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CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2018

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bradley Pylypow	Linda Aker Paulgaard	Ralph Crawford
Irene Motta	Gerry Motta	Kaylee Pylypow
Darlene Downing	Carol Paulgaard	Ove Aasen
Yvonne Pickard	Darlene Currie	Kathy Kazakoff
Elton Paulgaard	Avis Youse	Joanne Paulgaard
Kim Larson	Deb Larson	Diana Kroetsch
Dawn Paulgaard	Trevor Provick	Violet Larson
Susan McElhinney	Janie Crawford	Sherrilyn Spencer
Dick Brouwer	Elaine Brouwer	Antionnette Erasmus

- See attached sheet for signatures

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Bradley P called the meeting to order at 11:09 AM / quorum was confirmed and housekeeping announcements were complete.
2. **OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:** Pastor Paul opened with devotion by reading 1Timothy 6:17-19. We sang Hymn # 678 and had opening prayer which was written on the back of the report cover.
3. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA:** Kim L motioned that the agenda be accepted as presented. Darlene C second/ carried unanimously.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PRECEEDING MEETING:** Bradley P gave the congregation a few moments to look over the minutes of the 2017 AGM. There were no comments or corrections.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - There was no old business to report.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Bishop's letter as found in the report on pg. 5
 - "Talking Points" as found in the report on pg. 7

7. REPORTS:

A. COMMITTEES

1. Mission & Outreach – (page 9) -- There were no questions or concerns.
2. Worship & Music – (pages 9 through 14) – There were no questions or concerns.
3. Property – (page 15) – There were no questions or concerns
4. Education & Youth – (page 15)—Sunday School Superintendents Report (page 16) –There were no questions or concerns.
5. Nominating – (page 17) – Violet Larson thanked Kathy Kazakoff and Willem De Flamingh for volunteering to take a position on council. Bradley P then asked for nominations from the floor. Trevor Provick volunteered. Bradley then asked for nominations from the floor a second time. Darlene Downing volunteered. Bradley then asked a 3rd and final time for nominations. Nominations were closed and all positions have been filled.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT— (page 18) – Donna was unable to attend so Bradley P and Kim L spoke to the congregation about a few areas in the report. There were no questions or concerns.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – (page 21)—Bradley P thanked everyone for the support in the last 3 years.

D. PASTOR'S REPORT – (page 23) – There were no questions or concerns.

E. SKYLINE LUTHERAN CHURCH – (page 24)

-Darlene D made a motion to accept the reports as presented/ Susan second. Carried unanimously

- 8. 2018 BUDGET** – (page 25) – Bradley P asked if there was any discussion on the proposed budget. There were no questions or concerns. Antionnette E made the motion to accept the 2018 budget as presented/ Yvonne P second. Carried unanimously.

9. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Synod Convention, June 14-16th. Bradley P called for nominations/ volunteers for a delegate to represent our congregation. Susan M suggested Linda Aker Paulgaard but she declined. Council will find a delegate.

-National Convention 2019 – Bradley P asked for nominations / volunteers. Pastor Paul said he would let his name stand.

- Darlene made the motion to accept Pastor Paul as delegate for 2019 National Convention / Trevor P second. Carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CEMETERIES BYLAW ADDITION – (page 26) –Bradley p gave a brief history of how this bylaw came about and went through each section of the bylaw addition. Our thanks go to Bradley for all his dedication and work to make this happen. Motion to accept the new Cemeteries Bylaw addition was made by Joanne Paulgaard / Trevor P second. A secret ballot vote was taken and there was a 100% response in favour of the new bylaw. This bylaw will now be sent to Synod office for their approval. We should be hearing back in a couple months.

B. DATE FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING – Kim L made the motion that the next AGM be held on January 20, 2019. Antionnette E second. Carried unanimously.

11. CLOSING DEVOTION: Hymn # 695

12. LORD'S PRAYER

13. MEETING ADJOURNED: Bradley P adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM. We sang Table Grace and went downstairs for potluck dinner.

January 2019

Dear Beloved in Christ,



May grace and peace be yours in abundance (1 Peter 1:2a).

I send you greetings in the Name of the One who is the light of the world, Jesus our Lord, as you gather for your Annual General Congregational Meeting.

When you gather together, know that I am filled with gratitude to God for you; that I am thankful for our partnership in the gospel; and, that you continue to be in my prayers as I know I remain in yours.

When you meet together, you will be making decisions about your priorities for ministry. You will be adopting budgets that enable ministry that joins in God's mission of reconciliation in the world. You will be supporting your partners in ministry – the rostered ministers of this Synod, and especially those who serve among you as they, first and foremost, seek to equip you for the work of ministry: the building up of the Body of Christ.

Joining God's mission means that your ministry is among the people with whom you live and move and have your being. Your ministry is done each day in the living out of your baptismal identity as God's beloved children through your service in word and deed.

Ministry continues beyond the neighborhood and congregation through the many faces of the Church and many facets of its ministries: our Synod and its staff, our National Church expression, the Lutheran World Federation, *En Misión con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador*, and our Companion Synod – The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia.

