

# SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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### **A Word or Two From Pastor Dan**

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

Mid- September and I am writing you for the month of October. I want you to know that I remain humbled to serve you as Interim Pastor now for a calendar year.. Yes I know I was gone to Lake Havasu City for a 3 month period but the calendar is true and you have been without a Called Pastor now since June of last year. Seems like a very long time ago but truth be known The Holy Spirit remains diligent in sending someone to you to be your new pastor. Be patient. I was looking at the Synod openings where pastors have either retired or accepted a new call and there are 24 if I counted correctly with an additional 3 to be added as pastors are leaving. Sunne is 11<sup>th</sup> on that list. So imagine this, there are at least 10 churches in Western North Dakota who have been without a pastor longer than Sunne has. I suppose your question is: does that mean we have to wait till the others are filled? And the answer is no, but it does mean this, that these who are searching are as anxious as you are. So, when you pray for your pastor and the Holy Spirit sending you that person be aware that there are others doing the very same thing with the very same hope that you have.

Wow, we certainly had a great Rally Sunday didn't we! Horse pulled wagon, Sunday Schoolers... everywhere.. beautiful.. I'll bet we have 40 children in Sunday School? (some times I expand my realities but I do know we have a wonderful group of kids and great teachers leasing them) and confirmation Students as well.. do you know that I have 19 Students.. 7 will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday but for now.. 19! Great!!! I thought Sid Stromme did a great job in recruiting a Blue Grass Band for our Worship.. his son Shawn, Nephew Dewey, friend Dan and Susan and Shelly joined in to make this worship experience of ours a joyful Word Proclaimed in music. Thanks to that group, to our teachers and parents and confirmation kids..

Our Harvest festival was once again a great success and I offer a big Thank you to all who planned, and set up and served this great meal and though I write this before it happened I know that you folks here at Sunne responded for the needs of our mission in Wilton and the world. Thank you to all.

On the 20th of September our young first communion kids met and learned, and baked and prepared themselves for their 1<sup>st</sup> communion which will be on the 15th of October.

October is a big month too with Reformation Sunday and our 9<sup>th</sup> Graders being confirmed!! That will certainly round out the month. Could you please remember to wear Red on Reformation Sunday so that we might all be in unison with our Lutheran understanding of our faith. .

I look forward to being with you until the process of call is completed.. Peace

Together in Christ,

**Pastor Dan**

### Council Highlights

- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the secretary's report and the treasurer's report.
- ◆ Pastor Dan will be gone the first 2 weeks in October.
- ◆ Confirmation will be 8:45-10am; worksheets are on the website for kids to complete each week. There will be 21 classes taught by Pastor Dan and 6-7 taught by Valerie Smallbeck & Denise Leapaldt-Johnson. 1 month will be spent on the book "You are Witnesses to These Things."
- ◆ 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands final test is on the website for them to complete; they will meet with the council on October 11<sup>th</sup> for their interview. They are also meeting with Pastor Dan 5 times before Reformation Sunday.
- ◆ Rally Sunday was a huge success with \$798 raised for Brave The Shave.
- ◆ Hymnal presentation for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders was moved to October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Call Committee Update- Reviewing a new candidate.
- ◆ Parsonage Update-A few countertops have been installed. Electrician was there once, but did not complete the work; Kris has been unable to get in contact with him since. The Ell's will replace some of the outlets according to ND code, so the backsplash can be installed.
- ◆ Railing Update- Ready, just needs to be put on Tim's schedule.
- ◆ Harvest Festival-It was moved, seconded and carried to designate funds to the church's general fund.
- ◆ Marcus is going to contact Stom's Garbage Service- If it is cheaper, it was moved, seconded and carried to move forward with their service.
- ◆ It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the new Pastor's contract which states, Pastor Dan will conduct services 3 times a month, he will conduct home visits 6 times per month(2-3 homes per visit), will teach confirmation classes 3 times per month, will still do special events, hospital visits as needed, attend council meetings, & Advent & Lent services. The adjusted compensation is \$4500/month + mileage + continuing education with 4 weeks of vacation. This agreement starts on October 1 & will run for 6 months or until we call a new Pastor.
- ◆ Christmas Service- 2 services (4:30 and 9pm)
- ◆ Benevolence payment & Camp of the Cross payment- Moved, seconded and carried to make these payments.
- ◆ Request for Seminary Funds- Erick Smallbeck is studying to become a layperson through the synod. He is requesting funds to cover the costs associated with this. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve funds to cover reimbursable costs for the program.
- ◆ Sewer back up- The drain backed up on Sunday, September 10. Marcus will contact someone to snake the drain.
- ◆ Acolyte Robes- These need some repair before being laundered. Acolytes will be expected to wear these for special events or in the case that they are not wearing proper attire.

