



Mabel First Lutheran Church Scheie Lutheran Church



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023 NEWS



PASTORAL ACTS

JULY & AUGUST

Baptisms:

None

Funerals:

Jackie Erlandson (Scheie)

Transfers Out:

Nancy Benner (MFL)

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE-SEPTEMBER

- 8AM Worship at Scheie (September 3, 17, 24)
Coffee and fellowship following on Sept. 3
- 9:30AM Worship at Henrytown (September 3, 17, 24)
- 11AM Worship at Mabel First (September 3, 17, 24)
Coffee and fellowship at 10 AM
Ushers: Joe Larson (chairman), Robert & Sharon Peterson
- 9AM **September 10 Ecumenical Worship for all**
at the Steam Engine Grounds

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during worship on Sept. 3

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE-OCTOBER

- 8AM Worship at Mabel First—*Coffee & Fellowship following*
Ushers: Steve (chairman) and Donella Darrington
- 9:30AM Worship at Scheie
Coffee & Fellowship following on October 1 & 29
Scheie Council meeting following on October 8
- 11AM Worship at Henrytown .

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during worship on Oct. 1 & 29

Affirmation of Baptism Services will be held at all three churches on October 29

There are orange cards printed with the August-December worship schedule in the back of each church that can be taken home as a reminder of the worship schedule. You are welcome to attend whichever church works best for you on any given week.



Congratulations and blessings to the following young people who will affirm their faith and begin their journey as adult members of our congregations on October 29. Fellowship in their honor will be held following services at MFL and Scheie that day.

Mabel First: Ella Halverson Shawn Swenson Madison Whitney
Scheie: Kenneth Hutchinson Milton Hutchinson Gabe Roy

Please include these young people in your prayers as they approach this milestone in their faith lives.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Scheie Lutheran Church

CONGREGATION INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR CARLA at #507-493-5293 or pastor@mabelfirst.org for PASTORAL CARE

PRAYER CONCERNS

BEREAVEMENT

Family & Friends of
Nancy Bergerson
Jackie Erlandson



IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS

Jim Blagsvedt, Lee Ann Howard, Lynn Sollien

LONG-TERM HEALTH CONCERNS/CARE

Gary Adams, Gwen Allen, Leona Amdahl, Dean Garness, Carol Geving, Keith & Joanne Halvorson, Shelly Henry, Ellen Mae Johnson, Lois Johnson, Rosemary Ketchum, Helen Larson, Ryan Lee, Les Myhre, Phyllis Norby, Violet Pederson, Penniann Ramirez, Dacia Sorum, Janice Spande, Bob Stoskopf, Lyle Tripp

SERVICE MEMBERS

Anna Erickson, Gregery Johnson, Luke Johnson, Adam L Johnson, Benjamin Lee, Jeannie Vick

ONGOING PRAYERS

Mabel First Lutheran, Scheie Lutheran, Henrytown Lutheran, MFL Prayer Box, Mabel Area Food Shelf, Ukraine, Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

The Executive Committees of Scheie, Henrytown, and Mabel First have agreed to extend the current contract and to work toward a parish agreement.

- Current rotation of worship times will continue.
- Confirmands from all three churches will meet together for class.
- Henrytown will maintain a separate Sunday School. Mabel First and Scheie will continue their joint Sunday School ministry.
- Please share comments, concerns and ideas with your church officers as this process unfolds so they can be considered as plans progress.

Please pray for the success of our ongoing ministry.

MFL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Jean Blagsvedt	493-5033
Steve Darrington (Treas)	563-735-5816
Brian Johnson	493-5658
Tyler Mikesch (VP)	563-380-8592
Janet Sanden	493-5078
Deanna Larson	493-5206
Lori Schutte (Pres)	493-5670
Lynn Sollien (Sec)	493-5631
Rodney Tollefsrud	493-5570

SCHEIE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Dick Engrav (Pres)	493-5021
DeeAnn Erickson (Treas)	493-5233
Nancy Engrav	493-5021
Trudy Horihan	493-5749
Deb Marsden (Sec)	493-5651
Adam Olson	493-5686
Gerald Peter (VP)	493-5026
Lance Rasmussen	507-450-1880
Carolyn White	493-5111

Mabel First Lutheran Congregation Council

will meet in the church library:

Sept. 6 at 5:30 pm

Oct. 4 at 7 pm

Following the Sept. meeting, council members will help set up the tent for Steam Engine Days.

