

CHATFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2021

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July 4th	9:00a Worship Indoor & Parking Lot American Voices Worship Service
July 5th	Office Closed
July 8th	2:00p Prayer Shawl at church
July 11th	9:00a Worship Indoor/Parking Lot Pastor Deborah Lyanga preaching
July 12th	7:30p Youth & Family Committee
July 13th	5:30p Education Committee 5:30p Spiritual Life & Growth Committee 6:00p Stewardship 6:30p Worship Committee 7:00p Business Management Committee
July 18th	9:00a Worship Indoor/Parking Lot Commissioning for Mission Trip 9:45a Mission Trip meeting
July 19th	7:00p Executive Council
July 21st	8:30a Quilters coffee
July 22nd	2:00p Prayer Shawl at church
July 24th-July 31st	Youth Mission Trip to Nashville
July 25th	9:00a Worship Indoor/Parking Lot Pastor Laura Aase preaching

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Chatfield and Root Prairie Lutheran Call Committee

In the month of June we reviewed four RMPs for interested candidates and interviewed two candidates via Zoom. We are waiting to hear from the synod if there are any more interested candidates for us to review and interview. Once we finish our first interviews with all of the candidates we will be scheduling second interviews with the top candidates. The second interviews will be in-person interviews.

Submitted by Ellen Grabau, Call Committee Secretary

Indoor and Parking Lot worship will be at 9:00am

Change to recording process: we will live-record the Sunday morning service (instead of pre-record). The recording will be available on YouTube starting on Monday morning.

CCTV continues to air CLC worship services on Wednesdays at noon and at 6pm

The Prayer Shawl group would love to have you join them. They meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday at the church, 2pm. Knit, crochet and visit are the only requirements!!

Our worship service on Sunday, July 4th will be a service of **American Voices and Hymns**. We will celebrate many of the groups who contribute to this country— our founders, young people, native americans, immigrants from every century, and veterans. We will be grounded in scripture, song, and God’s enduring love for us and all nations.

*Readers needed for this service! I particularly hope to have the readings about veterans and young people read by someone in those groups— so any veterans or youth willing to read, please contact Pastor Nissa!

Youth and Family Ministry

Vacation Bible School

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with VBS!! We had many wonderful volunteers who helped with VBS by donating snack and craft supplies, setting up & taking down a

canopy, preparing crafts, or volunteering the week of VBS! Our kids had a wonderful time, so thank you for helping make a fun and memorable week!!

Mission Trip

The mission trip youth depart for Nashville on Saturday, July 24th! Here’s how you can support us:

- **Pray for us!** Pray for safe travels, meaningful connections, being challenged, growing in faith, and making new friends.
- **Send us off!** Send us with support by coming to the commissioning service at worship on July 18th. Come wave us goodbye around 8am on Saturday the 24th.
- **Buy stock!** Stock is for sale to support the trip! Stock purchases are available all the way to our stockholder event on August 8th
- **Bring us snacks!** We are accepting donations of snacks for the 24 hours we will spend in the van.
- **Hear our Stories!** Come to the stockholder event on Aug 8th for stories & thank yous! After worship on August 8th.

Suggested ways to grow your faith this summer:

- **Go to camp!** It’s not too late to sign up for summer camp! Good Earth Village offers one day Adventure camps! Chatfield Lutheran will provide scholarships to members who go to camp!
- **Get outside in nature!** Look for amazing things that God has created! Try saying “Yay, God!” for every awesome thing you see.
- **Go to worship!** Worship at Chatfield, Root Prairie, or a church near your cabin or vacation spot! Or, watch recorded worship online while you sit around the fire or drive cross country.
- **Do a service project!** Volunteer for the food shelf or library lunches! Do yard work for the church or a neighbor!
- **Send Greetings!** Send pictures or cards to family or church members who could use a smile! Ask the office for some names to send to.

Chatfield Lutheran Church Executive Council Minutes
June 21, 2021

The June 21 Executive Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Heather Hopp. Pastor Nissa opened with devotions.

Present: Mark Johnsrud, Heather Hopp, Kim Novotny, Butch Narveson, Kathy Halvorson, Dale Timm, Dean Hilsman, Danette Hompe, Pastor Nissa Peterson, Josh Berhow

Minutes from the May Executive Council were approved as written.

Old Business:

- Call Committee update: The Call Committee has completed one preliminary Zoom interview and are planning a face-to-face interview with this candidate in early July. A second candidate will be interviewed the week of June 27.

Committee Reports:

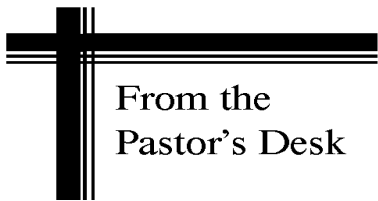
- President – no written report.
- Business Management – no written report.
 - The utilities have been disconnected from the rental house. Bids for demolition of the house are being taken.
- Financial - as written. Income is \$12,000 below budget.
- Treasurer – as written.
 - Year-to-date revenue: \$198,435.09 (includes Root Prairie income).
 - Year-to-date expenses: \$199,629.36 (includes extra principal payment of \$13,870.57 in January).
 - Building Loan Balance: \$922,606.29.
- Education – did not meet; no written report.
- Property – as written.
 - The relay sensor in the elevator has been repaired and the elevator is now working. Dean Hilsman will review the current elevator maintenance contract.
- Spiritual Life and Growth – did not meet; no written report.
 - Orientation for new members went well.
- Stewardship – did not meet; no written report.
- Worship – as written.

