

THE GOOD NEWS

THE NORTHWOOD-WASHINGTON LUTHERAN PARISH April 2025

Washington Church Worship Ministers:

Ushers: David Mullet
Michael Loewen

NELC Worship Ministers:

Ushers: Richard Ostlie
Steve Broeren

Washington WELCA Business Meeting and Quilting 9 am Monday, April 7.

NELC WELCA will be collecting money to purchase items for **Lutheran World Relief backpacks and personal care kits**. Reminder Post cards will go out members in early April.

Thanks Everyone! **THANK YOU** everyone for your donations to the Northlands Rescue Mission in March. We had a cart full!

NELC is collecting candy (no nuts) for Easter basket to be given to residents at NDHC. Candy may be left at the church office.



Installation of Pastor Steve is on Sunday, April 6 at both Washington (9 am) and NELC (11 am). Bishop Tessa will be here for the installation. There will a parish potluck at noon at NELC.

We have 17 spots for the **“Feed My Starving Children” event** Friday, April 11, 2:30 - 4:45 pm at Minnkota Power in Grand Forks. There a sign-up sheet at NELC or contact the church office at 701-587-5381 if you are interested in participating.

NELC Council Meeting, 12:30 pm, Sunday April 6.

Joint Council Meeting, 1:30 pm, Sunday, April 6 at NELC.

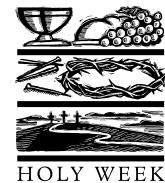
Lenten Worship services at 7 pm

April 2 at Washington
April 9 at NELC

Lenten suppers are at 6 pm each Wednesday.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday is April 13
Maundy Thursday Service at April 17 at 6 pm at Washington
2-Good Friday services on April 18 at NELC 12 noon and 6 pm



Easter Sunday, April 20 will be a joint worship service at NELC at 10:30 am. The youth will be hosting a potluck breakfast at 9 am.

We will be **collecting candy and plastic eggs for an Easter egg hunt** on April 20 following worship. Your donations can be left at the church office.

Confirmation and Youth Group meets at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 23 at NELC. No confirmation or Youth Group on Wednesday, April 30.

First communion class for 5th graders is at noon on Sunday, April 13 at NELC.



The Youth will be baking communion bread at 4 pm on Tuesday, April 15 at NELC.

No Sunday School at Washington or NELC on Easter Sunday (April 20).

From Pastor Steve

I want to begin this month by saying thank you to everyone who supported me on my Ordination Day at Sharon Lutheran on March 16th. It was such a special day, and it was made all the better by the people who showed up, watched online or gave me well wishes. It still is hard to believe that it's real and I now have the title of Pastor. I am happy to begin my first call in a place where I know so many people already, and we have had a couple of years to spend learning how to work together. It's a good fit and I look forward to all the things we will do going forward.

April 6th is my installation at both churches in our parish. I am excited to celebrate this milestone with all of you and our Bishop. When I am installed, I will promise some things to you. I will promise to faithfully serve as your Pastor. I will promise to lead with grace and mercy. I will promise to administer the sacraments of baptism and holy communion to all who seek them. There is more, but to me those are the key things that I am called to do for you.

Likewise, you are all called to support me in my ministry, support the church in its shared ministry, and to raise up bold leadership from within for the health of the church. When you make these promises, I really want you to consider them deeply, and seriously. This relationship does not work unless both the Pastor and the Congregation work in unison to strengthen and build up the spiritual gifts of one another. This means being willing to step forward when asked to help in worship or in the community, it also means having compassion for one another knowing that we will all fail at our commitments to the church and the world at one point or another. We will have good days and bad days as a church, that is inevitable, but no matter what, remain faithful to the mission and purpose we serve.

We will talk about ways to serve not just our local community, but the wider world. We will learn how to become a more cohesive parish who shares ministry and steps in where needed to support each other, and we will talk stewardship. How do we take the gifts, time and talent we possess and use them to ensure that this ministry remains strong into the future? I promise to faithfully serve all of you, and my hope is that you all can make the promise to faithfully serve each other so that we continue to have our communities of faith.

The reality right now is that we know church is changing. We know Christians are being pulled in different directions regarding how they are being led to interact with the world. My hope and prayer for the Northwood/Washington Parish is that we stand firm on kindness, grace, empathy for other people. We remain a place of welcome to all God's children, and our table remains open to all who seek to encounter God. Together let's see where the Holy Spirit is calling us, I can promise it will be unpredictable and awesome. Amen.