Perhaps at this year's Annual General Meeting you might reflect, name and give thanks for the gifts and mission into which God has invited you and your congregation. Consider taking a few moments in small groups to listen to each other and then share with all gathered reflections on the following:

- 1) Share about a time or situation when you or your congregation experienced God's love.
- 2) What resources do you have within your community? Share three gifts God has given you.

As you meet, I ask you to prayerfully consider forwarding a tithe (1/10th) of your annual income as a congregation as your minimal offering for Benevolence for the ministry of the Synod and through the Synod to the wider Church. Some congregations have exceeded this mark already, but I would encourage all congregations to set this goal.

As you gather be sure to join others across the Synod as you:

- View the 4 Mission Priority videos and use the study guide prepared for our June 2018 Synod Convention, distributed to each congregation, and also available through Synod's website: (<http://albertasynod.ca/convention/synod-convention/2018-mission-priority-video-links-downloads-and-study-guide/>)
- View Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen's 3 Synod Convention Presentations: Faith, Hope, Love (<http://albertasynod.ca/convention/synod-convention/rev-dr-anna-madsens-2018-presentations/>)

- Review the Synod Council Meeting “Talking Points” (<http://albertasynod.ca/people/synod-council/>)
- View the Videos of Faith, Hope and Love prepared at our 2018 Synod Convention for Fall 2018 Area Gatherings (<http://albertasynod.ca/convention/synod-convention/area-gathering-videos/>)
- Subscribe to our Synod’s e-mail newsletter: *Wednesday’s Word*, Subscribing is easy on our Synod’s website.

And remember Paul’s words to the saints in Philippi: *...sisters and brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (Philippians 4:8).*

My prayer is that your gathering will be a recital of gratitude and praise to God for the signs of the Holy Spirit at work in, through, around, and among you.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

In Christ Jesus-
Shalom,

+The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Spirit-Led Leadership Hope-Filled Discipleship Innovative Tradition Collaborative Partnerships

Synod Council Retreat Talking Points

September 13-15, 2018

Mulhurst Lutheran Camp, Pigeon Lake



Even though snow was falling throughout the weekend we enjoyed the expanded main lodge for our meetings and the new rooms for our sleeping accommodations. Our Anglican representative to Synod Council, the Venerable Alan T. Perry, served as our chaplain and lead us through Dwelling in the Word and Eucharist each morning and Holden Evening prayer each evening. Cathy Kochendorfer served as our chef and treated us to delicious meals and snacks. We also welcomed Rev Anna Thede from Hosanna in Edmonton as our Synod secretary, Paul Ellison as our Synod Treasurer, and Rev Daranne Harris as our rostered representative from the Southwest Area to their first Synod Retreat. The Area Deans were able to join us for some of the retreat as well, so we thank Rev Trish Schmermund, Rev Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson, Rev. Kathy Calkins, Rev Jeff Decelle, and Rev. Kevin Powell for their participation.

1: On Friday evening we had the opportunity to thank the Reverend Dr. Julianne Barlow for the work she has done on missional formation across the Synod. Julianne has resigned her position as Assistant to the Bishop for Mission and has been appointed to intentional interim ministry in Calgary; she is looking forward to this new opportunity. We had the opportunity to affirm Rev Julianne's important work with and among us with an 'imaginative roast.' We also accepted, with much thanks, the resignation of Darla Wildfang who has been the Executive Assistant in the Synod Office. We wish Darla well in her retirement. Gifts from the Synod will be presented to Julianne and Darla at a later date.

2: Part of our time together was to review the roles and responsibilities of being on Synod Council. The governance manual policies relating to our roles were reviewed and discussed. We also discussed in a brainstorming session: 'Equip 2020', a possible synod gathering on the year when there is no synod nor national convention; governance manual review given the move to a 3-year convention cycle; finances and planned giving; and communication strategies.

3: Rev. Dr. James Hendrickson is our rostered representative to National Church Council. He brought greetings from that body and shared the following information with us:

- a: National Bishop Susan, and the four other Synodical Bishops welcomed a new bishop to the ELCIC. Reverend Jason Zinko has been ordained as the MNO Bishop following the retirement of Bishop Elaine Sauer.
- b: the 4 pillars of the National Church strategic plan and how they were being addressed was shared. The four pillars are:
 - Reconciled Relationships
 - One Body Working Together
 - Courageous Innovation
 - Empowered Disciples
- c: information on the JALC committee (Joint Anglican Lutheran, Commission) focusing on Common Word Alberta was shared.
- d: the National Convention will be held in Regina at the University of Regina next July 11-13, 2019 under the theme *Called to Journey Together: The Ministry of Reconciliation*

e: the Women of Faith Fund (established when the Evangelical Lutheran Women disbanded) distributed over \$46,000 to the 27 applications received to this fund.

4: Synod Treasurer, Paul Ellison, provided Synod Council with a draft compensation package and benefit guidelines for rostered ministers for 2019. These were approved as presented and can be found on the Synod website. Also presented, was the operating budget for 2019. This was discussed thoroughly and was approved by Council. The operating budget can be found on the Synod website as well.