## Financial Report as of August 31, 2023

Endowment Fund	66,862.38
Equity-Building	657,794.63
General Fund	40,357.38
Memorial Fund	1,560.00
Parsonage Fund	4,759.09
Seminary Student Fund	22,815.26
Special Projects Fund	12,059.88
Wilton Food Pantry	8,377.32
Net Income	36,338.23
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>877,967.16</b>

### Sunday School

9AM on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL- OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### Confirmation

**(7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)-**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and  
22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:45AM

\*Reformation Study Worksheet and Feed the Hungry  
Worksheet

**(9<sup>th</sup>)-** Wed., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>-6:30PM @ Sunne (MEET W/ COUNCIL)

October 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship

**OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>-Reformation Sunday (RITE OF CONFIRMATION)**



### Wilton Food Pantry

*Distribution will occur on  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 3-5pm @ the Wilton  
Senior Center.*



### **Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in October.**

3--Kimberly Hruby

4--Benjamin Olson

8--Tienna Johnson, Cody Landsiedel and Chelsey Landsiedel

10--Stephanie Magnuson, David Bauer, Hunter Bauer and Jonathan Noon

12--Tamara Kassian

13--Olivia Bauer

18--Mike Berg

19--Brenda Schuler

25--Julianna Hruby

27--Ruby Weible

28--Teigen Earsley & Justin Inglis

30--Kristine Ell

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Hymnals**

Because we value worship so highly at Sunne, we will be giving personalized hymnals to all our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during worship on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

*Sunne is sponsoring a community event that will allow kids from PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to come to the hall on a school day and shop for their families. Everything there will be donated by the community and will be free of charge to kids. There will be a personal shopper for each student and a gift wrap station. If you are interested in donating new or slightly used items (no clothes) for this event, you can contact Pastor Paul Schauer at 701-391-0584 for more information.*

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Readers	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes
October 1	Daphne Hall	Aaron Morlock & Aaron Schill	Lester Vollen	TBA
October 8	Sue Szczur			TBA
October 15	Tim Smallbeck	Darlene & Bill Btz	Bill Btz	TBA
October 22				TBA
October 29				TBA



### CALLING ALL QUILTERS

All are welcome to join a core group of women to help assemble quilts for local and world relief efforts. No Experience Necessary. We will meet from 10am-3pm on Wednesday's starting September 20<sup>th</sup>. We also need quilt tops sewn. We can find a job for anyone, including men. Please contact Myrna Hochhalter for questions @ 286-7795 (home) or 527-1947(cell).



Have you noticed the flower pots in front of the church and by the bench? Big thanks to the Schill's for planting the early flowers. Tammy Falkenstein was able to get some fall flowers/grasses from Baldwin Greenhouse recently to replace some of the "spent" plants. Big thanks to her as we will have some nice fall colors once the mum's bloom. Thanks to all for the watering efforts to keep things alive!



Take a stroll over to the "pollinator garden in the SW corner bordering the cemetery. You will see some of our prairie flowers in bloom. Black eyed susan, wild bergamot (aka bee balm), plains coreopsis, anise hyssop, grasses, etc. There are also weeds in amongst the growth but when I (Shelley) get some spare time, I will try put in a little more time on the upkeep. This is the second year of planting...the first year they sleep, the second year they creep, the third year they leap. It is a lesson in patience. Hopefully next year will be spectacular. It will always look messy 'cuz that is what pollinator gardens look like. Take a trip to the NDSU campus and tour the flower plots on the west side of campus. You'll see a pollinator plot there. It gives me hope!



### Betty Werre Has Moved

Her new address is:  
 Betty Werre, Maple View Memory Care  
 4552 36<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
 Fargo, ND 58104

You can visit any time; however, they suggest avoiding meal times (8AM, 12PM and 6PM). You can also call her at 701-478-8655. Select Option 3 and ask for Betty Werre.

Decorated car trunks will line the Wilton Main Street from 5:30-7:30 pm on Halloween evening, October 31st, for trick-or-treaters to wind their way, filling their bags with goodies. Sunne will be serving a meal during this time inside the Wilton Memorial Hall. Helpers are always needed and greatly appreciated for this.



## BLOOD DRIVE

A community blood drive will be held at the Wilton Memorial Hall from 4 pm-7 pm on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. You can contact Shelley Porter at 701-955-4031 for help scheduling or you can search the Vitalant website for Wilton Community Drive.



## HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Provided by Missouri Slope At Home  
701-223-9407

Meal costs are \$10/each or \$65/week

**\*There is a 5 order minimum\***

Orders need to be placed by Wednesday; they are delivered every Monday w/ a fluctuating delivery time. They must be delivered to a residence within a 30 mile radius and someone must be present to receive the order. If you are interested or have any questions you can find the brochure on the round table in the narthex or contact Shelley Porter (955-4031).

## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

(RSV, FLU, COVID, etc.)

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Wilton Senior Center after 1PM

Please bring your Medicare Card



## BABY CARE KITS

We are in the process of putting together supplies for the baby care kits. We are especially in need of donations of bar soap, hand towels and children's clothes (sizes 3 months- 2T). If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Falkenstein (220-2840).