Pastor Steve

NELC Council

NELC Council Minute Sunday, March 9, 2025 (unapproved)

Council Members Present: President Pete Antonson, Karl Jodock, Vicar Steve DeKrey, Bob Bilden, Amy Sheggerud, Angela Lyste, Tim Mutchler, Nikki Korsmo

President Pete Antonson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Vicar Steve opened with a devotion.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the meeting on February 2, 2025 were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes; Karl second; Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report from February 2025 was reviewed. Nikki went through the report for the new members to explain what each portion meant. Bob made a motion to approve the report as is; Amy second; motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Property & Management: No report

Music & Worship: No Report

Education: No Report

Finance: Pete brought up the purpose of the audit committee and how it may not be as effective as it appears. All auditing is done at the conclusion of the year and suggested we may want to be more proactive in our approach. Rather than wait until year end, there was a couple of ideas discussed that might be more proactive. First of all, it was suggested that the monthly bank statements be reviewed each month by finance committee or designated individuals. It was decided that the council President and / or the Vice President will review the bank statements at the end of each month to see if there are any concerns or questions. They will initial the statement to document their review.

The second idea was to review how offerings are accounted for. Currently, they are brought to the office after each service and stored securely. However, there is no counting done on Sunday. It was discussed on how those offerings might be handled differently. Should they be counted Sunday and deposited in night deposit? Should they be counted and deposited on Monday or as soon as possible. Pete and Nikki will work together on mechanics of these and see what might work best and provide best security and workflow.

Pastor's Report: Steve shared that his ordination is scheduled for March 15 at Sharon Lutheran church but will be moved to March 16 if weather is an issue. If it is moved to the 16th, he will not be at Washington or NELC for services. April 6th will be his Installation service. There will also be one Easter service this year. There will be Easter breakfast, with an Easter service and Easter Egg Hunt to

follow at NELC. Confirmation will resume on the 23rd and will be visiting the Funeral Home with Patrick Askew. April 30th there will be no confirmation as Steve will be out of town. Steve is hoping to have an end of the year confirmation party at Northern Air on May 16th.

Old Business: The boiler repairs were completed by Mark Magnus and cleared.

New Business: Council Member Committee Assignments:
Property and Management- Bob Bilden and Tim Mutchler
Music and Worship- Nikki Korsmo and Amy Sheggerud
Education- Angela Lyste
Finance- Karl Jodock, Pete Antonson, and Nikki Korsmo

Steve is needing a bigger TV for the confirmation room, but this is not going to be needed until the fall. This can be brought up at the next joint council meeting in April as this would be a joint expense.

Room darkening curtains for the youth room- Nikki will reach out to a contact to get an estimate on how much they may cost and get it to Bob and Tim.

We received notification from GuideOne Insurance regarding proxy voting. This was received and filed. Pete reached out to Hunter Twete regarding mowing for the 2025 summer season and Hunter is going to get back to him by the end of the month.

Pete brought up quorum in the by-laws and constitution and adding virtual attendance as an option following the congregational meeting. Nikki had a Zoom link and a survey set up with an anonymous vote available if a quorum wasn't reached. However we did have a quorum and this was not needed, however this may be something that may need to be addressed moving forward.

Karl also talked about coming with possible ideas for the parsonage if it is not going to be used by Steve and his family. This is a conversation that can be discussed at the joint council meeting in April.

For the Good of the Parish: Next NELC Council meeting will be Sunday, April 6th, following Church. Followed by a joint council meeting.

President Pete declared the meeting adjourned at 12:58.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Angela Lyste, Secretary

NELC Memorials

Gifts and memorials given the month of
March:

Christa Schneider
To the General Fund: John & Lonny
Hutchison, Jim & Char Voigt

Todd Enger
To the General Fund: Jim & Char Voigt

Ervin Johnson
To the General Fund: Renee Johnson

**In Honor of Blanche Thingelstad's
90th Birthday**
To the Elevator Fund: Rodney & Gladys
Peterson

Eric Munson
To the General Fund: Renee Johnson, Shawn &
Christine Gaffney

Pastoral Acts

Confirmed 3-2-25
Adalyn Metz
Evelyn Mutchler

Transferred to NELC
Ethan Steinbrink

Transferred from Washington
Ethan Steinbrink

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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

NELC Council Members: Pete Antonson, Bob Bilden, Wade Bilden, Ed Bina, Nancy Hall, Karl Jodock, Nicole Korsmo, Angela Lyste, Tim Mutchler Jr., Amy Sheggerud

Washington Council Members: Annette Aird, Mary Gravdahl, Craig Hanson, Chris Moore, David Mullet, Cecil Tinderholt