

BUSINESS NAME

THE WOODLAND WITNESS



Sisters and Brothers:

We are now in that part of the church calendar called “Ordinal Time”. This is when the liturgical color is green and we are counting the Sundays between one holy day and the next, in this case Epiphany and Ash Wednesday.

During Ordinal Time the gospel lessons are about Jesus doing ministry: calling the disciples, preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Feeding the 5,000, healing the sick. As we hear these gospel stories read on Sundays, there are two questions to ask ourselves, “What is Jesus showing us about himself?” and “How can I emulate this?”

Neither you nor I have ever taken our sack lunch and miraculously multiplied it to feed thousands of people, nor have we touched someone and healed his/her cancer. We likely have not preached a completely new, radically life altering teaching to a crowd of thousands either. I don’t believe Jesus calls most of us to that kind of emulation.

Jesus does call us to follow him and to embody God’s mercy and love to everyone in our own settings. Join me in exploring Luke’s gospel to discern Jesus’ call to you.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Margo

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer: Diane, Nancy Wenzlaff, Jim M., Kathy Hawkins, Raelen & Marv Jarvis, Jill Jones, Judy McGuire, Stephanie Fote, Julienne Verbrick, Allan Flouro, Alex, Amanda Robinson

Doctor's Care: Duane Polivka, Syna, Roberta Henrichs, Jean Bjelde, Chris Brown, Parker Goebel, Kathy Scamfer, Trent, Dianna B., Michael Houdek, Gavin Middleton, George Verhalen, Judy, Rita Michels, Jim and Patricia Norris, Sally

Special Prayer Concerns: Aileen Truhlar, Collin Kane, Jerry Wiessinger

MARK YOUR CALENDER!

Movie Night – February 28

Soup supper: 4:30 pm

Movie with popcorn: 6:00 pm

Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fellowship and entertainment at Woodland Lutheran Church. The evening begins at 4:30 with a soup supper. No need to bring anything other than a good appetite.

Then grab a bag of popcorn and settle-in as we watch “Waking Ned Devine.” Ned Devine is the lucky winner of the Irish national lottery. But his luck runs out when he suddenly dies from shock after hearing that he has won. Watch as his friends from his small village scheme to claim the prize, because, of course, that is what Ned would have wanted.



A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex.

We hope you can join us for an evening of fellowship and fun.

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

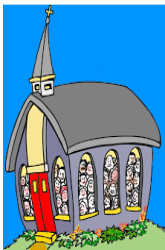


Jeanne Osgood	02/05	Eva Horn	02/16
Steve Raap	02/11	Sharon Helgeson	02/17
Dorothy Mietus	02/13	Star Ann Lemar	02/22
Clare Weber	02/14	Debbie Schroeder	02/27
Cindy Holden	02/15		



Anniversaries

Jim & Darlene Rosencrans	02/01
Abe & Jan Gildenzoph	02/04
Norman & Janet Steffanus	02/24



**ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY
& FINANCES FOR DECEMBER**

January Attendance

290

Monthly Income

\$ 19,641

Monthly Expenses

\$12,070

Net

+\$ 7,571

Council Capsule

This is a short account of the last Council meeting held on January 14, 2019. Complete minutes may be obtained in the office.

Finance: two new members joined the meeting discussion; discussed the formation of a Memorial Fund committee; held strategic planning talks; endowment planning discussed as well as automatic giving options, how the audit committee relates to the constitution and future investment options.

Worship: a January meeting agenda item will be to start preparing for Lent.

Evangelism: scheduled events: Soup & a Movie Feb. 28, New Member Sunday March 17, New Member Orientation April 7, directory photo shoots May 16-18, Heirloom Dinner May 22; new evangelism committee co-chairs are Deb Gruenloh and Linda Raap.

Social Ministry: the projects for January and February are to collect food items or money for the Adams Food Pantry.

Education: an interactive adult bible study will be held on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 23 at 2 pm & 6 pm.

Pastor Report: five students will participate in a first communion class; every-member-visits are nearly complete; upcoming continuing education classes include Faith Walking and a Boundaries Workshop.

Old Business: progress reports of the Mission Planning session were given; we continue our search for a choir director.

New Business: a pastoral Liturgical Study was approved; Bishop Arends will visit and preach on Sunday January 20; thank you notes received from the Family Center and Skogdalen Lutheran Church.

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Treasurer's Report for December 2018

Income for the month of December was \$19,641 and expenses were \$12,070 leaving a positive balance for the month of \$7,571. For the year there is a positive balance of \$6,301.

Let me know if you have any questions,
John



Ruby's Pantry[®]
America's Rural Foodbank

by Janine Jensen

Ruby's Pantry is held in Minnesota and Wisconsin every month. It is faith-based and is organized and hosted by a group of volunteers from a local church. The Ruby's Pantry distribution event is held either at the church location or at a site easily accessible for guests.

There are no income or resident limits/requirements and individuals can attend a Pantry at any city/state location. There is a \$20 donation per food share.