Scheie Lutheran Congregation Council will meet Oct. 8 at 10:30 am following worship. (No meeting in September)

Pastor's Sabbath: Monday

Pastor's Office Hours: (*barring emergency*)

Tuesday 10AM-12PM at Mabel First (*except 2nd T*)

Wednesday

10AM-12PM at Henrytown (1st & 2nd W)

at Mabel First (3rd, 4th, 5th W)

2PM-4PM at Mabel First (1st & 2nd W)

at Henrytown (3rd, 4th, 5th W)

Friday 10AM-12PM at Mabel First (*except 4th F*)

MABEL FIRST/SCHIEIE JOINT INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Check our website and Facebook pages for future information regarding Sunday School classes. We are still seeking persons willing to plan and lead the program. Please contact the office or Pastor Carla if you are willing to assist with this crucial mission in the life of the church.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Thank you to the confirmation students who helped at the Food Shelf this summer.

Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism worship for those who have completed their instruction will be held on **Oct. 29** at their home church. **Rehearsal will be on Oct. 25** (Henrytown 4pm, Mabel First 5pm, Scheie 6pm)

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th grade students at Henrytown, Mabel First and Scheie **begins on September 20**. The following is the class schedule:

Date	Time	Place
9/20	4-6PM	Henrytown (5:45 mtg w/ parents)
10/4	4-6PM	MFL
10/18	4-6PM	Henrytown
11/1	4-6PM	MFL
11/15	4-6PM	Henrytown
12/6	4-6PM	MFL
12/20	4-6PM	Henrytown
1/3/24	4-6PM	MFL
1/17	4-6PM	Henrytown
2/7	4-6PM	MFL
2/14-3/29		Lenten Midweek worship
4/3	4-6PM	MFL
4/17	4-6PM	Henrytown
5/1	TBA	Scheie (picnic & fun day)

WELCA

The **SEMN Synod WELCA Convention** will be held in Red Wing on **Sept. 30** from 8:30am to 3pm. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. **Deadline for registration is Sept. 15**. For registration forms or to arrange for rides, contact the church office.

OTHER

Readers of the Sunday lessons are needed at both churches. A sign-up sheet is posted on the door at the back of the sanctuary at Mabel First. Carolyn White is the contact for readers at Scheie. *All ages are welcome/encouraged to read.*

MFL has Meals on Wheels September 25-29 (Phoebe Circle), October 23-27 (Ruth Circle).

Scheie has Meals on Wheels September 5-8, October 2-6 and October 30-November 3.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and participated in the Area Council of Churches **School Supply Drive**. Nearly all supplies needed for PreK and elementary students were purchased with the donations as well as Kleenex and some special supplies for the older students. Monies not used for supplies will be forwarded to the school to supplement needs throughout the school year.

Singers, an electric and bass guitarist are invited to join a **community choir** led by Julie Kiehne in **Lanesboro** for a mini-cantata, "He Lived the Good Life". Rehearsals 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Wednesdays **Oct. 4 through Nov. 15**. Performances Nov. 18 at 7 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran and Nov. 19 at 2 pm at Lanesboro Sons of Norway Hall. For more information or if interested, contact Julie at julie.kiehne@gmail.com or 507-272-4581.

Scheie members, please read the letter from the church council included as part of the newsletter and prayerfully respond according to your circumstances.

Mabel First members, please read the Steam Engine schedule included and prayerfully consider filling some of the unmet needs as you are able.

Registration for **Mayo Clinic fall hospice support groups** closes on September 11. Call 507-284-4002 or 800-679-9084 for more information.

A representative from the **Gideons** will make a brief presentation and take a special collection at all services on **Oct. 15**.

MFL INFORMATION

WELCA hosts the Birthday Party at Green Lea Senior Living on **September 19** and has scheduled a **meeting/do day with potluck lunch on Oct. 3**. There is some deep cleaning needed. Quilt frames can be set up if anyone is interested in tying quilts while enjoying the company of others that day. Start making plans for the annual **Cookie Walk** in December. If anyone has **donations for the raffle**, please bring them to the church or notify Janet Sanden **by October 8** so the tickets can be printed.

