

# Wanamingo Lutheran Church

## January 2018 Newsletter

### November's Finances

Income	\$4,087.00
Memorial Fund	\$2,021.00
Monthly expenses	\$10,550.24
YTD TOTALS	
Year to date Income	\$55,041.56
From Building Fund	\$26,865.46
Mildred Erlanson Memorial Memorial Fund	\$10,000.00 \$2,021.00
Year to date Expenses Paid	<u>\$93,342.69</u>
Difference	\$ 585.33

### Pastor's Office Hours

Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00pm

At Trinity

Tuesdays 2:00 – 5:00pm

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Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:00am

In Advent we began a whole new year in the life of the church. When I think of a New Year, I consider if I will be making any New Year's resolutions. If I do, then I try my best to stick with those resolutions. Now, people like to make different resolutions but inevitably they all seem to have one theme in common- personal improvement. In 2018 I am encouraging all of us to make one spiritual New Year's resolution and follow through on it!

Here are the skills essential for Christian living -- reading and interpreting the Bible so that it shapes our lives; nurturing our relationship with God through prayer; actively making connections between faith and daily life; being able to give voice to our faith so that it becomes real for us and those around us; gently inviting others to come to worship with us – if we are going to do these things, then we're going to need to help each other learn and practice those skills.

That is something that gives me great joy as a pastor: helping other people to understand their faith and to see how their faith impacts their daily lives. Sometimes I do this by having you fill out pieces of paper during

worship. Sometimes I ask you questions in my sermon. Many times I ask us to go out into the world and do something concrete that puts our faith into action for the sake of others.

I do these things-- giving you a chance to participate, to practice, to learn new skills and gain some confidence and realize that we are all capable of making connections, of talking about our faith and of interpreting Scripture with confidence. I do these things so that we can work on developing the skills we need for living Christian lives. Does that mean taking risks? Yes. Does that mean trying to do things a little differently? Yes. Does that mean making a resolution or two that we will continue to grow as Christians in 2018? Yes- it means all of those things.

Given the emphasis on new beginnings in this New Year please consider: "What new thing do I want to learn in the coming year?" Please think about that. Ponder one new spiritual practice you would like to discover, one new facet of your faith you would like to grow in during the coming year. Then let me know what it is that you want to learn about. We can tackle these in Bible study, group discussions and, even practice them during worship. I look forward to hearing what your spiritual New Year's resolution is!

God Bless you all in this Year of Our Lord 2018,

Pastor Christopher Culuris

# Wanamingo Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present: Pastor Chris Culuris, Brad Hegseth, Gary Windhorst, Birdeen Thoreson, Jean Rugg, Therine Gudknecht,

Absent: Ron Flotterud, Teresa Gullickson

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer

Secretary's Report: Read by Brad, Motion to approve by Therine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary passed 6-0

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jean, Motion to approve by Brad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary passed 6-0

Memorial fund \$7,168.20 Building Fund \$1,698.45 Mission investment fund \$44,521.92

Pastor's Report: Read by Pastor Culuris

Old Business:

We are waiting for repairs to be completed at the bottom of the stairway to complete the carpet project, once that is complete Prigge's will finish the carpet.

The work to take down the chimney still needs to be completed, hopefully that will take place soon.

Annual meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup> following the 9:00 service, council to provide donuts, coffee, and juice

New Business:

Wanamingo Lutheran need to find Pulpit supply for January 28<sup>th</sup> service

Install New Council members will be Feb 11<sup>th</sup> service

Budget work for 2019 was completed, motion to approve by Therine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad passed 6-0

The ballet for the Annual meeting was worked on, the rest to be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>

Communion Servers: Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Brad Hegseth, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Gary Windhorst, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Jean Rugg

Motion to Adjourn by Brad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Passed 6-0

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Brad Hegseth



## Annual Congregational Meeting

This year's annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Worship will be at 9:00am that morning, Coffee and doughnuts will be served in place of a full meal, followed by our Annual Meeting. Please have your annual reports in to Tarla by Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!



Will be every  
Sunday in January  
after Worship at  
10:00am. We can't  
wait to start the  
new year with all  
the children!!



### WELCA

Will meet on  
Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 2:00pm at Heritage  
Hill for their Bible  
Study. All Women are  
welcome!

### Church Council

Meets on Thursday January  
11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at church.  
Council members please try  
to be there so we can finish  
up our work for the annual  
meeting.

There will be no  
January issue of



They are preparing  
for a new version  
coming in February  
with interviews of  
various people  
from the synod.



**We are in need of volunteers to help serve on various committees here at church. We need to fill three open seats on church council. We are also looking for people to serve on the Auditing (1), Education (2), Worship (2), and Christmas decorating (1) committees. We need Thrivent Branch Coordinators (3) and the Kenyon Area Youth Worker Leadership Council (1 youth). Also, two Delegates in each of the following: Cannon River Conference Assembly, Southeastern MN Synod Assembly, and the Sunset Home. Please take some time to pray and consider if God is leading you to serve Him and Wanamingo Lutheran. If you can help out please contact Ron Flotterud at [rflotterud@yahoo.com](mailto:rflotterud@yahoo.com) or (507) 732-7143 so we can add your name to the ballot. Thank you!**

Confirmation Classes will be held  
at 4:30pm at Trinity on  
January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.



Come pray and support **Thomas Lyle Thoreson** as he is welcomed into our family of faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our 9:00am service on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Heather Culuris will cover emergencies while Pastor Chris is away on Continuing Education Jan. 26-28. You can call the parsonage at 507-824-2410 to get ahold of her if there are any emergencies.



And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.  
- 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 NIV