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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

This June brings a milestone in the history of Helmar. We are celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our church! Praise God for His faithfulness. In view of this, let's consider the man who was used by the Lord to bring many to salvation in Norway years ago.

Hans Nielsen Hauge (1771-1824) was born on a farm near Thun in southeastern Norway. He had little formal education but was taught Bible and Luther's Catechism in his home. However, he was not converted until 1796 while at work in his father's field. I'll let him tell us about it.

My heart was so uplifted to God that I do not know nor can I express what really took place in my soul. As soon as my senses returned to normal, I regretted that I had not served the loving and all-gracious God; now I felt that no worldly thing was of importance. It was a glory which no tongue can express; my soul felt something supernatural, divine and blessed...I had a completely transformed mind, a sorrow over all sins, a burning desire to read the Scriptures, particularly Jesus' own teachings, as well as new light to understand them and the teachings of godly men; toward the one goal, that Jesus Christ has come to be our Savior, that we should be born again by his Spirit, be converted and sanctified more and more in godliness to serve the triune God alone, in order to improve and prepare our souls for the eternal blessedness (G. Everett Arden, Four Northern Lights: Men Who Shaped Scandinavian Churches, Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1964, p. 57)

Hauge, after his conversion, traveled all over Norway (mostly on foot) to preach to people in need of Jesus. These were



people who for the most part were church members but not saved. Even though there was a law that only ordained clergy could preach, Hauge could not be restrained. He was compelled to proclaim Jesus and call people to repentance and faith. And many were converted!

Helmar church began with Norwegian settlers who came out of the Haugean revivals in Norway. They came to our area with the same convictions as Hauge. They loved the scriptures, trusted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and lived lives dedicated to him. There was not a cold formal religion, but a serious emphasis on conversion and new life in Christ, living for eternity and not for worldly things. This is our heritage. It is biblical and God-honoring. It is the call to new life in Jesus. Let us press on, thanking God for the past and boldly entering our future—knowing Jesus and making Him known!

Pastor Steve

Worship Choir News— For the 175th Anniversary celebration, next music rehearsal is June 7th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

FLC reserved for Music:

M-F 10am - 3pm T & W 5pm - 8pm

I'd like all the many rotating musicians to know they have a time reserved to come and go for practice.

Family & Youth Bible Camp

It's not too late to sign up for Camp! It runs from July 24-28 and is located in Cedar Lake, Indiana. The theme is "Strength" Psalm 73:26.

Register online at fybiblecamp.com or there are brochures at the Welcome Center. There is a \$10 late fee.

See Tyler Wiesbrook or Kristen Mathre for the discount provided by Helmar for our members..



Please keep these high school and college graduates in your prayers as they begin to make big life decisions. May they look to the Lord for

guidance. High School: Lucas Geistler, On Track, Kelly Greven, Homeschool, College: Kailynn O'Malley, Taylor University

175th Anniversary Celebration Saturday & Sunday, June 11 and 12

Saturday-

5pm—Potluck Dinner

7pm- Evening Service, Video Greeting by
Pastor Robert Lee, Speaker-Pastor Gary Maxwell

Sunday-

9am- Church Photo taken in FLC

10am- Service with Pastor Lyndon Korhonen,
President, AFLC

12:00 Catered Dinner in FLC

2pm- Afternoon Service

Speakers- Pastor Jeff Swanson and
Pastor James Molstre

V.B.S. 2022 July 11th - 15th

Be sure to register, at church or online at helmarlutheranchurch.com for this years Monumental VBS. Also, check at the Welcome Center for DVD's, CD's. If you have any questions, contact Kristen Mathre or Kary Niles.

Birthdays and *Anniversaries For JUNE

June 1

Nick Adams
Nancy Christian
Jenna Osmond

June 2

Emma Hageman

June 4

Elmer & Nancy Leifheit*

June 5

Shawn O'Malley
Richard & Cynthia Younce*

June 6

Duane & Carol Christian*

June 7

Everly Chelsen
Tom & Linda Mathre*

June 10

Melissa Hageman

June 11

Elaine Spera

June 13

Tom Adams
Kristen Mathre
Roger Toftoy

June 14

Pam Christian
Blake & Doris McManus*

June 16

Katherine Braund

June 19

Rich & Rhoda Niles*

June 20

Steve & Kristy Bunge*

June 21

Jennifer Chelsen
Jim & Sandra Vogen*

June 22

Bob & Pam Christian*
Jim & Connie Punke*
Ann Thorson

June 23

Mark & Tracy Frieders*
Cole Wiesbrook

June 25

Elsie Funte
Jonah Geistler
Dennis & Joan O'Malley*

June 27

Megan Christian
Noel & Diane Cryder*

Lisa Funnell
Beryl McKanna
Trinity Sucher

June 28

Don & Sig Davidson*

June 29

Henry Cryder

June 30

Jacob & Jennifer Chelsen*

*Wedding Anniversaries

Helmar Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 14, 2022

Attended by: Don Davidson, Pastor Steve Lombardo, Kyler Cryder, Brad Mathre, Brian Pilon, David Christian, Dan Hanback, Kristen Mathre, Linda Mathre, Sheila Mathre, Tyler Wiesbrook, Rich Niles, Mark Anderson, & Kailynn Orlando

Not Present: Ron Mathre & Matt Greven

Don Davidson called the meeting to order. He gave a devotion referencing a passage from 1 Corinthians 5. He then prayed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - The minutes from the March meeting were considered. *Brian Pilon motioned to file; David Christian seconded. Report filed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT - Given by Sheila Mathre

The council reviewed the March 2022 report. The receipts from the general account were \$34,332.10 and the disbursements were \$30,599.92. The remaining balance for March was \$359,550.19.

