December 1, 2024

Chetek & Dovre Lutheran Churches

The Visitor

Comings and Goings

***"For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16**

In the little town of Bethlehem a little baby was born who would give us the biggest gift of all!

Everlasting life and love.

As we celebrate this great gift, join us on Wednesday nights in December for Soup Suppers at 5:52 pm followed by Advent Worship at 6:30 pm centered on The Lord's Prayer.

Christmas Eve you are invited to join us for Candlelight Services at 4 & 7 pm at CLC and 5:30 pm at Dovre.

Christmas Day we will worship at 10 am at Meadowbrook.

All are welcome!

From the Staff and Leadership of Dovre & Chetek Lutheran Churches, may your Advent and Christmas observances be blessed with love and peace by the One who came to bring us Everlasting Life!

PASTOR GUY

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 2024

GENERAL FUND	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	**$17,519.62**
DEPOSITS:	$22,957.78
DISBURSEMENTS:	$21,751.29
ENDING BALANCE:	**$18,726.11**

MEMORIAL & GIFTS	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	**$23,398.75**
CONTRIBUTIONS:	$279.85
DISBURSEMENTS:	$490.80
ENDING BALANCE:	**$23,187.80**

October Special Mission: Roselawn PTO Winter Wear Drive: $345.00

Our Benevolence payments for October totaled $1,267.07. Benevolence is based on 7% of our tithes, offerings, holiday donations and loose change funds.

The special mission projects include any Thrivent Choice money received for the month. Thank you for thinking of CLC when designating your Thrivent Choice funds.

We want to remind you that the only funding Chetek Lutheran receives is from the members of the church. We know with the increase in price of nearly everything, that giving to the church may be a struggle, but we can only continue to keep our doors open and programs possible with the financial support from our members.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS SUMMARY

DONATIONS TO:
KOINS FOR KIDS: $229.85
CHOIR MUSIC : $50.00

DISBURSEMENTS FROM:
VIDEO STEAM /CAMERA: $148.57 For annual copyright & stream license.

If you ever have questions regarding the financial reports, I can be reached by email or phone listed below.
You may also contact any council member or attend the monthly Council Meeting.
****Please note my new email below.*

Sincerely, your bookkeeper, Kelly Knowlton 715-642-3356 bookkeeper@cheteklutheran.church

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A Word from the Interim President - Gloria Kwallek

Streaming and the council are on my mind today. We have ordered an encoder for streaming. This should make our streaming more reliable. It also should be easier to run and less intimidating for those running the streaming. My hope is we will get at least 2-4 more people who will be willing to stream. We have heard people at home want to see the slides to follow along with the words. Once this is set up, we will be able to do that on both You Tube and Facebook.

We are also getting closer to the annual meeting. We will be electing 9 people. We need to fill three 3-year terms, three 2-year terms, and three 1-year terms. We have 3 people willing to stay on council in any of those terms, so we need 6 more people. If you are interested in helping with streaming or council, please let me know.

November 19, 2024 Interim Council Minutes

Location: Chetek Lutheran Church
Meeting Type: Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Times: 5:29 pm
Attendees: Jim Adams, Stu Cochrane, David Foss, Howie Moe, Gloria Kwallek, Mark Lenbom, Pastor Guy Redfield, Ginny Schimmel, Denny Thraen, Barb Webb
Absent: None
Staff: Stephen Fortin
Guests: Marissa Fortin, Sue Johnson, Tammy Lenbom, Karen Magnuson, Fran & Tina Langman
Call to Order: Gloria Kwallek
Devotions: Jim Adams shared a devotional about leadership and offered a prayer.
Approval of October 15, 2024 Interim Council Minutes: Stu moved, Mark seconded; passed
Approval of November 19, 2024 Agenda: Ginny requested a closed session be held after the end of the Regular Council meeting to clarify the Secretarial position expectations. Jim moved, Mark seconded approval of the agenda with the addition of a closed session; motion passed
Old Business: The Technology Committee reported Audio Architect provided a quote for their services. However the Technology Committee presented a much less expensive option ($209) from Amazon. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Ginny, to go with the Amazon product. Motion carried with caveat that CLC does not have any contract obligations prohibiting cancellation without incurring a cost. A motion was also made by Jim, seconded by Stu to eliminate streaming via Christian Media as we have virtually no individuals using this service. Motion passed.
New Business : David Foss was unanimously approved as a new Council member. Gloria requested that each Council member indicate if they wanted to be on the Council candidate slate in February or if they were stepping down at the end of this term. Stu, Mark (requested he run for a 1-yr term), David and Gloria will run for the new term; Howie, Barb, Ginny, Denny and Jim will not. Denny shared that Russell Richards is willing to run for Council.
Mission Envelope for November: Moved by Barb, seconded by Jim that the December Mission Envelope contributions are used for Christmas baskets. Motion carried.
Financial Report:

Denny reported that the Finance Committee met.
Bookkeeper's Financial Report approval; Mark moved, Jim seconded; approved. Per Denny actual bill payment is not yet complete due to illness. Should be completed very soon.

