

# CONFIRMANDS

Individuals being confirmed following the completion of confirmation classes. They have been instructed in the Word of God and in the Faith of the Christian Church. They have affirmed the Promise of Baptism and have made Public Confession of Faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit before the Assembled Congregation.

## MARIAH LYNNE ASCHE

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths."

Parents: Tiffany Asche - People's Savings Bank  
Mike Asche- Gubbles Heating & Air Conditioning

School/Grade: Dike-New Hartford - 9th grade

Favorite Memory: "My favorite memory was the food bank, singing at Walmart, and gathering at Pastor Lisa's house."



## DEVON WILLIAM LOTTS

Confirmation Verse: Romans 8: 31 "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Parents: Christa Lotts: Western Home Communities  
Jeremy Lotts - Martin Brothers

School/Grade: Dike-New Hartford - 9th grade

Favorite Memory: "My favorite memory was at the end of confirmation when we all went to Pastor Lisa's house and had smores, other food and told stories."

## ISABELLA MARY NORTON

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:6 "Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

Parents: Angie Norton - teacher at DNH  
Tony Norton - teacher at DNH

School/Grade: Dike-New Hartford- 9th grade

Favorite Memory: "My favorite confirmation memory was going on all the field trips. My favorite place was at Walmart ringing the salvation army bells and singing Christmas carols."



## EMMA MARIE OPOIEN

Confirmation Verse: Galations 2:20 "and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Parents: Charlotte Opoien - Rabo AgriFinance  
Matthew Opoien - Self-employed

School/Grade: Dike-New Hartford -9th grade

Favorite Memory: "When we went to Pastor Lisa's house and had hot dogs, smores, beanbag toss, chalk and a bon-fire plus other fun things."

# COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Special called meeting called to discuss the Cemetery Vandalism bids,  
held in person, at Fredsville Lutheran Church @ 6:30 p.m.

These minutes have been approved.

**Attendance:** Pastor Lisa, Linda Nielsen, Brenda Cooper, Art Lupkes, Heidi Mounce, Kathi Heidi, Sue Green, Sharon Hemmen, Jana Hermann. Absent: Cara Lott, Trey Nuss

**Call to Order:** President Brenda Cooper

**Devotions:** Pastor Lisa led us in devotions using D365 titled, "Loving like God". The devotion was based on verses from 1 John. "Perfect love drives out fear." "Abide in Love." "Abide in God." "Move me into loving others."

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Nielsen

As of Date:

- General Fund: \$42,306.64
- Building Fund: \$42,788.64
- Memorial Fund: \$15,271.22

**Secretary's Report:** Sue Green

The August 12 minutes were approved electronically so they could be published in the September newsletter.

**Old Business Discussed:**

#1 – Art Lupkes reported on the bids for fixing the monuments in the cemetery. Breakenridge Monuments did not bid on the job as they did not have enough time to do so. The bids from Luhring Monuments (Parkersburg) and Black Hawk Memorial (Waterloo) were discussed while walking through the cemetery. Due to the difference in the way that the bids were quoted, Sharon Hemmen made the motion and Kathi Heide seconded that the Cemetery Committee (Art Lupkes, Jim Wertz & Scott Dietrich) get more information concerning what specifically will be replaced and what will be restored for each vandalized monument with the cost so a direct comparison can be made. The motion passed.

**New Business Discussed:**

Sue Green made the motion and Jana Hermann seconded to purchase a Sterilaser UV disinfectant room unit, costing \$2645 (plus shipping along with 4 replacement bulbs.) The motion passed. Brenda Cooper will be checking with the Endowment Committee to see if half of the cost can be paid for using Endowment Funds. Note: The Endowment Committee said "yes".

**Committee Reports:**

- Cemetery
- Farm
- ·Endowment
- ·Property
- ·Mutual Ministry
- ·Worship Team
- ·Service Team
- ·Proclamation Team
- ·Ministry Support Team
- ·150th Anniversary – Jean Loger is planning an open-faced sandwich meal to be held after church on September 26th. There may be a guest speaker.

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**Pastor Report:** Pastor has been doing as many nursing home visits (which includes serving communion) as she can – in case the COVID were to limit visitors again this fall.

**Closing Prayer:** The Council members said the Lord's Prayer in unison.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, September 12th after church (to select which company will be doing the repair/replacement work on the tombstones in the Cemetery.)