5: Synod Council spent much time discussing the comments received from Synod Convention. Two questions were asked repeatedly throughout convention. Delegates were invited to share their ideas on the two large sheets of paper placed on each side of the convention hall. The two questions were:

a: I am hearing God say to us

b: I sense that one of the places the Spirit is inviting our Synod to join with God in God's work is

Lead by Rev. Dr. Julianne, Council spent some time thinking about what those comments might mean for us as a Council and for us as the ABT Synod as we listen to and seek to discern how the Holy Spirit might be leading us for the future. Synod Council also considered the two motions brought forward through the Committee on Reference and Counsel at Convention. Bishop Larry reported verbally for Wendy Christenson, our Synod Convention Manager, on the results of the convention. We will finish very close to budget and most of the results from delegates were very positive on many aspects of the convention. We thanked Wendy for her wonderful work as convention manager.

6: The Constitution Committee presented their report to Council. They outlined the work being done on existing church constitutions and shared that an easy-to-follow form has been developed to assist congregations working through the new model constitution. This can be found on the Synod website and can simplify what needs to be addressed by congregations in the new constitution.

7: Council also approved a full list of delegates to the National Convention. Some delegates were elected at the Synod Convention in June at Camrose, but more names were needed in order to fill the slate of delegates. We now have a full slate of delegates consisting of 15 lay delegates, 11 rostered delegates and 2 youth delegates for a total of 28 ABT delegates to the National Convention in July 2019. Thank you to those willing to serve as delegates!

8: Bishop Larry shared some growing concerns he has had regarding the workload and accompanying stress and pressure on our rostered ministers. He asks that all members and church congregations pray regularly for our pastors and our Bishop as they seek to meet the growing needs of their congregations.

9: The new joint venture called Holy Trinity in Edson was celebrated. The Anglican parish of St. Catherine's and former Lutheran parish of Grace now serve as the joint Anglican/Lutheran parish of Holy Trinity. A sentence from their website sums up this new venture very well: "This Ecumenical community strives to be an inclusive, safe and welcoming worship community recognizing strength in diversity, togetherness in adversity, and that God's grace, mercy and love are better when shared." This might be a good model for churches to consider in the future.

Mission & Outreach Committee Report – 2018

Coming Soon!

Worship Committee report 2018

Thank you to all the faithful and willing servants for your time and dedication, you have not gone unnoticed. Those who prepare the bulletin, alter guild, organists, pianists, VBS and Sunday school teachers. Our many thanks to them and those that served as ushers, readers, communion hosts, and those who keep our church clean.

Each one of us is given special gifts from God and we are blessed by so many who are willing to use these gifts.

Our special thanks to Pastor Paul, Wenona, James and Andrew for their continued dedication and preparation for worship services, special church events, Bible studies, personal contributions, and for bringing so much joy to our community and to our congregation.

We ask that you would continue to support one another with your action and prayers as we serve the Lord in our congregation and community.

Respectfully submitted

Susan McElhinney
Darlene Currie

1 Corinthians 12: 12 "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. So it is with the body of Christ".

Church Attendance 2018

Sundays				
Jan 7 - 57	Jan 14 - 74	Jan 21 - 70	Jan 28 - 64	
Feb 4 - 52	Feb 11 - 85	Feb 18 - 56	Feb 25 - 70	
Mar 4 - 68	Mar 11 - 55	Mar 18 - 70	Mar 25 - 75	
Apr 1 - 119	Apr 8 - 56	Apr 15 - 82	Apr 22 - 62	Apr 29 - 73
May 6 - 72	May 13 - 59	May 20 - 43	May 27 - 71	
Jun 3 - 66	Jun 10 - 33	Jun 17 - 70	Jun 24 - 56	
Jul 1 - 41	Jul 8 - 26	Jul 15 - 45	Jul 22 - 17	Jul 29 - 44
Aug 5 - 55	Aug 12 - 36	Aug 19 - 52	Aug 26 - 51	
Sep 2 - 50	Sep 9 - 65	Sep 16 - 94	Sep 23 - 72	Sep 30 - 65
Oct 7 - 77	Oct 14 - 63	Oct 21 - 45	Oct 28 - 52	
Nov 4 - 99	Nov 11 - no svc	Nov 18 - 72	Nov 25 - 72	
Dec 2 - 62	Dec 9 - 86	Dec 16 - 109	Dec 23 - 51	Dec 30 - 39
2018 avg. - 62	2017 avg. - 66	2016 avg. - 69	2015 avg. - 63	2014 avg. - 66
Midweek - Lent				
Feb 21 - 30	Feb 28 - 22	Mar 7 - 25	Mar 14 - 25	Mar 21 - 26
Midweek Festival				
Ash Wednesday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil Sat.	Christmas Eve (Sun)	
Feb 14 - 34	Mar 30 - 56	Mar 31 - no svc	Dec 24 - 200	

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - SERVANT & READER LIST 2019

