

Garfield Lutheran Church  
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Madison, MN 56256



## YOUTH NEWS



Sunday, February 6 our youth are sponsoring Souper Bowl Sunday. They will be presenting a skit about hunger. We will have a special offering at the end of worship to collect money for ELCA World Hunger. We ask that you bring \$1.00 per person for this collection.

Sunday, February 13 all youth and families are invited to go sledding at the football field in Dawson. We will have pizza following worship before we go sledding. We will arrange rides as needed. Please sign-up on the Youth Board so we know how many pizzas we need to get.

Our Youth Advisory Board is planning a mission trip for Summer 2011. We are also looking ahead to the ELCA National Youth Gathering July 18-22, 2012. We will be sponsoring several fundraisers including the Lent dinners, Easter breakfast, and a

Game Day/Cake walk. Please keep your eye on the newsletters and bulletins for more information.

## YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

Set aside Sunday, March 20th. Everyone is invited for food, games and cake. Following worship the youth will provide a meal of barbeques, chips, and dessert. Following that there will be games and a cakewalk. If you want to help by donating a cake, a dozen cookies, or a dozen bars please contact Pastor Eunice.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast/Bible study is studying the book of Revelation. They meet Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited.

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

What was it  
in that natal star  
pre-eminent in the night-time sky  
that stirred the hearts  
and imaginations  
of those magi from the east  
was it colour  
brightness  
conjunction  
or more  
a still small voice  
whispering  
in the darkness of the world  
'This is the sign  
that will proceed the birth  
of he who fulfils the prophets'  
words.'  
That still small voice  
which whispers still  
to our conscience  
and soul  
still leads  
if we will but follow  
to the stable door



[http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers\\_Advent.htm#ixzz168CYugBe](http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Advent.htm#ixzz168CYugBe)  
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### THANK YOU

Thank you to those who have completed their term on the church council – Sharron Haas, Pam Weber, Nate Ludvigson, and Jim Ernst. Also, thank you to Mary Enger for her service on the Worship Committee.

Thank you to Lorna Johnson for the white board and markers given in memory of her sister Phyllis Gustavson. This white board will enhance our education ministries at Garfield.

Thank you to the FaithSeekers for assembling the annual reports.

## CHURCH BELLS

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### PORTRAIT OF A BIBLICAL GIVER (based on Ask, Thank, Tell by Chip Lane)

*1 Corinthians 16:2*

*On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.*

### BE REGULAR

To be regular in your giving means to establish a pattern of giving. The apostle Paul recommended once a week because people were paid once a week. Obviously today we need to set our patterns based on when we receive our income. Thus create your pattern of regular giving so that when you receive income you give your offering. It is obvious that being intentional and being regular go hand in hand. Develop a plan that fits your income flow and then be regular by following this plan.

*Gracious God, you have provided me with all that I need. I place my income back into your hand. Help me to establish a pattern of regular giving. Amen.*

**SWMN SYNOD LEADERSHIP DAY**

Equipping for Mission  
Saturday, February 26, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
Redwood Falls

Calling all leaders – council, committee members,  
WELCA, teachers  
Leadership of a congregation is the responsibility of  
more than the pastor and the council  
Come learn new ideas for ministry  
See what other congregations are doing  
Learn what’s happening in our synod and the ELCA

If we register before February 14 we can bring as  
many people as we want for \$30  
Contact Pastor Eunice

### **CALENDAR DATES FOR FEBRUARY**

Feb 2 - first communion class 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
church council 7 p.m.  
Feb 3 - Do day  
Feb 6 - celebration of First Communion  
Souper Bowl Sunday  
Feb 9 - WELCA 2 p.m.  
Feb 13 - Love Your Neighbor Day  
Youth and Family Sledding  
Feb 26 - Synod Leadership Day  
Feb 27 - Companion Synod Sunday  
LQP Conference meeting – Baxter

### **SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY**

Birthday Anniversaries  
01-Feb-1928 Eileen Sather  
02-Feb-1983 Timothy Buer  
06-Feb-1924 Orville Haugen  
10-Feb-1931 Lynn Hanson  
14-Feb-1969 Todd Patzer  
14-Feb-1930 Lucille Storlien  
24-Feb-1985 Karin Olson

Baptismal Dates  
12-Feb-1925 Wm. Emerson Bleyhl  
18-Feb-1928 Eileen Sather

### **WELCA MINUTES**

The Garfield Women of the ELCA met January 12,  
2011, with 14 members present!

