

♥ FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH
NORTHWOOD, NORTH DAKOTA

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A Different Kind of New

Out of necessity the end of 2007 and much of 2008 involved talking and planning out a new building. We had meeting upon meeting with several different committees as well as several congregational meetings to discuss the various options. We pursued buying the school property. We waited for it to become available. We secured the property while continuing to make plans for the refurbishing of the school library building. Many hours have been spent destructing and cleaning the future church building out. We had to make it ready for construction.

My point is that we have spent countless (and I do mean countless) hours working on a new building which we have designed and our construction firm will build with the best of their human ingenuity and we will seek to raise the funds necessary to cover the costs. But there is another kind of building that God wants more than this.

You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5.

God wants to build us. Now understand the tremendous difference of this building. It is not done with our construction firm or our hands. He does the building. It is not according to our limited design with our limited resources, but is according to His unlimited design with His unlimited resources.

London businessman Lindsay Clegg told the story of a warehouse property he was selling. The building had been empty for months and needed repairs. Vandals had damaged the doors, smashed the windows, and strewn trash around the interior.

As he showed a prospective buyer the property, Clegg took pains to say that he would replace the broken windows, bring in a crew to correct any structural damage, and clean out the garbage.

"Forget about the repairs," the buyer said. "When I buy this place, I'm going to build something completely different. I don't want the building; I want the site."

And so it is with God. He does not want our efforts to repair our lives or make our lives better. He wants our hearts to build something new; something far better; something that will last for eternity. God wants you!

How does God get access to your heart to do such building? First Peter 2:1-2 says, *Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (Cont.)

Dear friends, think of the time and effort that must have been put into Ebenezer's first building about 100 years ago. Think about the time and effort that has already been put into our new building. These buildings cannot even come close to the building God wants to do in you because He is the One doing the building with unlimited resources. His building is most effective, efficient and everlasting. Will you let Him build you through the pure milk of His Word?

In His Amazing Grace,

Pastor Tim

P A S T O R A L A C T S

Funeral: Jerome Carroll (May 18, 1949-January 24, 2009) on January 28

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Tim will be speaking at the North Central Minnesota District Rally from the afternoon of Sunday, February 15, to noon on Monday, February 16.

J A N U A R Y R E S P O N S I B I L I T I E S

Offering Counters

Faye Swenson
Derek Sanda

Communion Servers

Mike Schwartz
Susie Johnson
Janice Bilden

Altar

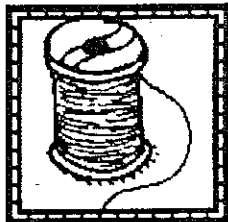
Nancy Fisher

Nursery Schedule (during Worship)

1 - Tom & Tammy Peterick
8 - Ryan & Sara Bilden
15 - Chris & Lisa Alter
22 - Ted & Jodi Lloyd

W O M E N ' S Q U I L T I N G

Wednesday, February 18, 9:00-5:00 @ NELC



Bring completed quilt tops (if you have any) and quilting supplies (pins, needles, scissors, etc.).

Batting has been ordered.

Wanda will bring two sewing machines.

P O T L U C K D I N N E R

There will be no Bible study in February.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Council Highlights
January 15, 2009



Our new church building (formerly the school library) is being gutted out to make way for Curtis Construction to begin their work.

Lenten services will be held at NDHC in the present chapel area. FLY will serve supper in the Swarstad basement at 6:00 p.m. and service will be held at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Ash Wednesday service on February 25.

The "Love and Respect" marriage video series will start on January 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Room at NELC.

Ebenezer's fiscal year will now run from February 1 to January 31.

Chad and Sue Peterson have volunteered to co-chair Northwood's 125th celebration in the summer of 2010.

FLY ski trip will be held January 31, 2009.
Eleven youth have signed up for attending the National FLY convention in Colorado this summer.

