERAN PARISH March 2025

Washington Church Worship Ministers:

Ushers: Steve & Ranae Sotvik

NELC Worship Ministers:

Ushers: John Hutchison
Greg Snyder

Washington WELCA Business Meeting and Quilting 9 am, Monday, March 3.

**Two Youth are affirming their faith
at NELC this Sunday, March 2,
Adalyn Metz and Evelyn Mutchler.**



2025 Washington Council

Annette Aird, Mary Gravdahl, Craig Hanson-Secretary, Chris Moore, David Mullet-Treasurer, Cecil Tinderholt-President

2025 NELC Council

Pete Antonson-President, Ed Bina, Bob Bilden, Wade Bilden, Nancy Hall, Karl Jodock, Nikki Korsmo-Treasurer, Angela Lyste-Secretary, Tim Mutchler Jr., Amy Sheggerud

Noisy Offering March 2 goes for The Neighborhood Church

The Neighborhood Church was created in 2020 after Golden Ridge Lutheran in North Fargo closed in 2019. With their assets and building they opened the possibility for a new Mission Development ministry to replace what had once been. Pastor Jessica Olson-Miller began The Neighborhood Church primarily as a food bank and feeding ministry for the North Fargo area, and it has been going strong for 5 years. They host pop up food pantries in their parking lot every Wednesday which are a great opportunity for volunteers to serve and connect with the local community. Recently they have gained a stable congregation and have been able to offer worship experiences and youth programming. Today our noisy offering will go to support Pastor Jessica and her ongoing efforts. The Neighborhood Church is an example of our God that brings new life out of death, and the wonderful things that can happen when we listen to what The Holy Spirit Calls us to.

 NELC is collecting items for the **Northlands Rescue Mission** in March. The shopping cart in the entry is for your donations. Thank you. Items needed are: men's winter gloves L & XL, Men's underwear (new) S-2XL, women's underwear (new) all sizes, twin size fitted sheets, plastic/rubber flip-flops, white undershirts and tank tops, rice, cream of (anything) soup, canned vegetables, noodles, toilet paper, wash cloths, shampoo, body wash, paper towels, shaving cream, razors, tooth paste, toothbrushes (individually wrapped).

The Lent Season starts with Ash Wednesday on March 5. The Ash Wednesday service is at 7 pm at Washington Church.

There will be a light supper served at 6 pm.

Lenten Worship Schedule

(all worship services are at 7 pm)

March 12 at NELC

March 19 at Washington

March 26 at NELC

A light supper will be served at the host church each week 6– 6:45 pm.



There will be **NO confirmation or youth group during Lent**. The confirmands are required to help serve the Lenten suppers and participate in Lenten services each week.

NO Sunday School at NELC or Washington March 23.

Joint Council Minutes

Northwood-Washington Lutheran Parish Joint Council Meeting Minutes- February 2, 2025 (Unapproved)

Members Present: NELC President Pete Antonson, Wade Bilden, Karl Jodock, Amy Sheggerud, Nikki Korsmo, Mike Loewen, Craig Hanson, David Mullet, Bob Bilden, Ed Bina, Mary Gravdahl, Cecil Tinderholt, Annette Aird, Chris Moore, Angela Lyste, and Vicar Steve DeKrey

Members at large- Mark Engen, Dan Turner

NELC President Pete Antonson called the meeting to order at 12:47 pm.

Steve opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report- Approved the minutes from the last Joint Council Meeting from November 10, 2024; Wade motioned; Bob second; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Counting of ballots to approve the 2025 proposed budget from the annual meetings.

Washington Ballots- 16 Yes; 0 No; Craig motion to approve; Chris second; motion carried NELC Ballots- 33 Yes; 1 No; Bob motion to approve; Karl second; Motion carried

Call Committee Report- The committee has a candidate to recommend. The next step is to set a congregational meeting. Each congregation will vote separately and needs $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Members will have to sign in and will also have to approve the salary schedule. The candidate will then have 30 days to accept the call. Chris made a motion to name the negotiation committee for Washington; Karl second; motion approved.

Congregational meetings were set for February 23 at each church; approved. This will be put in the bulletin next week.

Pastor's Report- His internship was done last Friday. February 19 is Youth Night which will be held at Red River High School. Allison Aaland will be driving but will still need extra chaperones. They plan to leave around 5 and get supper before. Coach Bubba will be speaking. Steve also would like to bring the confirmation group over to the funeral home and talk about death and the funeral process and have Patrick Askew show them around and talk about it with them. Lenten services will be starting soon and students and parents will be serving supper like they did last year.

