First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”

First Evangelical Lutheran Church ~ LCMC
Clear Lake, Wisconsin
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Smorgasbord

Wednesday, November 8th

Serving 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
And
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Adults $15.00; Children (6-12) $8.00
Children (5 & under) Free

*Basket Raffle, General Raffle & Bake Sale during Smorgasbord.
Celebration Sunday - November 12

First, the facts. Our remaining mortgage sits at about $350,000. It will cost about $400,000 to complete our building project sanctuary addition. The project calls for a roughly 60 x 60 foot addition. Your new sanctuary could accommodate up to 350 people (see picture below). This room would also have the latest in sound and projection capabilities.

Given our excellent financial situation, as well as the fact we will celebrate our Centennial next year, the Council has urged the congregation to move forward to complete the building project. It is hoped we will take a significant chunk off our existing mortgage with one-time gifts but there also is the need to make yearly pledges to service the mortgage. (We can’t forget the need to satisfy our yearly budget either.)

Already 11 leaders have pledged or gifted the congregation with $26,000 in one-time gifts and made yearly pledges (for the next three years) totaling $16,500 per year. Join me in giving thanks for such generosity!

Few people get the opportunity to participate in the building of a house of worship. How will you respond to this special opportunity? Everyone can contribute something, especially prayer will be needed. Only give as you are able of course. We know some are on very limited incomes and do not want those individuals to be burdened. Yet others have abundance and will remember our forefathers sacrificed for us so they will want to do the same.

Now the celebration. Let’s celebrate the generosity and light of this congregation. Let’s celebrate our outreach and love for children. People are coming to Christ. Families are being discipled. We are growing in nurturing a friendly atmosphere of welcome. Let’s celebrate a healthy congregation experiencing positive growth. Finally, I celebrate you and thank God for your own special part in all this goodness. I celebrate Jesus who makes this all a reality!

Celebration Sunday is November 12th. You will receive a phone call or visit along with an instructional mailer to get you prepared. Let’s all be in attendance so as to move our congregation joyfully into its next centennial. That’s worth a celebration too.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan

Council
Tim Wyss
Aaron Buhr
Rosemary Johnson
Richard Buhr
Janette Cain
Paul Colbeth
Jackie Goodmanson
Todd Lillie
Linda McIntire
Liane Petersen
Dale Rosen
Jerry Thompson

Building Committee
Gary Hanson
Brian Wick
Patti Wyss
Tim Wyss
Bert Petersen
Sharon Petersen
Jerry Thompson
Dale Rosen
John Jungmann

Finance Committee
Jerry Thompson
Richard Buhr
Wayne Severson
Kyle Overby

Contact your Building Project leaders above for more information or questions and check out the posters in the fellowship hall windows.
Smorgasbord Raffle
November 8, 2017

Time to sell those Raffle Tickets! Raffle tickets for the Smorgasbord annual raffle are available now and everyone is encouraged to help sell & buy! Please pick up raffle tickets from Kathy Wick or the church office.

First Lutheran Church Smorgasbord Raffle
$100 Cash
Handmade Double-seat Adirondack Wood Chair
$100 Nilssen Grocery Card
Handmade 80” x 96” Quilt
Packer Tailgating Gift Basket
$100 Gas Card
Doll House
$100 Walmart Gift Card

Tickets: $1 each or 6/$5
License #R0002228A

Tickets available from church members or in the church office. Drawing at 7:30 p.m. November 8th – Need not be present to win.

ALSO!!!
Our popular Basket Raffle will again be held during the Smorgasbord! Baskets should be at the church by November 3rd. Baskets will be available to bid on November 5th. Come and take a chance at winning one or more of the over 75 beautiful gift baskets!

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of

Given by

Tom Lange
Gloria Hedquist
Tom Lange
Bob & Carole Larson

All-Member Church Project!

Smorgasbord
November 8, 2017
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4-8:00 p.m.

Please watch for your postcard to be arriving with your requested donation. We need food donations, but we also need the money to help pay for the fish, meat, and other supplies.

Everyone is encouraged to provide an item for the Basket Raffle and Bake Sale in addition to their Smorgasbord donation. Please price your items before you bring them to church. Suggested prices for bake sale items can be found on the following page. Remember, the money raised from these events will go into our building fund.

SMORGASBORD HELP WANTED:
Volunteers are needed after church on Sunday, November 5th to switch the dining room and sanctuary for the Smorgasbord. Workers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the day of the Smorgasbord - November 8th! Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

SMORGASBORD TIMELINE

Sunday, Nov. 5th: (after Church) – Set up for Smorgasbord
Monday, Nov. 6th: 9:00 a.m. – Make Meatballs and Potato Sausage
Wednesday, Nov. 8th – SMORGASBORD!
9:00 a.m. – Workers Arrive
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Serving Noon Meal
4-8:00 p.m. – Serving Evening Meal
8:00 p.m. -? – Clean-up
**2017 Bake Sale Price List**