The 2009 budget has been finalized and will be recommended for approval by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2009

*Come Together and
Worship the Lord!*



LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30 PM - SUPPER SERVED BY FLY - SWARSTAD CHAPEL BASEMENT

7:00 PM - LENTEN SERVICE @ NDHC DAKOTA DINING ROOM

Outside Donations to Ebenezer Lutheran Church In December & January

Please know that the purpose of printing these is to bless you as you look at how God is blessing us from outside our membership. The givers have received an official thank you from the church and by God's grace will receive a much greater reward in heaven than any recognition we could give.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Living Faith Free Lutheran Church (Larimore, ND)	\$ 500.00	Building
Bethany WELCA (Hatton, ND)	\$ 150.00	Building
Sheyenne Financial (Sharon, ND)	\$ 100.00	Building
Korsmo Brothers (Northwood)	\$ 1500.00	Building
Robbie & Dixie Pratt (Northwood)	\$ 1000.00	Building
Mark & Hannele Erickson (Missionaries in Finland)	\$ 200.00	Building
Mary Korsmo (Mesa, AZ)	\$ 500.00	Building
Lars Body Shop (West Fargo in honor of Denny Gabriel Construction)	\$ 1000.00	Building
Alerus Financial		Two Copy Machines
Joe & Jenna (Hanson) Zavoral in memory of Jenna's father- Leland Hanson	\$ 3000.00	Building

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

WENDELL TORGESON

GARY & JANICE BILDEN

LELAND HANSON

JOE & JENNA (HANSON) ZAVORAL

DELMAR HELGESON

DON & MARIAN SAVAGE

OLIVER ORDAHL

WES & MARLYS KUNZ

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

\$13,700.74 - Regular Offerings

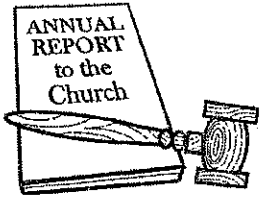
\$23,457.60 - Additional Income

\$17,849.60 - Building Fund

5,000.00 - Special Needs

608.00 - Gideons

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



- Approved all reports.
- Informed of the work that has been done at our new church building (former school library) this winter along with Curtis Construction's estimated timeline of the completion of the new church building (12-14 months from starting date of May, 2009).
- Noted that the fiscal year has been changed to a 13-month year (February 1-January 31).
- Approved becoming a corporate member of Park River Bible Camp.
- Informed of the gift of two used copy machines from Alerus Financial which will be kept in storage at the bank until our church building has been completed.
- Approved entire slate of nominees (council/officers/committees).
- Noted that the Music Committee has been dissolved with the Council's Worship & Music Committee to assume this responsibility.
- Elected new members to the Council -- Chris Howson, Ben Larson, Jerry Thingelstad, Erik Thorsgard along with Debbie Korsmo who is serving a second term.
- Elected new officers:
 - President - Mike Schwartz
 - Vice President - Erik Thorsgard
- Elected to the 2009 Nominating Committee: Mark Korsmo, Marlys Kunz, Steve Kordahl, Betty Beck, Patrick VandenBos.

WEEKLY WORD



For the week of February:

- 1 - "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12)
- 8 - "Sing praise to the LORD, you His godly ones, and give thanks to His holy name." (Psalm 30:4)
- 15 - "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10)
- 22 - "May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ." (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

NDHC BIRTHDAY PARTY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1:30 PM

EBENEZER LADIES WILL SERVE AND PRESENT A PROGRAM.

(SERVERS ARE TO BE THERE AT 1 O'CLOCK.)

ATTENTION: All Marriages whether hurting or good and anyone else wanting to learn more about marriage relationships

You are Invited to

LOVE and RESPECT

A Video Conference for couples

**Sponsored by Ebenezer Lutheran Church
on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 PM at NELC
Bethany Room. Not meeting February 1st.**

The powerful truth about Love and Respect is that the conflicts couples experience are not the root problem. Successful couples know that harmony and happiness in marriage are not primarily achieved by solving daily problems. Though these problems are real, they are not the root issue. Find out what the root issue is.