New Business

Chris Moore mentioned that the ladies at Washington would like to celebrate Vicar Steve finishing up his internship and graduating but the council feels like we should hold off on this celebration for right now.

For the Good of the Parish

The next Joint Council meeting will be April 6th following regular council meetings. NELC council meeting will meet at 12:00 on April 6th. Washington council will meet at 12:00 on April 6th .

Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting; Craig second; Motion approved.

NELC President Pete adjourned the meeting at 1:12 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Angela Lyste, Secretary

From Vicar Steve

On February 19th, we took a group of young people to Red River High School in Grand Forks for what we called ELCA Youth Night. It was a great evening! My guess is the kids liked our trip to Pizza Ranch the most, but I hope they got something out of the overall experience. We were fortunate to have former UND football coach Bubba Schweigert on hand to speak to the kids about what being a person of faith looks like, while also being a very public figure. He talked about how his job was to be a football coach, but his vocation was to help lead young men.

We also heard from Deacon Erin Power who heads up action and advocacy for the Eastern ND Synod. One of the things our kids learn at events like this is that they are part of a larger church. I do think it helps them to see about 300 other kids in the room who all go to confirmation class and attend churches just like theirs. Deacon Erin talked about the structure of the Synod, and how she also lives her vocation as an advocate for people who struggle in this state. Deacon Erin works with organizations who rely on state and federal funding to operate, doing things like providing food and shelter for the homeless, providing safe places for underserved groups of people, and working with ministers like me to be more attentive to minority groups we may be serving in our calls.

The message we were trying to convey to our young people is that you may be good at a certain thing, and you may have a job that uses those skills, but what you do is much deeper. Think about your job. Maybe you're a mechanic, maybe you do data entry, maybe you run a register at a store. You may at times wonder if people even care about what you do or if it's even worth it. In some way whether you know it or not, you help others. The grocery store can't operate unless they have someone at the checkout, if the grocery store can't run properly, the people don't have a stable place to go where they can buy food. Maybe you enter data on spreadsheets all day. The data you manage helps an entire operation function properly so they can provide goods and services to people who need them. Young people need to hear these kinds of things more. God works through everything we do, no matter what we do, to serve our communities and the people in them. We don't have to be the greatest or the best, we just need to be ourselves and let God use our gifts and talents to whatever end they may best help people. Martin Luther once said, "God milks the cows through whoever's vocation that is." Take pride and joy in what you do, because you are needed in this world, and you play an important part. Tell the people you love that they are also needed, and what they do matters. Especially, tell your kids that you are proud of them no matter what they choose to do in the future. God has great futures for all of them, and they are sum of the best parts of all of us. Amen.

Vicar Steve

Washington Council Minutes

Washington Church Council February 2, 2025 (unapproved)

Present were President Cecil Tinderholt, sec. Craig Hanson, Chris Moore, Mary Gravdahl, and Annette Aird, and Authorized Minister Steve.

Secretary Report given by Craig Hanson. Motion to Accept by Mary, Second by Chris Treasure's Report given by David Mullet.

Counsel positions were selected except for President and Vice President. The question was brought up if Cecil could be President for a 3rd term. Reason is because Chris being the vice president would normally be moved into president slot but is now also the WELCA President and is to much for one to take on. The congregation will be asked if Cecil can run for the 3rd term. The following positions have been filled:

President –
Vice President-
Secretary - Craig Hanson
Treasurer - David Mullet

Worship & Music - Diane Nelson, Craig Hanson, Mary Gravdahl
Property & Management - Cecil Tinderholt, David Mullet
Finance – Tom and Pam Mikelson
Stewardship - Tom and Pam Mikelson
Education – Diane Strom

Terms ending 2025 – Cecil Tinderholt, Mary Gravdahl
Terms ending 2026 - Craig Hanson
Terms ending 2027 – Chris Moore, Annette Aird

Synod Assembly Delegates – Chris Moore, Annette Aird

NDHC Delegate – Michael Loewen

Red Willow Delegate – Still open

Chris made the motion to accept the previous positions, Annette 2nd them, motion passed.

Church steps in the rear of the basement was discussed. Craig mentioned that he has a carpenter that is willing to put in a bid for the re-model. It was also explained that the steps would need to be lowered for the first 2 steps and extending the stairway into the basement to make head room. Craig and Tom Mikelson will be examining what is under the steps to see if they can be lowered.