Date	Servant	Reader	Date	Servant	Reader
Feb 3*	Kim & Deb Larson Ralf & Janie Crawford	Janie Crawford	July 7*	Ed & Connie Masson	Ed Masson
Feb 10	Kim & Deb Larson	Darlene Downing	July 14	Leonard & Avis Youse	Avis Youse
Feb 17*	Brad & Cindy Pylypow Deon & Antoinette Erasmus	Brad Pylypow	July 21	Ken & Diane Berg	Ken Berg
Feb 24	Gary & Donna Johnston	Donna Johnston	July 28	Stephen & Karen Paulgaard	Stephen Paulgaard
Mar 3*	Tom & Diana Kroetsch Eric & Carol Landmark	Diana Kroetsch	Aug 4*	Elton & Linda Paulgaard	Linda Paulgaard
Mar 10	Norris & Ruth Pahlke	Ruth Pahlke	Aug 11*	John & Brenda Sullivan Debbie Clarke	Brenda Sullivan
Mar 17*	Stephen & Karen Paulgaard Dwayne & Jackie Paulgaard	Stephen Paulgaard	Aug 18*	Darlene Downing	Darlene Downing
Mar 24	Vivian & David Baier Susan McElhinney	Vivian Baier	Aug 25*	Deon & Antoinette Erasmus	Deon Erasmus
Mar 31*	Dick & Elaine Brouwer	Dick Brouwer	Sept 1	Tom & Diana Kroetsch	Diana Kroetsch
Apr 7*	Brent & Tylene Appel Trevor & ML Provic	Tylene Appel	Sept 8*	Stephen & Karen Paulgaard Vivian & David Baier	Vivian Baier
Apr 14	Lorne & Julie Olson	Lorne Olson	Sept 15	Stephan & Wilma Malan Susan & Nicole McElhinney	Susan McElhinney
Apr 21*	John & Brenda Sullivan Debbie Clarke	Brenda Sullivan	Sept 22*	Brad & Cindy Pylypow Brent & Carrie Olson	Brad Pylypow
Apr 28	Brooklynn Fobes, Chloe Mills McKenna Brouwer	Susan McElhinney	Sept 29	Brooklynn Fobes, Chloe Mills McKenna Brouwer	Susan McElhinney
May 5*	Darlene Downing Brent & Carrie Olson	Darlene Downing	Oct 6*	John & Brenda Sullivan Dalene Currie & Kathy K	Brenda Sullivan
May 12	Tom & Diana Kroetsch	Diana Kroetsch	Oct 13	Norris & Ruth Pahlke	Ruth Pahlke
May 19*	Vivian & David Baier Susan McElhinney	Vivian Baier	Oct 20*	Brent & Tylene Appel Stephan & Wilma Malan	Tylene Appel
May 26	Leonard & Avis Youse	Avis Youse	Oct 27	Dick & Elaine Brouwer	Dick Brouwer
June 2*	Gary & Donna Johnston Patty Thirsk	Donna Johnston	Nov 3*	Lorne & Julie Olson Susan & Nicole McElhinney	Lorne Olson
June 9	Elton & Linda Paulgaard Stephan & Wilma Malan	Linda Paulgaard	Nov 10	Ed & Connie Masson	Ed Masson
June 16*	Diane & Ken Berg Melanie McGowan	Ken Berg	Nov 17*	Brad & Cindy Pylypow Eric & Carol Landmark	Brad Pylypow
June 23	Brent & Tylene Appel	Tylene Appel	Nov 24	Norris & Ruth Pahlke	Ruth Pahlke
June 30*	Lorne & Julie Olson	Lorne Olson	Dec 1*	Deon & Antoinette Erasmus	Antoinette Erasmus

Date	Servant	Reader	Date (2020)	Servant	Reader
Dec 8	Stephen & Karen Paulgaard Eric & Carol Landmark	Stephen Paulgaard	Jan 5*	Elton & Linda Paulgaard Melanie McGowan	Linda Paulgaard
Dec 15	Brad & Cindy Pylypow	Brad Pylypow	Jan 12	Dick & Elaine Brouwer	Elaine Brouwer
Dec 22*	Darlene Downing Rod & Joanne Paulgaard	Darlene Downing	Jan 19*	Deon & Antoinette Erasmus Lenard & Avis Youse	Deon Erasmus
Dec 29*	Ralf & Janie Crawford	Janie Crawford	Jan 26	Vivian Baier Susan & Nicole McElhinney	Susan McElhinney

the * indicates Communion Sunday's

If you are unable to serve for the period assigned please trade or find a replacement. Let the church office know before the Thursday of that week so that the bulletin can be updated.

Central Lutheran Church 2019 Children's Story Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>
February – 03	Pastor Paul	August - 04	Pastor Paul
February – 10	Darlene Downing	August – 11	Pastor Paul
February – 17	Brad Pylypow	August – 18	Pastor Paul
February – 24	Donna Johnston	August – 25	Pastor Paul
March – 03	Diana Kroetsch	September – 01	Pastor Paul
March – 10	Pastor Paul	September – 08	Pastor Paul
March – 17	Pastor Paul	September – 15	Pastor Paul
March – 24	Pastor Paul	September – 22	Brad Pylypow
March - 31	Pastor Paul	September - 29	Pastor Paul
April – 07	Tylene Appel	October – 06	Pastor Paul
April – 14	Pastor Paul	October – 13	Pastor Paul
April – 21	Pastor Paul	October – 20	Tylene Appel
April – 28	Pastor Paul	October – 27	Diana Kroetsch
May – 05	Darlene Downing	November – 03	Pastor Paul
May – 12	Diana Kroetsch	November – 10	Donna Johnston
May – 19	Pastor Paul	November – 17	Darlene Downing
May – 26	Avis Youse	November – 24	Pastor Paul
June - 02	Donna Johnston	December - 01	Pastor Paul
June – 09	Pastor Paul	December – 08	Pastor Paul
June – 16	Pastor Paul	December – 15	<none>
June – 23	Pastor Paul	December – 22	Pastor Paul
June - 30	Pastor Paul	December - 29	Pastor Paul
July – 07	Pastor Paul	January – 05	Pastor Paul
July – 14	<none>	January – 12	Pastor Paul
July – 21	<none>	January – 19	Avis Youse
July – 28	<none>	January – 26	Pastor Paul