Our President, Lorraine, called the meeting to order.  
We said our theme in unison and sang our theme  
hymn.

The Secretary’s report was read, followed by many  
“Thank You’s” from various people we sent our  
yearly donations to. The Treasurer’s report was  
given. Both reports were approved as read.

### **Old Business**

Lorraine “Thanked “ all who brought food and  
helped “serve” at the Blood Mobile last month.

### **New Business**

Discussion was held concerning our “soup day”  
coming up in March – more information to follow.

The program was presented by the officers,  
devotions was given by Norma, the song “Blessed  
Assurance was sung by all, a skip called “Fence  
Posts” was presented by Rosalind, Norma,  
Rosemary, Mary, Eileen and Ramona, and song  
“Don’t Fence Me In” was sung.

The offering was taken and we closed singing “We  
Give Thee but Thine Own”.

Lorraine “Thanked” our servers; Lorna and  
Maralee. The servers for February are Rosemary  
and Fran P. The meeting adjourned and the Lord’s  
Prayer was said.

Secretary,  
Ramona Thompson

### **GARFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Jim Ernst, Council President, called the January  
meeting of the Garfield Lutheran Church Council to  
order. Present were: Jim Ernst, Tim Patzer, Ron  
Enger, Jim Connor, Sharron Haas, Deanna Jordahl,  
Lori Larson, Pam Weber, Lorraine Connor,  
Rosemary Weber, Chuck Storlien, and Pastor  
Eunice. Pastor Eunice led in devotions and prayer.

The secretary's report, financial secretary's report, and the treasurer's report were given and approved. The closing balance at the end of December was \$3,693.98.

A discussion was held on the budget for 2011. We discussed paying the people who do the snow blowing for fuel reimbursement.

Lorraine Connor presented the Garfield Women's report. WELCA will be held January 12. They served the bloodmobile and received several compliments.

### **Pastor's Report**

1. Pastor Eunice rejoined the Madison Chamber of Commerce
2. Pastor Eunice will represent the Madison Pastors as a Local Coordinating Council (LCC) member for the LQP County Service Center.
3. January 30 will be the recognition day for those who have completed leadership service.
4. February 6 will be the date for installation of new council members.
5. A Healthy Congregations Event will be held on January 29.
6. There will be a Leadership Day on February 26 for council members and others in leadership roles.
7. February 27 is the Conference Annual Meeting.
8. Lenten supper and worship times have changed to 6:00 for supper and 7:00 for Lenten Worship.
9. A new usher list is due.
10. A new flower chart needs to be made.
11. Memorials - white board and eraser, lamp for piano, lamp for organ. Jane and Maralee will be asked to work on the lamps.
12. Pastor Eunice has taken her 2011 Health Assessment with the ELCA.
13. Pastor Eunice presented her January calendar.

### **Trustees Report**

1. The light on the pulpit needs attention.

### **Old Business**

1. Back door - Pat is working on it.
2. There was discussion on the number of members to be on the church council - this will be brought up at the annual meeting.

3. A letter was received from the Historical Center. They want permission to purchase microfilm. Pastor Eunice and Jim will take care of it.
4. Correspondence about mission investment was held

### **New Business**

1. Talk about purchasing communion wine with deacons.
2. Form letter for agenda of the council meetings will be made for the new council.
3. Church closings - what is chain of command as to weather? The chairperson should make the decision.
4. The video recorder has a problem with the sound.
5. Pastor Eunice is having difficulty with the body microphone. Pastor Eunice will check with New Life in Willmar.
6. Saturday, January 22 at will be the council dinner.
7. A request has been made for more familiar hymns and less verses. Make a list of favorite hymns.

The next meeting will be February 2 at 7 p.m.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the benediction.

"May the Lord bless us and keep us..."

Deanna Jordahl, Council Secretary