Pastor's Report:

Confirmations were celebrated on October 27th
Two funerals and one baptism were conducted thus far in November
Joint Christmas program with Dovre at CLC on 12/15, 9 am
Community Thanksgiving service is at the Methodist Church on 11/27, 6:00 pm
Christmas services, 12/24 at 4 and 7 PM at CLC; 5:30 at Dovre
Christmas Day service, 10 am at Meadowbrook

Technology:
No additional items from what was provided in the Old Business report.

Custodian: Stephen reported a gas leak had been detected. WE Energy was called. The source was the griddle in the kitchen. The pilot light is turned off and should stay that way for now. Stephen also installed carbon detectors.

Youth Director: Gloria reported that Shawna wants to serve as the Youth Director without being compensated; she believes serving in this position is her calling.

WELCA Report: Please read the full WELCA report – this wonderful group has been very busy! Some key highlights: 33 people made 549 rounds of lefse which will be sold on Sundays and at the Cookie Walk; 88 people were served at the Pilgrim Brunch; WELCA Christmas Lunch is on 12/04, 11 am; Cookie Walk 12/14 (Bring your baked goods and crafts between 8 am and 2 pm on 12/13); see important information on Altar Guild process going forward.

Walk-ons: None

Upcoming dates: Please see Pastor's Report & WELCA Report.

Next meeting: December 27, 5:30 pm. (Stu will chair as Gloria will not be available)

Devotions for December: Mark Lenbom

Closing: Council spoke the Lord's Prayer. Motion to adjourn made by Jim, seconded by Mark, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Webb & Ginny Schimmel

Dovre Lutheran Church Council Meeting of November 17, 2024

The Meeting was called to order by President Paul Carlson at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Cathy Albrecht, Sandy Harelstad, Pat Nichols, Lynda Rogers, Paul Carlson, Karin Jorstad. Absent: Cody Nyhagen.

Devotions were given by Paul from the book Blessed Is The Ordinary, entitled "Let Us Give Thanks", as we enter into the Thanksgiving season.

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Motion made by Lynda, seconded by Pat to accept the Minutes. Motion passed.
Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion made by Pat, seconded by Lynda to accept the Report after correction under Expenditures—the Trunk or Treat figures and the Secretarial expenses were reversed.
Pastor's Report: The Chetek Lutheran Christmas program is on December 15 and the Youth and Family Director, Shawna Skoug has invited Dovre Lutheran to attend the program at a joint service at 9:00 a.m. that Sunday.

Old Business:

- Repairs and Maintenance: Our basement window shades are very brittle. Lynda will look into replacements. Wayne Olson ordered the back sacristy door but the store didn't follow through and order it yet.
- Good Neighbor Fund: Motion made by Lynda and seconded by Pat to give $250.00 to 2 more local recipients. Motion passed.
- Council Members: We discussed potential members. Pat will make an announcement at church this morning that we need interested volunteers.

New Business:

- Date for the Annual Meeting: January 26 will be the Annual Meeting, with Pot Luck dinner.
- Christmas Eve Service: Will be at the usual time of 5:30. Council discussed the need for an organist that evening as well as on December 22.
- Budget: The Budget was reviewed with a few changes. Motion made by Sandy, seconded by Pat to bring the proposed Budget for 2025 to the congregation. Motion passed.

The next Meeting will be on December 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Dovre.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karin Jorstad, Secretary.

CHRISTMAS upcoming events

Dovre Christmas Supper

Dovre Christmas Supper is **Sunday, December 1** at **4:00 pm**.