Serving List - 2019

Group 1

Carol Landmark
Susan McElhinney
Brenda Sullivan
Linda Paulgaard
Jodi Paulgaard
Vivian Baier
Karen Paulgaard
Brenda Olson
Kathy Kazakoff
Antoinette Erasmus
Nicole McElhinney
Claire Lavigne
Melissa Swanson
Cindy Pylypow

Group 2

Carol Paulgaard
Julie Olson
Cheryl Bouma
Avis Youse
Darlene Downing
Jenna Pahlke
Tylenne Appeal
Norma Paulgaard
Wilma Malan
Melanie McGowan
Sherrilyn Spencer
Wenona McCormick
Janie Crawford
Alyssa Rabb

Group 3

Joyce Larson
Dawn Paulgaard
Val Paulgaard
Ruth Pahlke
Donna Johnston
Carol Johnston
Debbie Larson
Joanne Paulgaard
Diana Kroetsch
Connie Masson
Elaine Brouwer
Diane Berg
Patti Thirsk
Melody DeFlamingh

** Serving groups list is for serving potlucks/funerals

*** For those not on a group please feel free to offer your help whenever you are able

**** If you wish to be added or removed - please contact Susan McElhinney or Diane Berg

Property Committee Report – 2018

Coming Soon!

Education Committee Report

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

How lucky we are as a congregation to have so many talented, and dedicated people involved with the very important job of educating our youth. The children are the future of our church and it is so rewarding to see the many programs and opportunities given to these young people.

Pastor Paul continues to teach our older youth Confirmation Classes. Thank you Pastor for your guidance and encouragement to the students as they learn and grow in their faith. Our Sunday School has been smaller in numbers, but remains active and this year there was a change in the curriculum with very positive feedback. Thank you to Candace Swanson and Sherrilynn Spencer for their outstanding work and dedication to the Sunday School. A Christmas Pageant was held on December 16th entitled "The Wondrous Gift." The kids did a fantastic job telling the Christmas Story and entertaining the congregation with Christmas Carols as well as a delightful Bell Choir performing 2 Carols. Thanks to Donna, Diana, Stacy, and Darlene for their help with the Christmas Program, which is enjoyed by all.

Our youth group, under the guidance of Avis Youse, successfully serves a delicious Easter morning pancake breakfast and collects toques, mittens, scarves, socks, etc. to be delivered to shelters where there is need. Thank you Avis for your continued dedication to these very important events for the older youth in our congregation.

Vacation Bible School is the educational opportunity of our church where we can reach many children, not just those in our congregation, but in the community and surrounding area. We continue to be blessed with so many volunteers who help with all aspects - planning, decorating, teaching, helping. It would be impossible to organize VBS without the help of all who so generously give their time. It is a huge Christian outreach and so rewarding for all involved.

Thank you to all who have participated in any way to the educational programs of our church. We are truly blessed to have a congregation willing to give of their time and talents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kazakoff
Darlene Downing

Sunday School Superintendent Report 2018

The 2018-2019 Sunday School year has started with 18 children on the roster, supported by 8 teachers and 2 substitute teachers. This year, the students were divided into 2 classes – one class for children ages 3 to grade 2 and one class for children in grades 3-6. Besides 20 lessons throughout the year, there are 5 craft Sundays, a Christmas pageant and a year-end celebration. Sunday School continues to be held during the church service.

This September, after much appreciated leg-work and input by Wenona and Pastor Paul, we were excited to introduce a new Sunday School curriculum by Spark House called “Holy Moly”. During this first year, students have started and will continue to complete 12 lessons from the Old Testament as well as 4 lessons for Advent and Christmas and 4 lessons for Holy Week and Easter. Each “Holy Moly” lesson introduces kids to the Bible story characters and story by watching an animated Bible story video. The classes then discuss what surprised them, what makes them wonder, and how they feel about the story they just saw, read the bible story from the bible or story book for the younger class, and then participate in a hands-on activity in their leaflet. Part of the “Holy Moly” program involves giving each child in the younger class a bible story book that they will take home at the end of the year and each student entering grade 3 their own bible which they will use for the duration of their Sunday School years, and can take home with them after Grade 6.

On June 3, the Sunday School students, their families, and the congregation were invited to participate in a potluck dinner at the church following regular service and then to the pool for swimming to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year. The pool was privately rented from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. but swimmers were welcome to stay for the public swim that followed. The weather was good and the pool was enjoyed by our Sunday School families.

Once again, our VBS program, held August 20-25, was amazing, with over 100 children in attendance throughout the week and many adult and youth volunteers. “Shipwrecked” filled the church with music, interactive activities and sessions for ages 4 to 12. An evening program was held on the Thursday and Dirk Brouwer Photography took our annual VBS photo again this year. It is an exciting and fun filled week, and an outstanding opportunity for our congregation to provide Christian outreach for children in our community.

