

Parish Caller
Glenwood Lutheran Church - ELCA
May 2024

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Changes, Changes, Changes...

“**For** everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:...”

It seems like we're constantly facing change at Glenwood Lutheran Church. Over the next few months we will experiment with some changes in how we communicate with you. When I re-started the “Parish Caller” newsletter nearly 20 months ago, I was aiming to get as much information to as many people, in as timely a manner as possible. But I've come to realize that the great majority of you watch the livestream, or go to the website or our Facebook page, rather than pick up paper newsletters to read. Consequently, our formatting may change a bit to accommodate our digital website. But our printed format will likely change as well: we will experiment with a shorter, larger page format that has larger, easier to read printing. This is important for my older members who like to use traditional printed materials. I hope you like what you see! Pastor M

Front Office Hours:

Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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From the Desk of...Pastor Mark

Greetings as we prepare for our Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, May 19th!

Remember this year we will have only one worship service at 10:30am that day, and the meeting will begin promptly after the worship service ends. But it doesn't stop there: AFTER the meeting is adjourned, we need people to help our Lead Custodian Paul Anderson move ALL our pews to carpeted areas so that a professional floor refinisher can work on our wood sanctuary floors. This will be completed before the following week-end worship service (Memorial Day Weekend), so they can be replaced.

At our Annual Meeting there will be three main items to deal with: passage of a 2024-2025 ministry budget, voting on amendments and changes to our constitution and bylaws, and elections. These three items should keep us busy (as if moving all the pews is not enough!).

In preparation for the Annual meeting there will be two information meetings held between worship services on Sunday, May 5 and 12. The May 5 meeting will focus on recommended changes to our church constitution. These are lengthy, and a copy of the recommended changes can be picked up on the desk in front of the church office. The May 12 meeting will focus on the proposed budget by the Board of Trustees; as this is still being finished, copies will be available at the meeting. In addition, a preliminary Congregational Annual Report will be available on May 5th, using information which has been submitted to the church office by the May 1 deadline.

Finally, and unrelated, I am looking forward to being absent from you on Memorial Day Weekend in order to celebrate the wedding of our daughter Britta Kristina Manning to Samuel Gates at The Hilltop House in Rochester. We are so excited for them! If you know our families, weddings are no small matter of joy and fun, and we are looking forward to this special time together with them. Pastor M

The Nominations Committee May Be Contacting You!

Congregation ministry board and committee elections will be conducted at the Annual Congregation meeting on May 19th. When the Nominating Committee calls, please volunteer to join our ministry teams—the congregation is depending on you! **Together, we can make our GLC mission happen.**

AN EXCITING REMINDER

During the months of April, May and June, Pastor Krista will be observing a Professional Sabbatical to rest, study, and prepare. Professional Clergy sabbaticals are purposeful, planned times to pursue opportunities for renewal of vision and perspective. During this time Pastor Mark will be available for your pastoral needs, working together with all the boards and committees to continue our work together until Pastor Krista returns in July.

Calendar for May 2024

Wednesday, May 1

8:00am — Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom
1:00pm — Church Staff Meeting
5:30pm — Wednesday Worship Supper/dining room
6:30pm — Wednesday Worship/sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

8:30am — WELCA Board Meeting
9:30am — Coffee & Conversation
10:00am — Women's Bible Study
11:00am — Women's Mission Projects
7:00pm — Sarah Circle/hoplin hitchcock funeral home

Saturday, May 4

9:30am—Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Murken

Sunday, May 5

8:30am —Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30am —Coffee Fellowship/dining room
10:40am — Seniors Gather in the Chapel
11:00am—Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion

Monday, May 6

6:00pm — Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

7:00pm — Men's & Women's AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

9:00am — Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom
1:00pm — Church Staff Meeting/library

Sunday, May 12-Mother's Day

8:30am — Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30am — Coffee Fellowship/dining room
11:00am — Traditional Worship service w/Holy Communion

Monday, May 13

10:00am — Visitation of Margaret Pederson at GLC
11:00am — Funeral of Margaret Pederson at GLC
6:00pm — Board Meetings
7:30pm — Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

8:30am — Do Days Quilting/dining room
7:00pm — Men's & Women's AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

9:00am — Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom
11:00am — Order of the Eastern Star Luncheon
1:00pm — Church Staff Meeting/library

Saturday, May 18

9:30am — Bridal Shower for Maria Jackson (Cody Murken)
11:00am—Visitation of Gary Olson
12:00pm — Funeral of Gary Olson

Sunday, May 19-Annual Congregation Meeting

10:30am — Traditional Worship Service
11:30am — Annual Congregation Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

7:00pm — Men's & Women's AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

8:00am — Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom

1:00pm — Church Staff Meeting/library

Sunday, May 26

10:30am — Traditional Worship Service

Tuesday, May 28

8:30am — Do Days Quilting/dining room

12:00pm — Red Cross Blood Drive/dining room

7:00pm — Men's & Women's AA/meeting room

Wednesday, May 29

8:00am — Men's Bible Study/zone room/ zoom

1:00pm — Church Staff Meeting/library

Our May Giving Church is planned for The Salvation Army of Douglas and Pope Counties. Representatives will be speaking in worship on May 5 regarding this "outside-our-doors" ministry that benefits so many larger ways than our church can by itself.