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- Our new Covid policy will be to “do what makes you comfortable” with regards to wearing a mask.
- We are ready for volunteers to read the lessons during worship.
- Youth & Family Committee – as written.
 - The youth will continue to sell “stock” as a fundraiser for their Mission trip to Nashville. The Youth will host a stockholder meal and lead the service on August 8. Parents will send snacks for the trip; congregational members are welcome to donate non-melting snacks as well. They will stop at Six Flags in Missouri on the return trip.
 - Spring roadside cleaning was cancelled; will try to complete this fall.
 - The Youth hope to have a summer activity; possibly tubing or canoeing.
- Pastor Nissa – as written.
 - About 50 youth and 25 volunteers were involved with Vacation Bible School.
 - Thirteen youth and two adults are headed to Nashville July 24 on their mission trip. Pastor Nissa needs two volunteers to pick up vans on July 23 and then two volunteers to return the vans on July 31.
 - Pastor Deborah Lyanga (Tanzania) and Pastor Laura Aase (Gustavus) will help provide pastoral support until a new pastor is hired.
 - Pastor Nissa would like someone to unlock the church by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings and someone to unlock and set up for the Sunday mornings she will be gone (July 11, 25, and August 15.)
 - Pastor Nissa will be a Faith Coach for one of the staff members at Good Earth Village this summer.
 - She will be doing walk and talks again this summer.
 - Communion servers are needed to help with homebound communion.
 - Pastor Nissa and family will be on vacation August 8-15.
 - Pastoral acts: Baptisms (1); Visits/calls/messages (35).
- The committee reports were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Next meeting is July 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Halvorson



**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Being Hopeful in times of Uncertainty

We are in a time of transition here at Chatfield Lutheran and Root Prairie. We are in the uncertain moment of having said good-bye to Pastor Mark, and

waiting for the unknown person who will join us as our next senior pastor. We don't know when this person will arrive, how they will fit in, or whether we will connect with their unique style of leadership. This time of uncertainty is difficult!

Yet with all the unknowns, we wait with hope! As followers of Jesus, we find hope through Jesus. Jesus spent his life and ministry doing miracles in the midst of uncertain, impossible, and unfair situations. Throughout the history of God's people – from the beginning of creation to today– we see stories of God's people enduring through difficulty because God was present. We find hope because of God's presence with us, and God's ability to overcome even death.

Here are a few things that give me hope these days:

- I have hope because Jesus promises to be with us always. (Matt 28)
- I have hope because the synod and congregation call committees have done such wonderful work in the past to bring gifted, creative, and caring leaders to Chatfield and Root Prairie.
- I have hope because the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, but they made it to the promised land under the leadership of Moses, (even though he didn't think he was the right guy for the job– God gave him the gifts and it worked out fine!).
- I have hope because Jesus died but didn't stay dead.
- I have hope because we had 50 kids at Chatfield VBS learning about how they carry the light of Christ within them.
- I have hope because 13 teenagers are spending a week of their summer to serve others on the mission trip.
- I have hope because Paul and the early church figured out how to be church even when Paul, their pastor/leader was far away on travels.
- I have hope because the wonderful people of Chatfield and Root Prairie have been supportive and loving to me throughout my ministry, and I see how you are stepping up to love and support me now in this transition.

What gives YOU hope in this uncertain time? Please enjoy this poem of hope by Jan Richardson as you contemplate finding hope in your life.

Peace, Pastor Nissa

Blessing of Hope

So may we know the hope that is not just for someday but for this day— here, now, in this moment that opens to us:

hope not made of wishes but of substance,

hope made of sinew and muscle and bone,

hope that has breath and a beating heart,

hope that will not keep quiet and be polite,

hope that knows how to holler when it is called for,

hope that knows how to sing when there seems little cause,

hope that raises us from the dead—

not someday but this day, every day, again and again and again.

—Jan Richardson

from *The Cure for Sorrow*



July 4th

Musician: Ruth Ann Lund

Ushers

9:00a volunteer

Outdoor-Susan Wright

Communion Assistants

9:00a volunteer

July 11th

Musician: Ruth Ann Lund

Ushers

9:00a Darlene Aske, Allyson & Carson

July 18th

Musician: Ruth Ann Lund

Ushers

9:00a volunteer

Outdoor-Susan Wright

Communion Assistants

9:00a Norm Omodt, volunteer
volunteer

Please call the
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like to sign up to
help during worship!
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July 25th

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Ushers

9:00a volunteer



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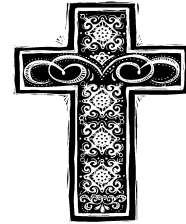
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Sunday

9:00am Worship Indoor and Parking Lot

You Tube Worship continues



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