



Mabel First Lutheran Church Scheie Lutheran Church



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E-NEWSLETTER

Please email the church office (office@mabelfirst.org) or call 493-5293 if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically versus in the mail.

JUNE 2021 NEWS



We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Eph. 4:14-16 (NRSV)

While recently looking through an album of family photos, I was reminded how quickly we age. From the time a child is born to when they are 10 years-old can seem like an instant when you look back on the years! Although people often focus on the physical dimension of growing older, there is much more to a human being's maturation process. In addition to one day becoming physically fully-grown adults, each person should strive to reach emotional and spiritual maturity.

Unlike the process of physical aging, however, reaching emotional and spiritual maturity does not take place naturally. Without the proper moral education and spiritual formation, a person may physically grow into adulthood but sadly remain just an emotional/spiritual infant, child, or adolescent. In his award-winning book *The Emotionally Healthy Church*, Peter Scazzero spotlights how common it is for individual Christians and congregations to struggle with the work that leads to emotional and spiritual health. Yet, God ultimately wants His people to embrace the hard work of becoming an emotionally and spiritually mature disciple of Jesus Christ. But it takes continued effort and a genuine willingness to follow the commands which God has laid down for us to follow.

In an effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations and to lead people into an actual life with God, the apostle Paul frequently made moral appeals to the first Christians, asking them to live in a manner consistent with what God commanded. Unfortunately, the jealousy and divisive speech that was present in the Corinthian church were such a problem that he sorrowfully wrote, "And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ" (1 Cor. 3:1, NRSV). Selfishness and a failure to love their fellow members reflected the Corinthians' spiritual immaturity.

True, authentic spiritual transformation has never come easy. It comes through pain and the discovery of learning to actually live and share in God's grace. The goal of the Christian life is to entirely surrender our lives to God, allowing the Holy Spirit to change us into the people who God made us to be. May God help us, so we may become mature in every way.

Your brother in Christ, Pr. Elliott Malm

CONGREGATION INFORMATION

WELCA NEWS

June WELCA information:

MFL WELCA Meeting

Thursday, June 3 at 9:00 am

Scheie WELCA Meeting

Thursday, June 17th at 9:00 am



Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

UPDATES TO COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Last month, the Governor of Minnesota brought an end to the statewide face covering requirement as well as eliminated distancing requirements and limits to group sizes.

Due to the changes in the guidance from our state and national public health officials, the councils of Mabel First and Scheie Lutheran churches have decided to ease the restrictions intended to minimize the spread of COVID-19. We will no longer ask people to mask and the 6-foot distancing requirement as well as limits to group sizes will be dropped. Both councils urge people to exercise good judgement and continue to follow the standard practice of staying home if you become sick and wash your hands regularly.



MFL CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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God's work.
Our hands.

PASTORAL ACTS (May)

- Baptisms:** None
- Funerals:** None
- Transfers in:** None
- Transfers out:** Darlene Larson
- Weddings:** None

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bereavement:

Family and friends of Irene Rice



Health Concerns/Long-Term Care

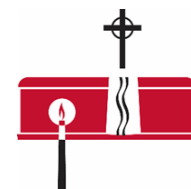
David Aasum, Gary Adams, Gwen Allen, Dan Evans, Betty Gjere, Shelly Henry, Teresa Hughes, Laurie Hagen Jensen, Ellen Mae Johnson, Lois Johnson, Rosemary Ketchum, Helen Larson, Pr. Matt Larson, Ryan Lee, Kay Marin, Heather Mikesh, Violet Pederson, Pennian Ramirez, Tim Sollien, Dacia Sorum, Paul Spande, Jon Stahnke

Service Members

Gregery Johnson, Luke Johnson, Adam L. Johnson, Benjamin Lee, Jeannie Vick

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

During worship on Sunday, June 13, the congregation of Scheie Lutheran Church will remember the members who died in 2020, especially those whose passing was unable to be marked with a regular service of Christian burial.



SCHEIE CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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ENGAGING IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

SCHEIE ELW HYMNAL

Cranberry ELW Hymnals have arrived at Scheie Lutheran Church! If you committed to donating or wish to donate, the following is the price:

**\$24.50 per hymnal
(shipping and handling adds another \$2)**

Please make check payable to Scheie Church with memo noting for hymnal. Please give to Deb or Dee.