Here is a hint:

Without LOVE she reacts without RESPECT

Without RESPECT he reacts without LOVE

It can be a vicious cycle

Please consider joining us for this insightful, challenging, funny and enjoyable (yes, I said enjoyable) Bible series.



2009 CHURCH COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Mike Schwartz

VICE PRESIDENT: Erik Thorsgard

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT

Jerry Thingelstad (2011)
261 - 41 Street NE
Northwood
587-5210

Derek Sanda (2010)
Box 146
Northwood
587-5435

Mike Schwartz (2009)
312 North Adam Street
Northwood
587-5819

EVANGELISM

Debbie Korsmo (2011)
115 - 34 Street NE
Northwood
587-5569

Sue Lloyd (2010)
Box 248
Northwood
587-5080

Faye Swenson (2009)
Box 106
Northwood
587-5687

STEWARDSHIP

Erik Thorsgard (2011)
527 - 28 Street NE
Northwood
587-6382

Maxine Bachmeier (2010)
Box 66
Northwood
587-5255

Grady Thorsgard (2009)
660 - 28 Street NE
Northwood
587-6084

PARISH EDUCATION

Chris Howson (2011)
Box 282
Hatton 58240
543-3181

Susie Johnson (2010)
2950 - 5 Avenue NE
Northwood
587-5891

Janice Bilden (2009)
Box 321
Northwood
587-5811

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Ben Larson (2011)
Box 102
Northwood
587-5065

Mary Antonson (2010)
Box 22
Northwood
587-6212

JoAnn Funseth (2009)
736 - 36 Street NE
Northwood
587-5415

2009 OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

SECRETARY

Marian Savage
587-5744

TREASURER

Pete Antonson
587-6212

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Maxine Bachmeier
587-5255

TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Ed Lloyd (2011)
587-5080

Dave Segerholm (2011)
587-6123

Don Savage (2010)
587-5744

Mark Korsmo (2010)
587-5569

Todd Tangen (2009)
587-5934

HEAD USHER FOR FUNERALS

Don Savage
587-5744

FLY ADVISORS

Chad & Sue Peterson
587-6350

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE

Evy Arnett (2011)
587-5974

Susie Johnson (2011)
587-5891

Tara Thorsgard (2010)
587-6382

Arlayne Gylten (2010)
587-5292

Wanda Sieg (2009)
587-5107

Donna Meyers (2009)
587-5222

DELEGATES TO NDHC

Gilman Beck
587-6236

Marlys Kunz
587-5583

Todd Tangen
587-5934

Jerry Thingelstad, Alternate
587-5210

DISTRICT BIBLE CAMP BOARD

Ted Lloyd
587-6229

NYMC (The Net)
Patrick VandenBos (2010)
587-6163

Mark Korsmo (2009)
587-5569

2009 February 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 032 9:00 Worship/ Communion 10:30 S.S. for all ages	2 033	3 034 7:00 Worship Team	4 035 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 FLY @ NDHC 7:00 Choir	5 036	6 037	7 038 8:00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship @ Swarstad Chapel
8 039 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. for all ages 7:00 Love & Respect Video @ NELC	9 040	10 041 7:00 Worship Team	11 042 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 FLY @ NDHC NO CHOIR	12 043 9:00 Local Minis- terium @ NDHC	13 044	14 045
15 046 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. for all ages 7:00 Love & Respect Video @ NELC	16 047 1:00 Women serve @ NDHC Birthday Party	17 048 10:00 Dist. Pas- tors @ Valley City	18 049 9:00 Women's Quilt- ing @ NELC 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 FLY @ NDHC 7:00 Choir	19 050 7:00 Council	20 051	21 052
22 053 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. for all ages 7:00 Love & Respect Video @ NELC	23 054	24 055 7:00 Worship Team	25 056 Ash Wednesday 5:00 Confirmation 5:30 Lent Supper 7:00 Lent Service 8:00 Choir	26 057	27 058	28 059

JANUARY 2009

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February