

SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Pastors Notes

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Hello and it's nice to be back with you all. Kathy and I had a wonderful time in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. We have many wonderful old friends from North Dakota that winter there too and we have met many others in our time there. Our time evolved around the church we attend there, Mount Olive Lutheran and with our friends. Many dinners, many more Bible Studies and great opportunities to be in community with so many folks from all over the country. My home state of Wisconsin is well represented there so there are many who are in the same frame of mind when it comes to our team the Green Bay Packers. And yes there are Minnesotan's there who misguidedly root for another team that wears purple.. purple, can you imagine. Michigan, Iowa, SD, well almost all the states that can relate to snow and cold weather are represented there. And the church that is about the size of this congregation in the summer some 500 or so grows to about a 1000 in the winter months.

While there this time we celebrated the burning of the mortgage for their 8 year old sanctuary. It is a beautiful place. But let me tell you they are such a committed congregation. Their mission is profound and diverse. They give heavily to the community of Lake Havasu and to other missional needs like world hunger, synodical partnership and churchwide as well. This church of Mount Olive is much like Sunne in its commitment to ministry in caring for others as Jesus has directed us to do.

I think the great part is that they do all these things and still paid off a 2 million dollar mortgage in just 8 years instead of the 30 years it was committed to. When the church was built there was much fear of where would the dollars come from and what ministry would suffer for it. Turns out not one ministry suffered nor did the overall debt. Everything worked out for a community of faith.

I know that is true for Sunne Lutheran too. But in council the other night there was that same kind of well if not fear, some wondering where the money would come from to update the parsonage. Seems you have lots to do there and a lot has already been done. I believe there is about \$12,000 left there for repairs and new cabinets but probably a good 15,000.00 – 20,000.00 is needed. Wonder how that will happen. By faith I think, just like the other needs of this congregation were met so will this one. I would hope that your new pastor can walk into the parsonage when he or she comes and be as proud to live there as you are to provide it. So, pray about that and consider that maybe each person could up their love of this congregation by \$25.00 a month along with your regular giving and maybe some of you can do \$100.00 or provide a handsome gift toward the needs there at the home you own as members of Sunne Lutheran.

I know that whatever you do you will do it for the needs of this Body of Christ known as Sunne Lutheran Church.

Oh, and did I mention the parking lot?.. Well maybe I better wait till next month on that issue.

Peace to you all, God's richest blessings

Pastor Dan

Council Highlights

- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the secretary's report.
- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the treasurer's report.
- ◆ Received a Thank You from the Bishop & Synod for Mission Support.
- ◆ Parsonage Update-Electrical contractor will donate time & materials for remodel. Dishwasher was donated. It was moved, seconded, and carried to begin the remodel with installation of new doors and begin on the entryway.
- ◆ Railing Update- We are on the schedule!
- ◆ City of Wilton 125th Anniversary Friday Evening Meal- More discussion to take place after Marcus visits with planning committee again.
- ◆ Parking Lot- Weeds will need to be sprayed and council will look into resealing the parking lot.
- ◆ Camp of the Cross Benevolence- It was moved, seconded and carried to pay \$1000 of our budgeted benevolence at this time & pay the rest at a later date.

Financial Report as of March 31, 2023

Endowment Fund	18,406.62
Equity-Building	657,794.63
General Fund	40,376.82
Memorial Fund	1,560.00
Parsonage Fund	14,584.74
Seminary Student Fund	15,946.70
Special Projects Fund	12,059.88
Wilton Food Pantry	13,009.62
Net Income	-7,758.94
Total Equity	826,553.22

Sunday School

Sunday School has adjourned
until fall.

More information to come on
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.



Wilton Food Pantry

*Distribution will occur on
Thursday, May 18th from
3-5pm @ the Wilton Senior
Center.*



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Readers	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes
May 7	Shelley Porter	Lester & Sylvia Vllan	Lester Vllan	Madi Blesterfeld & Stella Rust
May 14	SuAnn Olson		Randy Olson	Trayton Bauer & Hayden Clausen
May 21			Larry Falkenstein	Jarrick Kassian & Augustus Perkerewicz
May 28	Sue Szczur			Malia Tooke & Kennady Cleveland



May 7th during 10am Worship Service- 1st Graders to receive their beginner Bibles

May 14th- Mother's Day (all Mother's present will receive a special gift after Worship)

May 15th- Blood Drive @ the Wilton Memorial Hall from 4-7pm

JUNE 18th --Paul Family Bluegrass will perform worship, followed by a potluck and auction. Auction items well received in the past include: pies, jams/jellies, gift cards, quilts & other handmade items



FAITH NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK JUNE 19th

Includes a pre-game Bible Study, Worship Music during the game, groups of 25+ can nominate someone to participate in on-field games, and opportunity to socialize with other faith groups from the area.

Ticket options- (seats, hat, and 90 min all you can eat--\$25 OR seats and hat--\$15)

There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like more information.

If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Dan know ASAP. He is taking names to see if there is enough interest to get a group for the event.



Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in May.

2--Arlan Helm

4--Jennifer Egan & Kate Kassian

8--Jaclyn Jans & Zachary Rhone

10--Curtis Bernard

12--Todd Schulz

13--Korban Phillips & Melanie Biesterfeld

15--Darren Tosseth & Dominic Fetzer

17--Dan Johnson & Verine Reimann

20--Henry Perkins

22--Lane Boone

23--Linda Oswald & Stella Rust

24--Olive Fricke & Bernard Falkenstein

26--Finlee Sorch

27--Joren Sawicki

29--Brady Hansen & Briella Hruby

30--Caitlyn Ell

WELCA BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Studies are held at the church one Sunday of every month except August.

The next Bible Study will be held May 7th @ 9am.



Blood Drive

Monday, May 15th from 4-7 at the Wilton Memorial Hall.

Register @ vitalant.org or

call Shelley Porter at 955-4031 to schedule.

Kuchen for the Camp

Saturday, May 13th @ 9am

at the church. No experience necessary! Contact Emma

Berg or Shelley Porter with any questions.

JACLYN JANS GRADUATION PARTY



We invite all who have prayed & encouraged Jaclyn over the years to celebrate her high school graduation on May 20th at 6pm at 6629 305th Ave NW, Wilton, ND.