CHAIR PERSON FOR STEAMCHAIR PERSON FOR STEAM ENGINE DAYS

MFL church is in need of a Chair person for Steam Engine Days Food Tent 2021.

The chair person will oversee and lead the Steam Engine Days stand on Sept 11 and 12, 2021. If you are willing or interested please contact MFL church office to receive more information.

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STEAM ENGINE DAYS

MFL CONGREGATION MINUTES

Mabel First Lutheran Council Minutes May 5th, 2021

Old Business

1. MFL Council Retreat held on May 22nd from 11am –3:30pm .
2. MFL Advertising Free Large TV

Pastor Report

1. Joint MFL –Scheie Confirmation Meeting May 12th
2. Baccalaureate held on May 16th
3. Good Friday Service held at MFL
4. Pastor Malm is leading worship at both MFL and Scheie

New Business

1. Michelle Jahnke gave her resignation of Church Secretary
2. Kerri Jahnke was interviewed for Church Secretary job, along with the possibility of leading youth ministry.
3. Kerri Jahnke was hired for 20 hrs a week at \$15 an hour.
4. Conversation around how to get youth programming started continue to grow.
5. Hesper Lutheran Church asked if we can partner with them for Steam Engine Day Food Tent.
 - A. Hesper will do breakfast.
 - B. MFL will do lunch and supper.
 - C. Get Committee formed to plan
6. Proposal and discussion help around creating a “line item” for Children, Youth, and Family along with Scheie. Kerri would serve as the youth director.
7. \$300 offering for Synod Assembly approved from the Endowment fund. \$1000 annually approved for Mission Support from endowment fund.
8. Begin Conversations about Joint Bible School
9. Lori Schutte is looking into additional picture frames for Confirmands.
10. Pr. Malm Vacation approved May 30th –June 3rd

Respectfully Submitted, Lynn Sollien

SCHEIE CONGREGATION MINUTES

The Scheie council met on April 11, 2021

Old business:

1. Covid - continue to wear masks and social distance. May sing wearing a mask.
2. Confirmation update - There will be a meeting with parents of both churches regarding confirmation next year. The need to change the time from after school to later on Wednesday.
3. Senior recognition; Carter Hicks, Brooke Norby, Levi Rogisch, and Tracer Tollefsrud.
4. Calendar: Deb had offered to keep track of upcoming events to reserve the church. In the past, Pastor Mary was the contact person. Willing to continue, unless Pastor Malm would prefer.
5. Reading and communion: Carolyn White is the person that arranges the readers and communion. Will have to check with WELCA if there is a person or persons who is responsible for checking the supply.
6. Honoring new members: working on it.

New business:

Congregational meeting topics for Sunday, April 18th

1. Cranberry hymnals - Suggested that we could ask if congregational members would like to purchase a hymnal in memory of a loved one as we have in the past. The alter book has been donated by Danny and Linda Marsden, Debbie Marsden, Lisa and Bob Ruehmann in memory of Mike and LaVaughn Marsden. The Cranberry Accompanist book was donated by Bob and Dode Stoskopf in memory of Vernon and Verna Erickson.
2. Janitor - WELCA ladies have been doing the cleaning; it had been suggested by the ladies that we should hire a janitor to do the monthly cleaning.
3. Contract with Mabel First Lutheran - will be having a meeting with regards to signing a year long/ yearly contract for Pastor Elliot Malm's services. Initial contract was from January through May 31st.
4. Honoring members that have passed away during covid: Chuck wondered if we could do something to honor the members who passed away during covid and were unable to have a normal funeral. Tabled
5. Usher list: need someone to call for ushers. Chuck offered to do so.
6. Part time youth advisor: just fyi, what does the council think.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Marsden

TOM AND MARY HOLMAN'S FEBRUARY UPDATE — May 20, 2021

Thank you for your prayers for the outbreak of violence between the Waja and a neighboring language group. There is now peace in the area. Local churches and individuals have stepped up to help those who are in need. The checking of Galatians and Ephesians in Waja has been postponed to June so that the translators can finish their farming! They plant rice, sorghum, corn, and beans. Pray for good rains and a bountiful harvest!

Peace in Christ,
Mary and Tom Holman

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To give by check, please include a separate note stating: "Preference for the Wycliffe/LBT ministry of Tom and Mary Holman"