MABEL FIRST LUTHERAN COUNCIL

July 5, 2023 Council Meeting Highlights

- Pastoral Acts (June): Nancy Benner transfer to Zion Lutheran Church, Petersburg, Michigan
- The Executive Committees from the three churches has decided to extend the current contract with the intent to formalize a parish agreement. The current rotation of worship services will continue. The current plan for hymns is working well. Confirmation classes will be joint for members of all three churches on Wednesdays with further plans pending. Henrytown will hold Sunday School separately and Mabel First and Scheie will continue sharing.
- The light and bench for the piano have arrived and are in place.
- Members will be encouraged to attend the Aug. 12 service of music and fellowship at Henrytown in lieu of worship on Aug. 13 while Pastor Carla is on vacation.
- The solar light for the outdoor flag has arrived and will be installed soon. Painting of windows in the sacristy needs to be addressed. Photo display purchase still pending.
- Steam Engine Days planning is underway and sign-up sheets are posted.

August 2, 2023 Council Meeting Highlights No Quorum so no formal action

- Pastoral Acts (July): None
- The next meeting of the Executive Committees will be October 11 to work on the formal parish document.
- Carpet has been installed on the front steps and solar lights are up and working for both flags.
- Confirmation plans are to offer a two-year program with 7th & 8th grade students meeting two times a month. They will meet from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Mabel First on the first Wednesday of the month and at Henrytown on the third Wednesday. Some worship participation and twenty-four sermon notes will be part of the requirement.
- The SEMN Synod Fall Theological Retreat will be held October 8-10 with pastors required to attend from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday and encouraged to honor personal retreat time prior to that.
- September Council meeting originally changed to August 30 was changed back to September 6 with the meeting at 5:30 and help setting up the Steam Engine Stand following at 6:30.

SCHEIE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Greetings from the Scheie Council members.

Thanks to all who sold raffle tickets and those who purchased tickets. The winners were:
 1st prize \$500 Margaret Mossing from Rochester. Margaret was a Gallagher from this area.
 2nd \$200 Paul Vitse
 3rd Quilt which is a twin. Bev Williams
 4th \$100 Elle Hutchinson
 5th \$50. LeAnn Wickett
 Congratulations to the winners.

The Velkommen sign is back in its place welcoming people to church. Thanks again to Shelia Norby for painting the background and the letters, Dean Vigeland for doing the rosemaling, Linda King for transporting the sign to and from Dean's house in Rochester, and Dick and Gerald for taking it down and putting it back up.

We want to thank Henrytown for hosting the Sister Luv group and providing supper afterwards.

We have enjoyed church services outside the months of July and August.

There were no pastoral acts (funerals, baptisms, weddings) for July.

The three churches reviewed the Holy Experiment and agreed to continue with the same schedule. Confirmation is being discussed amongst the students, parents and Pastor Carla. Sunday School for Scheie's children will continue to be held with 1st Lutheran.

Upcoming events: Funeral Tuesday, Aug 22nd for Jackie Erlandson. Our sympathy is extended to her family. Belated HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY to Phyllis Norby.

Needed: a volunteer to hang shades for the basement windows. Shades and brackets are at the church....we just need someone to install them. Please consider this project.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR:

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior. Amen.

A source of joy for many of us is the changing of seasons. We see the change of season all around the natural world. It reminds us of the constant cycle of life. We associate different activities with different seasons. It may currently be football, raking, volleyball, hunting, harvest, &/or a host of other 'seasons,' depending upon your preference (or your child(ren)'s or spouse's preference).

The Church year has similar seasons. We mark the cycle of the life of the church on earth in our worship. Currently we are still in the 'long, green season,' also known as Pentecost. At the end of the church year, we begin the cycle again with Advent.

Our individual lives also have seasons. We mark milestones within those seasons as we grow older. We naturally have different interests and priorities during different seasons. We associate different activities with different seasons. Sarah and Abraham notwithstanding, very few couples over eighty would be ecstatic about an unplanned pregnancy of their own – shocked, but probably not overjoyed. It is not an activity they were expecting in that particular season of their lives. By the same token, very few people in their mid-twenties would be excited to move into a retirement community.

Congregations, denominations, and the larger church also have seasons. Unfortunately, these seasons are most evident after the fact. In the meantime, we walk by faith. "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." Through every season, we trust that God is guiding us. God will be with us through this season and the next, just as our ancestors were led by God's hand in seasons past.

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23) These words to the Hebrews many seasons ago, continue to be relevant in our season. We hold fast to the One who is faithful. We trust in God's promise – now and forever – in every season.

The grace and peace of God keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Carla