The Christmas pageant was held during the church service on December 16, and was followed by a potluck and fellowship. Under the direction of Donna, Darlene and Diana, Sunday school students combined script and songs as well as used bells to share the Christmas message. This year, practices were held during Sunday School throughout November and December, and a dress rehearsal took place on December 14.

We continue to be grateful for the support of so many people who contribute to making the Sunday School Program successful, to the great benefit of our children. We would not be able to offer such an engaging and diverse program without our talented and dedicated teachers, helpers, parents, students, VBS coordinators, Christmas pageant organizers, and volunteers who plan and prep each craft Sunday. Through the efforts of so many, each child has the opportunity to learn the word of God in a variety of ways while witnessing the love of God through these volunteers. We are also truly thankful for Pastor Paul’s guidance, support and knowledge, and for the support and prayers of Council and the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrilyn Spencer
Candace Swanson
Sunday School Superintendents

Cemeteries Committee 2018 Report

The Cemeteries Bylaws were completed, passed at the annual meeting, and sent to Synod for final approval. The final approval came through in March and the new bylaws came into effect April 1, 2018. Thank you to Brad Pylypow and all cemetery bylaws committee members for their input and time. Gregory's Funeral Home was notified that the sale of plots in Our Savior's and Skyline Cemeteries now goes through Central Lutheran Church rather than the individual Cemetery Committees. This also applies to all cemetery donations to these cemeteries. With the income now coming to Central Lutheran, the maintenance for Skyline Cemetery now also comes to Central Lutheran. At present Our Savior's Cemetery still is maintaining their cemetery and has retained their bank account. Skyline Cemetery and Skyline Historical has a combined account which they also have retained.

All Saints Sunday undesignated offering was allocated to go to the cemeteries to help cover any upcoming expenses.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Pahlke

Skyline Church Historical Society (SCHS) hired Stacey Lakevold to mow the grass and maintain the cemetery grounds at the Skyline Cemetery for 2018. He has submitted an invoice for his maintenance hours directly to the Provost Central Lutheran Church.

SCHS booked two weddings in the Skyline Church building: Travis Paulgaard & Molly Cornellson (March 17) and Corey Prediger & Shinell McWaters (June 23).

There were three burials at Skyline Cemetery during 2018 (Irene Aasen – February; Harding Lakevold – April; Linda Lakevold - April). In accordance with the Provost Central Lutheran Church Cemeteries Bylaw #7 all plot purchases and record keeping were handled by the Provost Central Lutheran Church and Gregory's Funeral Home.

There were no purchases of repair supplies for the Skyline Church building. However, Wayne & Brenda Lakevold did some repairs to the gap between the steeple and roof.

SCHS has been scheduled for a Red Deer casino event during Oct/Nov/Dec 2020. The exact casino date will be randomly selected in May 2020 and SCHS Casino Chairperson (Jody Paulgaard) will be notified of the date. Volunteers will be needed to work at the 2 day casino event.

Thanks to the continuing work and dedication of Iris Larson and Janet Paulgaard all known burials at Skyline Cemetery are recorded on the website findagrave.com and most headstones have been photographed. A short history of Skyline Cemetery is also on this website. Janet Paulgaard has updated the burial list to include the 2018 burials.

SCHS is a registered Alberta Society and is governed by a four person executive. Current executive members are:

Chairperson	Ove Aasen
Vice – Chair	Darwin Berg
Treasurer	Joan Olson
Secretary	Jody Paulgaard

Submitted by:

Jody Paulgaard

Secretary

Skyline Church Historical Society (SCHS)

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

The Committee consists of former members of the congregations.

A board of trustees elected for a term of 3 or more years.

This board consists of:

Chairman: Andy Paulgaard

Trustee: Jeff Paulgaard, Daryl Thompson, Dwayne Peterson

Sec./Tres: Bonny Peterson

RECEIPTS:

Donations:	\$ 200.00
Acct Frwd:	\$3878.12
Interest:	\$ 14.09
TOTAL:	\$4092.21

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bank Fees:	\$ 0
Acct Frwd:	\$4092.12
Office:	\$0
TOTAL:	\$4092.12

This is to date as of December 31, 2018.

Bonny Peterson☺

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Statement
January 1 – December 31, 2018

Income

Current Envelopes			\$ 125,986.00
Synod Benevolence			
Benevolence/Alberta	\$ 4,620.00		
CLWR	11,983.00		
LCBI	<u>690.00</u>		17,293.00
Loose Offerings			2,288.31
SS & VBS Offering			3,309.45
Other: Interest	\$ 9.92		
Funeral Lunches	2,800.00		
Choir Income	626.50		
Lent	446.00		
Stacy's Studio Donation	77.75		
Daycare Donation	100.00		
Fest. Janitor Reimbursement	<u>100.00</u>		4,160.17
Donations to: Windows	\$ 430.00		
Paint	1,827.00		
Easter	1,715.50		
Pleasant Ridge	1,000.00		
Our Saviour's	260.00		
Skyline Plot	500.00		
Ministerial	600.00		
Donation to Pastor	1,000.00		
Skyline Cemetery	<u>250.00</u>		7,582.50
Honorariums			800.00
Hub Capital: Paint			6,942.00
Memorials:			
L. Lakevold	\$ 1,401.00		
H. Lakevold	650.00		
C. Paulgaard	2,030.00		
I. Aasen	965.00		
M. Adams	95.00		
D. Stuckky	25.00		
N. Kee	<u>25.00</u>		5,191.00
TOTAL INCOME			<u>\$ 173,552.43</u>