Steve mentioned that there is a dip in floor by the alter. The cause will be looked at.

The meeting was adjourned
Craig Hanson, Secretary

NELC Church Council

NELC Council Minutes February 2, 2025 (unapproved)

Council Members Present: President Mark Engen, Dan Turner, Ed Bina, Nate Korsmo, Bob Bilden, Pete Antonson, Angela Lyste, Wade Bilden, Nikki Korsmo, council members-elect Amy Sheggerud, and Karl Jodock

President Mark Engen called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Steve was attending the Washington Council Meeting.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the December 15, 2024 meeting reviewed. (There was no meeting in January, it was cancelled due to weather) Pete made a motion to approve the minutes; Wade second; Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report from December 2024 and January 2025 were reviewed. Pete motioned to approve both reports as is; Ed second; motion approved.

New Council Members- Dan motioned to approve the new council members

Amy Sheggerud (3-year term)

Karl Jodock (3-year term)

Tim Mutchler Jr (3-year term)

Pete second; motion approved. The council would also like to thank Dan Turner, Nate Korsmo, and Mark Engen for their time on the council.

Electing officers- Pete would like to nominate Angela Lyste for Secretary. Wade would like to nominate Pete Antonson for President. Ed would like to nominate Karl Jodock for President Elect. Wade motioned to cease nominations and cast unanimous vote; Amy second; motion approved.

Mark stepped down from the presidential role and Pete assumed the role.

Committee Reports:

Property & Management: Nikki shared that she received a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the boiler. There is a part that needs to be fixed and needs to be done within 30-days or it will be a misdemeanor. Pete will contact Mark Magnus to get it fixed. Mark will usually notify them once it has been fixed. The Department of Environmental Quality needs to be paid \$660 which Nikki will take care of.

We are also in need of a new copier. There is the option to lease from Advanced Business Methods for \$377/month. Ed motioned to sign a new lease on a new copier with Advanced Business Methods; Wade 2nd; motion approved. Bob Bilden shared that he got rid of the tree that was growing into the power box and fixed the soffit on the garage.

Music & Worship: No Report

Education: No Report

Finance: There is a CD that just matured that is listed on the January report. Wade made a motion to renew it for 5 months at 4.25%; Bob second; motion passed;

Need to move money from savings into #513 Building & Elevator Fund, #522 Piano Fund and #548 Worship and Live Streaming Fund that are currently negative or close to it.

Karl motioned to transfer:

\$2,000 from Savings to #513 Building-Elevator Fund; \$200 from Savings to #522 Piano Fund; and \$1,100 from Savings to #548 Worship-Live Streaming Fund.

Wade second; motion approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

For the Good of the Parish: We will continue to meet quarterly with Washington for Joint Council Meetings.

Next NELC Council meeting will be Sunday, March 9th, following Church.

Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting; Bob second; motion approved

President Pete declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Angela Lyste, Secretary

NELC Gifts and Memorials

Gifts and memorials given at Northwood for the month of January & February:

Wilbur Fisher

To the Elevator Fund: Marie Christen

Renee Amundson

To the Elevator Fund: Marie Christen, Heidi Gader

To the General Fund: Blanche Thingelstad, John & Lonny Hutchison, Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Betty Georgeson

To the General Fund: Jane Tveit

Larry Hjelmstad

To the Elevator Fund: Heidi Gader

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Glen Erickson

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Sonny Thomas

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Melanie Schneider

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee Evanson

Ervin Johnson

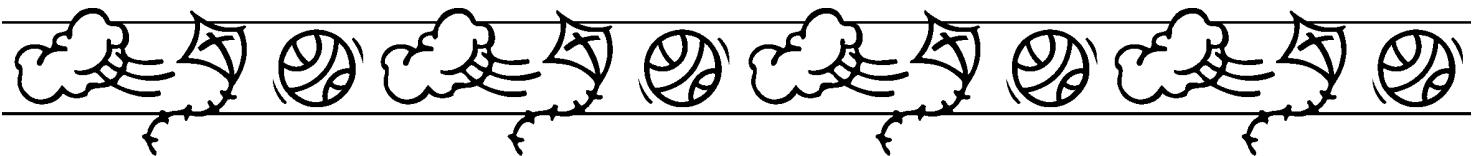
To the General Fund: Jane Tveit, Renee Johnson



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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

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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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