A WELCA
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

at 11:30 am

At Chetek Lutheran Church

Following the luncheon

***Warren Petryk** of*

"The Memories"

will sing Hymns & Christmas

Cookie Walk

Saturday December 14th

8am till GONE

CHRISTMAS
upcoming events

Saturday, December 14, 2024 7:00 pm

Chancel Choir

Chetek Lutheran Church

Coffee & Dessert will follow the Cantata

Sunday School Christmas Recital December 15th

During 9am Service

WELCA

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wed., Dec 4	**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON** **WELCA** invites area Women & Men to join us for this special day: ***Guests are invited.*** WELCA members are asked to bring a Christmas baked good for the dessert table.	**11:30 am** Following the luncheon, please welcome: ***Warren Petryk of "The Memories"*** Warren will sing Hymns & Christmas music that will put everyone in a festive mood!
Fri., Dec 13	**SET UP FOR COOKIE WALK:** All members of the congregation are asked to bring a batch or two of cookies and ethnic baking on Fri., Dec. 13th to sell at the Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 14th. Workers are needed to assemble cookies on trays to help display these amazing goodies. Crafts and Christmas items will be sold on the craft table.	**8:00 am – 2:00 pm** **Please bring cookies to church by noon, or as soon as possible, for packaging, pricing, etc.**
Sat., Dec 14	**COOKIE WALK** Team Chairpersons will be calling for cookies. 	**8:00 am until gone** Everyone is invited to do their shopping, buying cookies by the pound or special made ethnic baking, lefse, crafts Christmas items, etc.

WELCA NEWS: CHETEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 @ 11:30 am*. REMINDER: WELCA members are asked to bring a Christmas baked good for our dessert table.** Program will follow upstairs with special music by Warren Petryk of "The Memories." Guests are invited. ***Please join us for a wonderful day of fellowship and entertainment!!

WELCA COOKIE WALK:

Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 8:00 AM until gone!! Serving teams will be calling all members for a batch or two of **ethnic & other baked goods, cookies, candy, crafts to be dropped off at church on Friday, December 13th between 8:00 am & 2:00 pm,** if possible, for packaging and pricing. If you are able to help our set-up team on Fri., Dec. 13 (8 am-2 pm) or sales team on Sat., Dec. 14 (8 -11 am), please sign up with Sue Johnson (715-790-8802) or Shari Thraen.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S TO OUR WELCA TEAMMATES:

1. LEFSE DAY…….Saturday, November 2nd - WELCA thanks our incredible team of 33 people who came to help us make 20 double batches of LEFSE!! Also, thank you to those who purchased/delivered the lefse supplies and provided delicious soups for the lunch after all the work was done! **549 rounds of lefse were made between 7:30 am & 11:39 am**, which is fabulous! We had many new people learning this so-loved Scandinavian art/baking tradition. **Praise God!!** ***WELCA will sell Lefse at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th and also after church for the next few weeks at the price of 3 rounds for $4.50.*** *Please contact Ronda Carlson (715-928-1579) or Sue Johnson (715-790-8802) if questions.*

2. PILGRIM BRUNCH…..Wednesday, November 6th: WELCA thanks the 88 people from CLC and area churches who attended our annual **PILGRIM BRUNCH**. Thanks to all who generously provided delicious egg bakes, French toast, biscuits & gravy, muffins, lefse, fruit salads, Danish, molasses cookies and pumpkin bars. Thanks also to the decorating, set-up and clean-up teams and to David & Judy Anderson for the special music. God has blessed us with an incredible team of helping hands to serve Him.

Dear Lord,
Thank You for this gift of food
You've placed upon our table…..
And help us all to do your work
In any way we're able. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"After He said this, He took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then He broke it and began to eat"…….Acts 27:35

3. **WELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE – Sunday, November 10th:** WELCA would like to thank all who served as greeters, ushers, readers, communion servers, those who provided special music and treats for Coffee Hour.
It was a wonderful ***THANKOFFERING WORSHIP SERVICE!!!***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

New Year's Day is on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, so **WELCA** will be meeting on **Wednesday, January 8th at 1:30 pm.**