**Respectfully Submitted:** Sue Green, Secretary

## COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Held in person, at Fredsville Lutheran Church @ 6:30 p.m.

These minutes have not yet been approved

**Attendance:** Pastor Lisa, Brenda Cooper, Art Lupkes, Heidi Mounce, Kathi Heidi, Cara Lott, Sharon Hemmen.

Absent : Linda Nielsen, Trey Nuss, Sue Green & Jana Hermann.

**Call to Order:** Council President – Brenda Cooper

**Devotions:** Pastor Lisa

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Nielsen

As of Date:

- General Fund: \$35,857.37
- Building Fund: \$21,649.19
- Memorial Fund: \$15,736.22

**Secretary's Report:** Sue Green emailed out the September 2, 2021 minutes to be approved. Art Lupkes and Brenda Cooper approved the minutes in addition to the email approvals.

### Old Business Discussed:

#### 1) Cemetery update:

The Cemetery Committee (Scott Dietrich, Art Lupkes and Jim Wirtz) met with Black Haw Memorial (Cedar Falls) and Luhring Monuments (Parkersburg) to discuss clarification on the current tombstone bids.

#### Black Hawk Memorial:

The Cemetery Committee felt that Black Hawk Memorial was inconsistent with their bids when they were questioned on how and why they choose to replace or repair the headstones. Ultimately, Black Hawk Memorial was not interested in adjusting their original bid. They also stated that they would not be able to start on the Cemetery project until next spring.

#### Luhring Monument:

Larry Luhring, the father and former owner, has retired and his son, John Luhring, has taken over the management of the business. They revisited the cemetery and provided a more detailed summary of damages and proposed charges. They were very interested in making the right decision for each stone and had appropriate reasons for their recommendations. Luhring Monuments is requesting half of the money up front and the other half at the completion of the project if they were to get the bid. They would be able to begin as early as a week after accepting the job.

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The Cemetery Committee unanimously agreed that the bid should be given to Luhring Monument. Pastor Lisa suggested that the extra monies from the insurance company be used to make a plaque that could be displayed somewhere near the entry way in the cemetery. The plaque would explain the history of the damaged headstones. The oldest headstone could be displayed inside a cabinet in the church as it will need to be replaced. The rest of the stones could be placed in the flower beds in the cemetery as a remembrance of those individuals/families and as a declaration of the history of the vandalism.

Pastor Lisa confirmed that all of the family members of the damaged stones have been contacted but noted that most of the headstones did not have living family members to assist with the decision making.

Art Lupkes made a motion to accept Luhring Monument's bid as recommended by the Cemetery Committee. Sharon Hemmen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Art will contact John Luhring to begin the process for repairing and replacing the headstones.

2) Cemetery Donations:

Pastor Lisa shared that Fredsville has received \$3,000 in donations to assist with the damages.

3) Leads on the accountable parties for the damage done to the cemetery:

No new news to report. A question was raised whether or not pictures of alleged individuals could be posted in the media to elicit the public to come forward with information. Tom Verhulst will be contacted concerning updates through the Grundy County Attorney's Office.

**New Business Discussed:**

- 1) Yard cleanup needed: A concern was raised that the SE entrance is filling up with weeds.
- 2) There is plastic hanging down from the east side of the double doors that needs to be addressed.

**Upcoming Reminders:**

**Committee Reports:**

- Cemetery
- Farm
- Endowment
- Property
- Mutual Ministry
- Worship Team
- Service Team
- Proclamation Team
- Ministry Support Team

**Pastor Report:**

- 1) Pastor Lisa has continued to make visits to Fredsville members living at nursing homes.
- 2) Pastor Lisa will be taking Sunday, October 3rd off to attend Pastor (Vicar) Ron Poe's Installation Ceremony at this new church home in Illinois. She is planning on asking Pastor Shaw to preside over the service in her absence.
- 3) Congratulations to Jeff Sandlin for being a nominee for a Regional Emmy Award: Director of News Casting. The ceremony will take place on October 10th. A recommendation was made to ask Christy Moore, to fill in for Meredith as organist on that Sunday so that she may be with Jeff at the ceremony.

**Closing Prayer:** The Council members said the Lord's Prayer in unison.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Brenda Cooper, Secretary Pro-Tem



**October 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**  
**Leaving a Legacy**

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit [LSIowa.org/church-relations](http://LSIowa.org/church-relations) or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

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**One Backpack and a Simple Act of Kindness**

The start of fall classes can be difficult for any child – especially as youth of all ages adjust back to “normal” following a year of virtual classes and Zoom meetings. But for kids who have experienced trauma, back-to-school season can bring additional stress: anxiety about meeting new people; worry that their family may not have enough grocery money for lunch every day; insecurity if they come to school without some of the fun supplies other kids have.