Rye Bread .....................2.00 (small) – 3.00 (large)
White Bread .................2.00 (small) – 3.00 (large)
Dinner Rolls ..................6 for 2.00-2.50 (dep. on size)
Sweet Rolls ..................(1/2 doz.) 2.50 - (4.50 lg.),
..................................($ .50 each, dep. on size)
Carmel Rolls ...............6 for 2.50-3.00 (dep. on size)
Tea Ring (Large) ...........5.00 – 6.00
Nut Bread ....................2.00 (small), 2.50 (large), 3.00 (x-large)
Plain Donuts ..............3.50 (dozen), ($.25 each)
Buns .........................2.50-3.00 (dozen) dep. on size
Raised Donuts ..........3.50 (dozen), ($.25 each)
Coffee Cake ..................3.50-4.00 dep. on size
Cup Cakes ....................2.50-3.00 (dozen)
Cookies ......................2.50-3.00 (dozen), ($.25 each)
Bars ..........................4.00 (dozen), ($.40 each)
Pies ............................5.00-7.00 (dep. on size)
Rosettes ......................4.00 (dozen), ($.50 each) 6 for 3.00
Fattigman ....................4.00 (dozen), ($.50 each) 6 for 3.00
Krumkaka .....................4.00 (dozen), ($.50 each) 6 for 3.00
Sandbakkles ...............4.00 (dozen), ($.50 each) 6 for 3.00
Jam ............................3.00 (small), 4.00 (large)
Pickles .......................2.50 (pt.) 3.50 (qt.)
Beet Pickles ...............3.00 (pt.) 5.00 (qt.)
Danish .......................6.00
Flat Bread .................2.00-2.50
Cookie Mix ................ 4.00
Jelly Roll ....................6.00-6.50 (dep. on size)

**CHILDREN & PARENTS**

Christmas program practice will begin on **Sunday, November 12th**! Each child will have a part to memorize which will be sent home with him/her. Every role is important, so please help your child memorize their speaking part so they can proclaim the Good News of Jesus! The Christmas program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 17th**. Help your child attend all rehearsals during the regular Sunday School time at 9:40am each Sunday. We will be meeting in the yellow room. Please contact **Theresa Anderson at 715-263-2848** if you have any questions or if you know your child will **NOT** be participating in the program so changes can be made. We will be excited to see your child at church! Thanks!

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**Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

6:00 p.m. – Mass Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at United Covenant Church

Please bring a non-perishable food item for a donation to the Lifeline Food Pantry.

An offering will be taken and is designated that 90% goes to Lifeline Food Pantry and the remainder to the Clear Lake Area Ministerial Association.
Youth, Are YOU ready?
Do YOU have what it takes?

The Underground Church
Saturday, November 4th

The Underground Church is a Youth Event designed to replicate what Christians in persecuted countries go through to attend a simple worship service. The ultimate purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the persecuted church, to cultivate thankfulness for our religious freedoms, and to encourage young people to stand firm in their faith.

YOUR MISSION: Safely deliver a priceless document into the hands of your intended target. To successfully complete your mission, you must navigate through acres of dark woods, avoid “police” and other perils.

MEET: At 6:00 p.m. at any of these FOUR churches: First Lutheran (Clear Lake), United Covenant Church (Clear Lake), East Lincoln Alliance (Amery) or Reeve Free (Reeve).

RETURN: To the same church that you came to at 10 – 10:30 p.m. (Unless you or your parents have made arrangements with your Youth Leader and Van driver it is important to return in the same vehicle at the same church. (Last year we spent extra time searching for a lost body; we mean person☺).)

BRING / WEAR: Weather appropriate, (this event is outdoors), dark/camouflage clothes that can get dirty, grubby shoes or boots a flashlight, maybe safety glasses. (We would suggest if you bring phones be sure you have a zip pocket for them. There were phones lost in the past.)

HELP: Adults, would you be willing to disguise yourself as a ‘POLICE’ at the CLAY Underground Church Event? If so let Jackie know as well.

Text Jackie Goodmanson to register today at 715-607-0621.

Empty Bowls: How can you help?

Allow me to introduce myself for those of you are not familiar. My name is Holly Waterman and I am the K-12 art teacher for the Clear Lake school district. Last year, I asked for assistance with running our very first Empty Bowls event, and due to the wonderful response from the churches and our community we raised little over $3000 for our backpack program through the Salvation Army. The backpack program enables our students to have substantial meals at home over the weekend.

I am off and running once again this year with another Empty Bowls event. We are scheduled for December 15th serving our soup supper the evening of doubleheader basketball games (with a snow make-up date the following week). I would love to have as many community members involved in this process. This includes making soups, making bowls, etc. Please spread the word about our event. I will plan on holding Bowl making nights after school on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 at the elementary art room and will post on our school’s Facebook page these upcoming dates. Come in, bring your family and help make or glaze a ceramic bowl. The First Lutheran Outreach Committee will soon have a sign-up sheet to coordinate dinner volunteers through Linda McIntire (715-263-3945. Please contact her for questions.