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 am Confirmation 9:00 am CLC Worship Service/ Sunday School 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 am Dovre Worship Service 3:00 pm Cub Scouts 4:00 pm **Dovre Christmas Supper** 3:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	**2** **Pastor's Sabbath**	**3**	**4** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Quilters 11:30 am **WELCA Christmas Lunch** 5:52 pm Soup Dinner 6:30 pm Advent Worship 7:00 pm Chancel Choir/ Confirmation **Prayer & Praise is To Be Announced**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8 8:15am Confirmation 9:00 am CLC Worship Service/ Sunday School 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 am Dovre Worship Service 3:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	**9** **Pastor's Sabbath** 1:00 pm Hannah Circle	**10**	**11** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 5:52 pm Soup Dinner 6:30 pm Advent Worship 7:00 pm Chancel Choir/ Confirmation	**12**	**13** 8:00 am-2:00 pm Set up for Cookie Walk	**14** 8:00 am to Gone **Cookie Walk** 7:00 pm **Christmas Cantata**
15 8:15am Confirmation 9:00 am CLC & DLC Worship Service/**Sunday School Christmas Program** 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship/Bible Study 3:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	**16** **Pastor's Sabbath**	**17** 5:30 pm CLC Council meeting	**18** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am Deborah Circle 5:52 pm Soup Dinner 6:30 pm Advent Worship 7:00 pm Confirmation	**19**	**20** 6:00-8:00 pm **Rachel Elbin's Winter Recital**	**21**
22 9:00 am CLC Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 am Dovre Worship Service 3:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	**23** **Pastor's Sabbath** **1:00 pm Dovre Council Meeting**	**24** **Christmas Eve Services** **4 pm & 7 pm CLC** **5:30 pm DLC**	**25 Office Closed** **Christmas Day** 10:00 am Service at Meadowbrook of Chetek	**26** Dovre Quilting	**27**	**28**
29 9:00 am CLC Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 am Dovre Worship Service 3:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	**30** **Pastor's Sabbath**	**31** **New Years Eve**				

Sunday Worship Assistants

December	1	8	15	22	29
CLC Organist	Rita Hong	John Dutmer	Rachel Elbin	Rita Hong	Rachel Elbin
DLC Organist	Rita Hong	John Dutmer	Rachel Elbin	Guitar	Rachel Elbin
DCL Reader	Connie Olson	Wendy Raddenbach	Sandy Harelstad	Gary Neilsen	Oscar Skoug
DLC Altar Guild	Lynda Rogers & Connie Olson	Lynda Rogers & Connie Olson	Lynda Rogers & Connie Olson	Lynda Rogers & Connie Olson	Lynda Rogers & Connie Olson

Chetek & Dovre Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

4:00 pm Chetek Lutheran Church

5:30 pm Dovre Lutheran Church

7:00 pm Chetek Lutheran Church

Christmas Day

10:00 am Meadowbrook Of Chetek

725 Knapp Street
Chetek, WI

Did you know you can get an E-mailed copy of *The Visitor*?!

If you are interested and would like to receive one, please do one of the following:

E-mail the Secretary

or

Call the office (715-924-4881)

(Just leave a message with your: Name, phone number and email address)

Also, if you or your family have moved, changed phone number or email, added or lost a family member, please contact the Office.

Thank you!

NEW IMPORTANT EMAILS:

Secretary: Charlene Ferraro: Office@cheteklutheran.church

Interim Council President: Gloria Kwallek council@cheteklutheran.church
For concerns, agenda items, questions, etc.

Streaming Desk: streaming@cheteklutheran.church

This isn't really a person based account. We're logged into this account at the streaming desk, and if anyone ever needs to send a PowerPoint or slideshow to be displayed on the projector, they can email the file to us there. Internal users can simply share the file.

Social Media & Website: Marrisa Fortin outreach@cheteklutheran.church

For items that need to go on social media or the website. I would also LOVE to receive photos of church activities for sharing on social media and the website, and I'll save them for the next time the church publishes membership book.

Youth Director: Shawna Skoug youth@cheteklutheran.church

Pastor Guy: pastorguy@cheteklutheran.church

Bookkeeper: Kelly Knowlton bookkeeper@cheteklutheran.church

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Youth News!!

FALL DATES FOR YOUTH EVENTS:

Confirmation Classes meet on Sunday Mornings @ 8:15 a.m.

December 15th:
Sunday School Christmas Program during 9:00 am Worship Service

NO Sunday School
or
Confirmation classes
December 22nd and 29th.
They will resume on
January 5th, 2025

"WE CARE" MINISTRIES:

Sign-up sheets for November and December are in the back of the church.
This mission project provides treats for residents at Meadowbrook Care Center.

To place a Memorial Poinsettia order, Call the office or stop by to get your name on the list.
More information to come.

A copy of the book
"Take Charge of Your Emotions"
by Dr. Linda Solie, (Who was the guest speaker at our joint Retreat with Dovre in October) will be in the church library for check out.
If you wish to order a copy for yourself, you can order at ChristianBooks.com

Thank you for your generous support of our mission and ministry.