The Board of Stewardship wants to thank all the people who gave to the April Giving Church Appeal for the Community Garden. Your gifts benefit local people in need, and encourage people to use their gift of gardening for God and others.



Deadline for the next Parish Caller

May 28

by noon. Thank You!

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often and stay informed about upcoming
meetings and events at
www.glenwoodlutheran.com.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION APPRECIATION EVENT

**DELICIOUS MEAL
FELLOWSHIP
SHARING OF IDEAS**



**AN EVENING TO HONOR ALL GLACIAL RIDGE
CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS
TEACHERS & LEADERS, INCLUDING BOARDS,
SUPERINTENDENTS AND PASTORS**

**Wed. May 22,
2024**

**Faith Lutheran
108 W 8th St. Morris**

**5:30 Gather
6 to 8 Meal &
Christian Ed Conversations**

**Complimentary Meal
Catered by Mi Mexico**

RSVP to Faithful@hometownsolutions.net by May 13

GLC Church Council Minutes April 8, 2024

Members Present: President Betty Barsness, Secretary Rebecca Webb; Treasurer Vicki Moen; Pastor Manning; Andy Zenk (BOT); Dion Harste (BOT); Karen Bartels (BOT); Brad Vold (BOS); Karen Magnus (WELCA); Marj Engebretson (WELCA); Barb Ostrander (BOD); (Deacons Member); Charity Vold (BOY); Alicia Christman (BOY); (BOY Member); Anna Martinson (BOE); Joan Sheppard (BOD); Jessica Listerud (BOY)

I. Opening

A. Call Meeting to Order (Betty)

B. Prayer/Devotions (Karen Magnus)

C. Mission Statement: (All) *"Glenwood Lutheran Church invites and welcomes all people to become disciples of Christ by learning and teaching God's Word, worshiping and magnifying God's presence, and serving our neighbors, at home and throughout the world."*

II. Additions to the Agenda: Add Marj Engebretson/GWELCA: Charity Vold, Karen Bartels, Passes

Additions to the Agenda: Barb Ostrander/Deacons: Barb Ostrander, Charity Vold, Passes

III. Consent Agenda

A. Last Month Meeting Minutes (attached)

B. Financial Statements and Reports (see attachments) (additional discussion)

C. Pastor's Reports (attached)

C. Committee Ministry Reports (see attachments):

M to approve Consent Agenda: Anna Martinson S/D: Joan Sheppard

Action Passes

IV. Old Business. None.

V. New Business

A. Motion: to approve membership changes: Anthony & Michele Torgerson to join as members transferring from Atonement Lutheran Church in St. Cloud.

M: Dion Harste. S/D: Anna Martinson. Action: Passes

B. Motion: to **recommend** approval by the congregation of the ELCA-mandated changes to Chapters 1-9 and 15-19 of the 1998 Congregation Constitution, at the 2024 Annual Congregation meeting, in order to bring it into conformity with the 2022 ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations.

M: Council Officers. S/D: Alicia Christman. Action: Passes.

C. Motion: to **recommend** approval by the congregation of non-mandatory Chapter 10 changes to the 1998 Congregation Constitution, at the 2024 Annual Congregation meeting.

C10.02. A special Congregation Meeting may be called by the pastor, the Congregation Council, or the president of this congregation, and shall be called by the president of this congregation upon the written request of 3% of the voting members. The president of the Congregation Council shall call a special meeting upon request of the synod bishop. The call for each special meeting shall specify the purpose for which it is to be held, and no other business shall be transacted.

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- C10.03.** Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays and by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting.
- C10.04.** 3 percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- C10.05.** Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted.
- C10.06.** All actions approved by this congregation shall be by majority vote of those voting members present and voting, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or by state law.
- C10.07.** *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of all meetings of this congregation.
- C10.08.** This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication or its equivalent. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.
- C10.09.** "*Ex officio*" as used herein means membership with full rights of voice and vote unless otherwise expressly limited.

M: Constitution Committee S/D: Action: Pass

For information: GWELCA report details, Marj Engebretson

For information: Per Barb Ostrander, deacon board plans to seek by-law change for 12 deacons instead of 9.

VI. Ministry Discussion

- A. Explanation of vote for ratification of annual meeting date amendment
- B. Present an agenda for the annual meeting
- C. Nominating Committee (see report)
- D. Audit Committee
- E. Council meetings may change to 7:30pm to facilitate longer board meetings.

VII. Other Board Reports

VIII. M to Adjourn: Alicia Christman. S: Barb Ostrander. Action: Passes

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Webb, Recording Secretary