Youth Bowl Making

Our youth will gather for making of bowls Tuesday, November 14th from 3:30-5:00 at the High School. Holly Waterman has this day blocked for us to make bowls for the Empty Bowls Event described above. We are hoping all of our youth will attend this service project. Please let Jackie Goodmanson know your intentions either way by texting her at 751-607-0621.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in helping out again this year!
**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1: Alexis Buhr  
   Lane Prusak  
   Lyle Prusak  
   Curtis Glaesemann  
2: Jeff Paulson  
   Lori Levendoski  
   Larry Lien  
3: Evan Cain  
4: Wayne Alvermann  
5: Miles Johnson  
   Greyson Buhr  
7: Keith W. Anderson  
   Olivia Buhr  
9: Lavon Sanders  
   Skye Kirk  
   Hunter Gilbertson  
10: Leah Isakson  
    Linnea Fouks  
11: Janet Logan  
    Tanner Goodmanson  
12: Roxanne Anderson  
13: Wayne Logan  
16: Kevin Marlett  
     Darin Anderson  
     Brennon Colbeth  
17: Dan Kuhl  
19: Bennett Colbeth  
20: John Buhr  
    Sherry Anderson  
    Kathleen Barney  
21: Carol Anderson  
    Greg Wold  
22: Wayne Severson  
    Jackie Marlett  
    Alexis Sloan  
    Karter Kuhl  
23: Michael Lund  
25: Linda Marš  
    Evan Wick  
26: Michael Barfknecht  
27: James Anderson  
28: Alex Cain  
    Jonathan Fox  
    Tristan Barney  
30: Hunter Strenke  

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**Sunday School News**

Former Clear Lake grad, Richard Wehmas, brought one of his snakes to Sunday School to help wrap up the Adam and Eve lesson. Richard currently works at the Como Zoo. We thank Mrs. Wyss for setting this up and Richard for making the trip. The kids had a blaaaaaasst!
NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Barb Anderson & Doris Buhr

ACOLYTES
5 Carter Lillie 19 Mariah Anderson
12 Brooke Hadac 26 Kiyah Krueger

READERS
5 Patti Wyss 19 Eva Wilson
12 Jody Hadac 26 Gloria Hedquist

COUNTERS:
5 & 12 Penny O’Connell & Dale Rosen
19 & 26 Dale Rosen & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Dale Rosen

USHERS
5 & 12 Glenn Hanson & Dave Somsen
19 & 26 Mark Peper & Mike Johnson

FELLOWSHIP SERVING
5 Bob & Barb Anderson
Ryan & Carrie Buhr

▪ Fellowship servers still needed for November 12, 19 & 26!
▪ Contemporary service fellowship will be put out by the Worship Committee volunteers.
▪ Traditional service fellowship will need volunteers to sign up. Coffee and cookies are provided but will be put out and cleaned up by volunteers. Please note that some may desire to bring their own goodies in place of those usually provided. Should no one sign up, there will be no fellowship after the 10am service.
▪ The sign-up sheet is in the church entryway.

Evening Women’s Bible Study Fellowship

Your Council has discussed the need for an evening women’s Bible study fellowship. Currently we have three women’s Bible studies but they all meet in the daytime. Would you have any interest in fellowshipping with women over God’s Word? Would this best fit your schedule in the evening? If so, please contact the church office at 715-263-2846 and add your name to the list.

Changes in Fellowship

We welcome the addition of our contemporary service and are excited to continue the experiment. This new opportunity has presented us with some necessary changes and growing edges. One such area has been the concern to keep those attending the different service times united and in fellowship. The Council has discussed this matter several times and hopes to encourage the two groups to make a concerted effort to meet for fellowship together between the services from 9:30 to 10am. Indeed, this has become the largest of our two fellowship times. Another issue we have had to face is the declining interest in fellowship volunteers for serving after the 10am service. The Council has decided to end fellowship and second Sunday potlucks after the 10am service unless volunteers sign-up to serve. Please know the burden is light as cookies are available in the store room freezer and brewing the provided coffee is a snap with our Bunn machine. Putting such items out with a quick clean-up is all that is necessary.
CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a “Christmas for Children” drive again this year to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmastime. “Christmas for Children” is designed to reach more needs of our local community. We are coming up on our 24th year and are so grateful for all the support that we have received from everyone.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the “Christmas for Children” drive can do so by leaving them in the Barrel labeled “Christmas for Children” in the Church Entry, at True Value Hardware, or Huntington Bank from November 5, 2017 through December 9, 2017.

Suggestions are toys, watches, games, jewelry, videos, DVDs (nothing higher than PG please) appropriate music CDs, books, etc. Please do not wrap your donated gifts. Donations of wrapping paper are also welcome. Monetary donations for the purpose of gifts should be mailed to United Methodist Church, c/o Carla LaBlanc, 36 South Avenue E, Clear Lake, WI 54005.

All gifts will be given to children ages 0-18 in the Clear Lake School District.

If you are in need of gifts for your children or if you know of other families in the Clear Lake School District who are in need of Christmas gifts for their children, we would like to hear from you. Call Carla LaBlanc at 715-263-2034 or Alison Blanchard at 228-363-2478 (if no answer, please leave a message). All names will be kept strictly confidential.

We hope to make this “Christmas for Children” a great success and in order to do so, we need your help. As in the past, we thank you for your support.

Christmas for Children
United Methodist Church

FINANCES

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