Ruby's Pantry Mission: To activate people in being alert to the needs of others and to be proactive in encouraging faith, showing friendship and meeting tangible needs of neighbors, friends and strangers regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

There is a Ruby's Pantry located in Wisconsin Rapids at 501 17th Street South, on the third Saturday of each month and is hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church.

A nugget for thought: Would Woodland Lutheran Church like to participate? A presentation will be made to the council in the near future to discuss possibilities.

Worship Assistants

Music Tammy Klawitter, organist

Greeters:

Feb 03 Jim & Darlene Rosencrans
10 Sue Powers
17 Grant & Manette Flouro
24 Ray & Cindy Holden

Ushers:

Feb 03 Bob Nygaard & John Gruenloh
10 Jay Bledsoe & Sandy Hoefling
17 Steve & Judy Nowicki
24 Jim & Darlene Rosencrans

Readers:

Feb 03 Carol Pipala
10 John Gruenloh
17 Kathy Halverson
24 Rick Antin

February Altar Guild:

Deb Gruenloh & Candy Heinecke

February Bread Maker:

Sherry Anderson

Sunday School teachers:

Feb 03 Jeff Peterson
10 Jeff Peterson
17 Deb Gruenloh
24 Deb Gruenloh

Communion Servers:

Feb 03 Jim & Darlene Rosencrans
10 John Gruenloh & Sue Powers
17 Harland & Shirley Thoreson
24 Cindy Holden & Carol Pipala

Custodians:

Feb 04 Larry & Kathy Halverson
11 Jeff Peterson
18 Jeanne Osgood
25 Janine Jensen

Coffee Servers:

Feb 03 **NEEDED**
10 **NEEDED**
17 Eva Horn
24 **NEEDED**

Projectionist:

Feb 03 Deb Gruenloh
10 Steve Raap
17 Debb Eberhardt
24 Rick Antin

Snow Removal:

Feb 04 Amanda Robinson
11 Tim Kane
18 John Gruenloh
25 Eric Kemp

Reminder: please remove plowed snow by the church's mailbox during your week.



Quilters



The Quilters continue to make quilts every Monday from 9-2 in the Fellowship Hall of Woodland. Join us and see for yourself the good times we have on this quilting project. Invite a friend – we are a community group.

The Quilters have already completed 171 quilts since Gift Sunday in October!

Social Ministry News by Dolores Lagae



We continue to ask that you give food items or money to the Adams Food Pantry during the month of February. Donations usually go down during the year's early months and numbers of patrons usually increase. Most needed items are: soup, Mac and cheese, cereal, and peanut butter.

This congregation has heard the call to "reach out" and the community is grateful.



The activities happening here at Woodland are for everyone— Sunday worship, community quilters, Bible studies, and more. Please feel free to invite your neighbors and friends to join us in these activities.



Announcements and Deadlines

To get your announcement, or article, or report into the monthly Witness, please submit it by the 20th of the month, or the Monday immediately following the 20th of the month—whichever is later.

To get your announcement or article or report into the weekly bulletin, please submit it to the office by Wednesday.

**THANK YOU FROM SKOGDALEN LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

The Skogdalen Lutheran Church congregation would like to thank you for your generous donation to our Flood Recovery Project. Restoration is continuing, however, we are happy to report that the headstones have been repaired and repositioned. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY CENTER OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS:

Dear Woodland Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Family Center, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$650 received on 11/16/2018. Your contribution makes it possible for us to better serve people victimized by abuse.

Since its inception in 1984, the Family Center has worked tirelessly to eliminate violence and provide safety for individuals and families. The important work being done at the Family Center is made possible because of contributions from people like you. As the number of individuals and families needing safe shelter or other services provided by the Family Center continues to increase, your support is needed more than ever.

Your gift helps us to continue offering services to those in need. On behalf of our clients, the Board of Directors, and the Family Center staff, I THANK YOU for your support and hope for your support in the future.

Sincerely,

Sue Sippel, Executive Director

FEBRUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 9:00a-Worship 9:30a-Sunday school 10:00a-Fellowship	4 9:00a-Quilting	5	6 2:00p-Heroes & Villains 6:00p-Heroes & Villains	7	8	9
10 9:00a-Worship 9:30-Sunday school 10:00a-Fellowship 10:15a-Evanglism mtg	11 9:00a-Quilting	12 9-3-Boundaries Workshop	13 2:00p-Heroes & Villains 6:00p-Heroes & Villains	14 9:00a-Romemakers	15	16
17 9:00a-Worship 9:30-Sunday school 10:00a-Fellowship	18 9:00a-Quilting 5:30p-Council	19	20 2:00p-Heroes & Villains 6:00p-Heroes & Villains	21	22	23
24 9:00a-Worship 9:30-Sunday school 10:00a-Fellowship	25 9:00a-Quilting	26	27 2:00p-Heroes & Villains 6:00p-Heroes & Villains	28 4:30p-Soup & Movie		