

NEWSLETTER

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Reflections from the Pastor

A friend of mine and I were out in Red Lodge for a few days at the beginning of December. I think that every other vehicle we saw had a Christmas tree on its roof or in the bed of the pickup. Each tree had a bright orange tag on it. It turns out that for \$5 you can purchase a bright orange tag from the National Forest Service and cut down your own tree. It's not a bad deal...and it's a lot of fun to go out looking for your own tree.

Now, wild trees are not often as perfectly formed as store bought trees. In fact, there are more Charlie Brown trees out there than there are perfect trees. You know what a Charlie Brown tree is, right? This is a tree that might be spindly, or misshapen, maybe missing a few branches...the kind in need of some extra loving.

I tend to think of myself, and most of the people I know, as Charlie Brown trees. We're all a bit misshapen. Maybe we're spindly or too thick. Maybe we're a little lopsided. Not a one of us is perfect. Oh, if we put on enough lights and bulbs we might be able to cover up some of our weirdness, but really we, in our brokenness, are all in need of some extra loving.

Charlie Brown trees get their extra loving from Linus wrapping his blanket around the base of the tree. We get our loving from the presence of Christ that enters into our lives through the birth of the Christ child.

God loves us so much that he sent his Son to be with us in the form of a real, live person. Each one of us, in the brokenness of our lives – in our moments of anger, grief, despair, meanness, pettiness, emptiness, greed, bitterness, apathy – in the brokenness of our lives, each one of us is in desperate need of being wrapped in God's love.

And wrap us in love is exactly what God does with, to, and for us.

Merry Christmas, indeed!

Budget and Election Meeting Highlights

December 8, 2019

- Tim Smallbeck and Lester Vollan were elected to 3 three year terms.
- Tammie Falkenstein was elected to a two year term.
- The 2020 proposed budget was adopted.

Special Congregational Meeting Highlights

December 8, 2019

Approved proceeding with the kitchen remodel project. Fundraising will begin and funds raised will be assessed at the annual meeting on January 26, 2020. At that time the congregation will make decisions regarding financing the project.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 11, 2019

- ❖ Reviewed the Budget and Election meeting and the Kitchen Remodel meeting.
- ❖ Continued the discussion regarding water in the basement.
- ❖ Decided to keep the phone and internet at the parsonage through the end of January.
- ❖ Set the deacon and teller schedule for January.
- ❖ Next meeting will be January 15th at 7:30pm at the parsonage.

Financial Report as of November 30, 2019

Endowment Fund	\$ 4,612.77
Equity-Building	657,794.63
General Fund	1,658.90
Retained Earnings	-2,342.88
Seminary Student Fund	13,270.70
Special Projects Fund	11,920.84
Wilton Food Pantry	6,010.70
Net Income	<u>2,342.88</u>
 Total Equity	 <u>695,268.54</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 \$695,331.57

If you would like a more detailed report, please check with the office for a copy of the complete report.

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP
IN JANUARY**

DEACONS and TELLERS: Church Council
Members

USHERS: Volunteers needed

ALTAR GUILD: Lyndsey Cleveland

ACOLYTES: Tayler Cleveland & Moana Tooke

READERS AND GREETERS

January 5 10 a.m.

Reader: Sue Szczur

Greeters: Shock Family

January 12 10 a.m.

Reader: Shelley Porter

Greeters: Cleveland Family

January 19 10 a.m.

Reader: Sid Stromme

Greeters: Sid and Elaine Stromme

January 26 10 a.m.

Reader: Kevin Schill

Greeter: Kevin and Ever Dearing



**Winter
Rally
Sunday**



Rally Sunday is January 5th.
We will be watching movies, singing,
and enjoying pop and treats.
See you there

BAPTISMS

**Congratulations to those
celebrating their baptismal
anniversaries in January.**

3--Joanie McCormack

5--Shawna Buchholtz

12--Brittany Helm

14--Elaine Stromme

18--Betty Schill

20--Thayden Keating

24--Muriel Rasmussen

28--Tammie Falkenstein

28--Jesse McCormack

30--Donavin Vette

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 26th. All reports are due now. Copies of the Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 19th. To include your ministry team reports in the Annual Report, please get them into the office before the end of December. Pancakes and sausage will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the Seattle Faith Adventure.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2020 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please begin using these envelopes on January 1st. Please throw away your old envelopes at that time. Using your envelopes helps the financial secretary greatly. Please note that you may have a different envelope number in 2020.

JANUARY, 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  <i>Jerry Nicholson</i>	2 Quilting 10 am to 3 pm <i>Jacqueline Nicholson</i>	3 <i>Dwane Noon</i>	4 <i>Roberta Noon</i>
5 WINTER RALLY SUNDAY 9 am Sunday School/Conf. 10 am Communion Service	6 <i>Myles Noon</i>	7 <i>Wendy Noon</i>	8 <i>Garrett Noon</i>	9 Quilting 10 am to 3 pm <i>Johnathan Noon</i>	10 <i>Joshua Goethe</i>	11 <i>Robbie Goethe</i>
12 9 am Sunday School/Conf. 10 am Worship Service 11 am WELCA Annual Mtg. & Potluck	13 <i>Matt Odegard</i>	14 <i>Cori Odegard</i>	15 Church Council Mtg. 7:30 pm <i>Amanda Odegard</i>	16 Quilting 10 am to 3 pm <i>Chris Olson</i>	17 <i>Beky Olson</i>	18 <i>Joanna Olson</i>
19 10 am Communion Service	20 <i>Sylvia Olson</i>	21 <i>Karen Olson</i>	22 <i>Matthew Olson</i>	23 Quilting 10 am to 3 pm <i>Sherlyn Olson</i>	24 <i>Benjamin Olson</i>	25 <i>Brooklyn Olson</i>
26 9:00 am Sunday School/Conf 9:00 am Annual Cong. Mtg. 10:00 am Worship Service Pancakes and Sausage 8:30 – 10:00	27 <i>Randy Olson</i>	28 <i>SuAnn Olson</i>	29 <i>Yvonne Olson</i>	30 Quilting 10 am to 3 pm <i>Chad Oswald</i>	31 <i>Jessica Oswald</i>	<i>The names on the calendar are to remind us to pray for one another.</i>

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