Expenses

Salary/Receiver General			\$ 62,386.84
Health & Dental			5,634.00
Pension, Group Benefits, CEP, & Book Allowance			9,908.07
Conferences/Conventions/Pastor			855.42
Car Expense			708.40
Parsonage Repair & Maintenance			4,215.87
Parsonage Utilities:	EPCOR	\$ 1,574.68	
	DERS	1,016.87	
	Telus	1,561.04	
	Water	<u>825.00</u>	4,977.59
Synod:	Benevolence/AB	\$ 4,620.00	
	CLWR	11,983.00	
	LCBI	<u>690.00</u>	17,293.00
Janitor/Yard			2,036.25
Sunday School			1,472.06
Vacation Bible School			5,874.63
Church Utilities:	Telus	\$ 730.87	
	EPCOR	5,834.54	
	DERS	2,561.07	
	Water/Garbage	<u>1,046.25</u>	10,172.73
GST Paid			1,833.87
Repair & Maintenance (Paint-\$6,500 approx.)			13,093.61
Office Supplies			3,365.94
Other:	Canada Lutheran	\$ 182.00	
	Envelopes	267.19	
	Advertising	781.25	
	Conference Dues	450.00	
	Kitchen Supplies	971.29	
	Ed./Mission/Outreach	569.83	
	Music	1,583.67	
	Conferences/Conv.	891.00	
	Miscellaneous	<u>950.45</u>	6,646.68
Insurance			5,341.00
Skyline Yard Maintenance			1,342.00
Invest in Hub Capital/Worship Enhancement			7,026.00
Donations to: Ministerial Food Bank, Pleasant Ridge, Our Saviour's, Skyline			<u>2,600.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 166,783.96

BANK RECONCILIATION – 2018

December 31, 2017 Balance Forward	\$ 17,916.48
Plus: 2018 Income	<u>173,552.43</u>
	191,468.91
Less: 2018 Expenses	<u>166,783.96</u>
Balance at December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 24,684.95</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Paulgaard-Johnston, Treasurer

TD Funds

December 31, 2018

TD FUNDS (Worship Enhancement)

2017 Balance Forward	\$ 7,059.94
2018 Interest	(363.86)
2018 Memorials	2,075.00
2018 Honorariums	800.00
Painting	<u>(5,300.00)</u>

TD Fund Balance at December 31, 2018 \$4,271.08

**** Chairs	\$ 6,830.00
Video Screen	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$7,830.00</u>

Skyline Cemetery Fund

2018 Donations/Memorials	\$ 3,266.00
Plot Sales	500.00
Yard Maintenance	(1,342.00)
Snow Removal	<u>(275.00)</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 2,149.00</u>

Our Saviour's Cemetery Fund

2018 Donations	\$ 310.00
2018 Memorials	<u>50.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 360.00</u>

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

January 2018

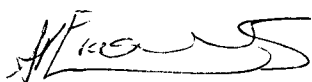
Thank you for the dedicated service of;

- Pastor Paul
- the Officers of our Congregational Council: Susan McElhinney (Vice-Chair), Linda Paulgaard (Secretary), Donna Paulgaard-Johnston (Treasurer), Ruth Pahlke (Financial Secretary)
- the Committees of our Congregational Council
 - Dr. Willem-Jan de Flamingh and Verna Hoff (Mission and Outreach)
 - Darlene Currie and Susan McElhinney (Worship and Music)
 - Darleen Downing and Kathy Kazakoff (Education and Youth)
 - Ralph Crawford, Reg Golding, Dirk Brouwer and Trevor Provick (Finance and Property)
- our Sunday School Superintendents: Sherrilyn Spencer and Candace Swanson
- our Youth Leader: Avis Youse
- our VBS Leaders: Darlene Downing, Diana Kroetsch, Wenona McCormick, and Donna Paulgaard-Johnston
- our Pianists/Organists: Elaine Brouwer, Wenona McCormick and Norma Paulgaard.
- our Choir Director: Diana Kroetsch
- our Offering Cashiers: Vivian Beier, Dawn Paulgaard, Eleanor Paulgaard, Elton Paulgaard, and Linda Paulgaard
- our Salaried Support Staff: James and Andrew McCormick and Clair Lavigne.
- the Vacation School volunteers
- our Sunday School Program volunteer teachers
- our Choir members
- our Cemeteries Committee
- our Ladies serving groups
- our congregation volunteers at special events.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with the whole people of God. Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve as Chairperson.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Erasmus

Pastor's Report for 2018

“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” - Jesus (Luke 22:31)

It's that time once again when we reflect on and evaluate our ministry of the past year - and plan and prepare to answer the question, “What are the best ways to grow the Kingdom of God in this place and at this time?” Highlights from this past busy year in ministry together include:

Outreach:

Our premier outreach event was our Vacation Bible School “Shipwrecked,” which had an impact on 130 children over the week of August 20-24. We held our third Free Garage Sale on Friday September 7, and it far surpassed the first two in number of people and number of items! Our Silent Auction on November 18 raised nearly \$2100 for LCBI, CLWR, and our VBS expenses. We continued to offer the use of our building to groups, including vocal students, Girl Guides, and the Provost Daycare Society. And we continued to excel in hospitality at funeral luncheons, with 2018 being one of our busiest years on record with 8 services.