Dan Hanback motioned to file; Mark Anderson seconded. Report filed.

MUSIC COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Given via letter by Sharon McKanna

Mark Anderson motioned to file; Dan Hanback seconded. Report filed.

DEACON'S REPORT - *Given by Brian Pilon*

Pastor will be leading a prayer service during the adult Wednesday night Bible study on May 4th

The congregation will vote on the induction of new members on May 8th

Confirmation is on May 15th

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT - *Given by Kristen Mathre*

Children's church will be taking a break during the month of July & possibly June

Wednesday night BLAST - on April 6th, the kids had a fun Easter night - there was an Easter egg hunt, Easter basket craft, and the Resurrection Story was given by Tom Adams

50 goodie bags were given to food pantry filled with the Resurrection Story, a coloring book, crayons and candy

47 goodie bags were given out to kids on Easter Sunday

VBS - Registration is live. The first VBS workday is Saturday, April 23rd

Possibly having a weekday morning camp throughout the summer. A potential spot would be at the park in Newark and combining with Newark Lutheran. The CMC is working on the details

Sheila Mathre motioned to file; Rich Niles seconded. Report filed.

YOUTH REPORT - *Given by Tyler Wiesbrook*

The fundraiser at Culver's raised \$397.00 for Under His Wings ministries in Ottawa.

Tyler is going to talk to the missions committee regarding having Under His Wings come to talk to the congregation during a Family Mission Sunday.

The Palm Sunday youth fundraiser went well and raised \$701.00

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for anyone interest in having the youth to some spring yard clean up at their home.

Brad Mathre motioned to file; Mark Anderson seconded. Report filed.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT – Given by Linda Mathre

In March, there were 80 households served, including 284 individuals, 103 children under the age of 18 and 58 people over the age of 65. We purchased 8,119 lbs of food for \$2,572.61. The beginning of the checkbook was \$3,565.15 + \$5,000.00 (transfer) - \$504.08 (NIFB milk/eggs) - \$2,572.61 (NIFB) + \$0.15 interest = \$5,488.61.

David Christian motioned to file; Tyler Wiesbrook seconded. Report filed.

TRUSTEE’S REPORT – Given by Rich Niles

New phone system was installed

Chemicals were added to the pond for maintenance

A committee was formed to discuss pews

Looking into a new email domain

The temperature of the ovens in the FLC kitchen is off, so looking into solutions for that

Replacing new windows

Brian Pilon motioned to file; David Christian seconded. Report filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

175th Anniversary cookbooks are going to be for sale for \$10.00 with the option for shipping for and additional \$5.00

Church facilities will be rented out to church members only

NEW BUSINESS:

Grief Share is going to be on an additional day during the week. Actual day TBA.

Austin Wiesbrook is looking to start up a slow pitch softball team that will play after church on Sundays

Tyler & Austin Wiesbrook are looking into “mass destruction training”

Mark Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kyler Cryder seconded.

We then prayed the Lord’s Prayer.

In Christ,

Kailynn Orlando

Church Secretary

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Check whiteboard in education wing hall-way for gym availability.			1 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 7am Adult Pickleball 7 pm Adult Bible Study @ Hanbecks	2 4pm Adult Pickleball 7-10pm Basketball	3 7am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	4 8am Men's Bible Study
5 9:30am Fellowship time 10am Worship	6 7am Adult Pickleball 7pm Adult Volleyball	7 6:30 Worship Choir Practice	8 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 7am Adult Pickleball 7 pm Adult Bible Study @ Hanbecks	9 4pm Adult Pickleball 7-10pm Basketball	10 7am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 5-7pm Food Pantry	11 8am Men's Bible Study 5pm—175th Anniversary Potluck Dinner 7pm- Evening Service
12 175th Anniversary! 9am— Church Photo taken in FLC 9:30am Fellowship time 10am Worship 12pm Catered Dinner in FLC 2pm 175th Anniversary Program	13 7am Adult Pickleball 7pm Adult Volleyball	14 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg. 7pm Trustee's Mtg. 7:30pm Council Mtg.	15 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 7am Adult Pickleball 7 pm Adult Bible Study @ Hanbecks	16 4pm Adult Pickleball 7-10pm Basketball	17 7am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	18 8am Men's Bible Study
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