Thanks to donations of backpacks, crayons and pencils, glue, and more, LSI is ensuring Iowa youth have access to the school supplies they need to succeed. And because of this, kids are empowered with the ability to choose their own supplies that show off their own styles and personalities so they can feel confident as they return to classes.

After having a tough day, Marisol was feeling sad and was told she and her guardian would be stopping by the LSI office for some school supplies. She wasn't in the mood for a visit but after arriving at the office, she found a bright spot in her day: her LSI worker was there to help her pick out a new backpack of her own. She was delighted after finding her favorite, and eagerly walked around the office to choose more back-to-school items she could place in her backpack.

Thanks to these contributions, Marisol's day was turned around by a simple act of kindness and a new backpack.

**FYI- MANDATORY 10-DIGIT DIALING - EFFECTIVE 10/24**

You might have been notified already, but the Federal Communications Commission is now requiring all local calls within our area code to include the area code. We now need to dial 10-digits instead of the 7-digits.



**The events of the Reformation did not reveal anything new.**

They only uncovered what was part of the Christian teaching to begin with that had become forgotten or hidden over the years by Church practices and traditions that had developed. Martin Luther pulled back the curtain, if you will, on what the Scriptures actually said and what the early Church intended. Though revolutionary for their time, the tenets of the Reformation are integral parts of the life of the Protestant church today.

**CONFESSION** The act of confessing sins to God is a personal act between you and God that is not necessarily something that needs to be done in a formal way in the church. Whether at home or in the car or at work or school, you can confess your sins to God and he will grant you full forgiveness. As the Scripture simply says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

**READING THE BIBLE** In the time of the Reformation, only the church leaders read and had access to the Bible. Parishioners only listened to church leaders read the Bible aloud in church in Latin, which made it difficult for everyday people to know and understand the Scripture. Martin Luther translated the Bible into German and copies were printed and distributed so that people in his country could read the Bible on their own in their own language. Other translations followed and people's awareness of Christian beliefs grew. Today we are blessed with Bibles written in English and the chance to read Scripture silently or aloud in worship in-person or online.

**MUSIC** The Reformation brought music and singing to the people in the pews. As with Bible reading, singing had been reserved for church leaders, who mainly chanted in Latin. Martin Luther composed 36 hymns that were based on folk melodies people already knew and published a hymnbook that parishioners could use in church to sing songs in unison and in harmony as part of the liturgy of worship. The practice of congregational singing continues to this day, in unison and in harmony as part of the liturgy of worship. The practice of congregational singing continues to this day, in line with the Scripture that says, "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among

the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations" (Psalm 57:9).

**TABLE TALK** When Martin Luther served as a professor at the University of Wittenberg, he did not leave the teaching in the school buildings, but invited his students to join him around the dinner table with his family to talk about issues related to the Christian life, the Church and the Bible. Today the practice of having devotions and prayers around the dinner table is very common among Christian households.

**TEACHING** When Martin Luther traveled around to other churches, he was surprised to discover that many people were not familiar with the most basic teachings of the Church. So he wrote the Small Catechism for parents to use in their homes to teach their children these six chief parts: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, the Office of the Keys and Confession and the Lord's Supper. In this way, the Small Catechism was a fulfillment of Scripture that said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Luther also wrote the Large Catechism with more in-depth information for clergy to use in teaching their parishioners.

**PRAYER** Like with many things in the Church during the time of the Reformation, the act of prayer was most commonly practiced within the walls of the church building. But Luther taught that prayer should be the first business of the morning and the last at night and that it should be something we engage in throughout the day. When Luther's barber, Peter Beskendorf, asked Luther for suggestions concerning prayer, Luther responded by writing the book *A Simple Way to Pray*. In its pages, Luther wrote prayers that corresponded to the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Prayer continues to be an integral part of a Christian household's routine with parents and children most often praying together before and after meals and at bedtime.

**VOCATION** In Luther's day, there was a hierarchy in work that people did. The clergy and others who worked in the church were at the top rung of society and those who were maids and servants were stationed at the bottom rung. But Luther explained that in the eyes of God, all people were equal, no matter what their occupation. Vocation became a much broader term in the Reformation to mean being forgiven by God to serve others in response to his love for us. This idea of our "calling" in the name of Christ elevated the status of the common laborer and brought about a greater sense of the inherent worth of a person, not connected to a person's specific job. Today our church bodies include in their mission statements the strong belief in the equal value of each person.