Wider Church:

Our Synod Convention took place in Camrose on June 14-16, and Trevor Provick and I attended as delegates. I was elected by acclamation to attend National Convention July 11-13, 2019 in Regina as a rostered delegate.

Our East Central Area Gathering was held on October 20th in Bashaw, and I was the only attendee from our congregation, as formal delegates are no longer required.

Education:

Thanks to our Sunday School superintendents, teachers, and volunteers for their efforts in implementing our new “Holy Moly” Sunday School curriculum, and thanks for all the many hours spent preparing the Christmas pageant, picnic, craft and regular Sunday activities. Confirmation class currently has 6 second year students and 2 first year students working through the Bible and we celebrated the confirmation of 2 students this past year. Bible study at Hillcrest Lodge and the nursing home has looked at home-grown studies on money and prophesy, as well as the books of 1&2 Corinthians and James, and we are starting the new year on Revelation. The curriculum for Marriage Preparation was also revamped in 2018, as the previous resources were getting dated.

Worship:

Average Sunday morning worship attendance decreased slightly versus 2017, from 66 to 62. Our Lenten sermon series was on “Missing Pieces of Mark” - sections of Mark's gospel which are not in the Revised Common Lectionary, and average attendance for the Wednesday evening soup supper and services was 25. We celebrated the addition of Anders Provick, Quinn Whidden, Nash Zmurchyk, and Paisley Hoberg to God's family through baptism, and we celebrated the weddings of Molly Cornelssen to Travis Paulgaard, and Kayla Morton to James Bond. We also mourned the loss of Irene Aasen and Cliff Paulgaard from our congregation in 2018.

Property:

Several issues were addressed in the church this year, including painting the upstairs, which required some repainting before the color scheme was suitable for a majority of the members. Also, extensive repairs were done to the elevator to improve the reliability and recertify the capacity as per regulations. Claire Lavigne has taken over the janitorial duties from James and Andrew McCormick. At the parsonage, the dishwasher was replaced, and new eavestroughs were installed on the garage.

Personal:

Thanks for making it possible for me to attend the following events: Synod Convention in Camrose, Area Gathering in Bashaw, and Synod Study Conference in Canmore. And thanks for your support of my time involved with the Provost Ministerial (and food bank), and for providing an unused Sunday School classroom for food bank storage, a situation we thought would be temporary!

Outlook:

Our wider church appears to be determined to chase the “progressive” agenda, and so it seems destined to continue to shrink in size and influence. As a local church, we need to be solely about proclaiming the powerful Word of God in word and deed, instead. That way, when they notice that we are an anomaly – a thriving rural church – they may take us seriously, and may recognize the path they are on. May God guide our words and our actions in 2019, such that His grace and truth communicate through everything we do, to everyone we encounter...

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Paul McCormick

Central Lutheran Church

Proposed 2019 Budget

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual '18</u>	<u>Budget '18</u>	<u>Proposed '19</u>
Salary	\$ 58,591.50	\$ 58,591.50	\$60,531.00
Car Expense	708.40	2,000.00	2,000.00
Receiver General	3,795.34	4,300.00	4,000.00
ELCIC Pension & Benefits	8,808.07	8,800.00	9,250.00
CEP	600.00	600.00	600.00
Book Allowance	500.00	500.00	500.00
Pulpit Supply	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conferences & Convention	855.42	1,000.00	1,000.00
Parsonage	4,215.87	4,000.00	5,000.00
Parsonage Utilities	4,977.59	6,000.00	6,000.00
Dental & Medical	<u>5,634.00</u>	<u>5,634.00</u>	<u>5,724.00</u>
	\$ 88,686.19	\$ 92,425.50	\$95,605.00
Janitor	\$ 2,036.25	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Telephone	730.87	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	3,365.94	3,000.00	3,000.00
SS & VBS	7,346.69	6,000.00	6,000.00
DERS	2,561.07	4,000.00	4,000.00
EPCOR	5,834.54	7,000.00	7,000.00
Water, Sewer, Garbage	1,046.25	1,200.00	1,200.00
Canada Lutheran	182.00	300.00	200.00
Repair & Maintenance	13,093.61	5,000.00	6,000.00
Conferences & Convention	891.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Church Envelopes	267.19	300.00	300.00
Insurance	5,341.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Advertising	781.25	1,000.00	1,000.00
Choir Music	1,583.67	1,500.00	1,500.00
GST	1,833.87	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conference Dues	450.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	950.45	1,000.00	1,000.00
Educational Supplies	259.83	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission/Outreach	310.00	500.00	500.00
Kitchen Supplies	<u>971.29</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
	<u>\$49,836.77</u>	<u>\$ 45,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,200.00</u>
	<u>\$ 138,522.96</u>	<u>\$ 137,725.50</u>	<u>\$ 141,805.00</u>