



Vang Lutheran Church

Annual Report 2020

Sunday, February 28th

Vang Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

February 28, 2021

Agenda

11:00 a.m. Worship Service	
Call to Order	Don Kottke, Council President
Opening Prayer	Pastor Paul Graham
2020 Annual Meeting Minutes	Jennifer Eggum
President's Report	Don Kottke
Pastor's Report	Pastor Paul Graham
SEMN Synod Report	Bishop Regina Hassanally
Amparro Update	Paul Ramig
WELCA Reports	Kari Flom, WELCA
WELCA Treasure's Report	Kari Flom, WELCA Treasure
Church Safety Team Report	Marcia Maring
Care Team Report	
Creation Care Team Report	Jennifer Eggum
Family Ministry Report	Amanda Flom
Sunday School Treasurer Report	David Wood
Internship Annual Report	Larry Enfield, KAIC Committee Chair
Intern Report	Intern Lucas Shurson
Stewardship Team Report	Brian Koester
Lutefisk Report	Pam Enfield
Growing Connections Garden Report	Larry Enfield
Financial Secretary Report	Kristi Maher
Treasure's Report	Paul Ramig
Joint Treasure's Report	Betsy Messner
2021 Readers, Greeters and Acolytes	Phil Maring
Building Committee Report	Steve Tralle
Cemetery Memorials/Account	Clyde Eggum
Nominating Committee	Clyde Eggum
Dennison-Vang Church Re-entry Team	Marcia Maring
Old Business:	
New Business:	
Synod Assembly Delegates	
Kenyon Care Center Update	
Adjournment	The Lord's Prayer

The Vang Church 2019 Annual Meeting was held on February 02, 2020.

Pastor Paul opened with a word of prayer.

The meeting was called to order by President Don K.

2018 Annual minutes were read by Jennifer Eggum, and approved as read.

Don K. gave his report and talked about 4 topics:

- 1.) Financially helping Dennison as they are trying to get back on their feet this year.
- 2.) Starting an improvement drive for \$25,000.00 for a new furnace in the near future and keeping the furnace we have now in working order for as long as possible.
- 3.) Pastor Paul will be on sabbatical the summer of 2021.
- 4.) The council was thanked, especially Steve Tralle and Paul Nygaard, who are ending their terms.

Pastor Paul gave a written report, but also gave an oral report. He thanked Cheryl B., Denise O., and Nicole B. for all their hard work. Bernice S. for her years of service for keeping the church clean. Also Don K. for his council work, as well as the members of our congregation. Pastoral acts and highlights from the year were added as well.

The 2019 SEMN Synod submitted their report, to be read on your own.

WELCA checking and savings report were given by Kari F. to be read on your own.

Care Team Report was submitted to be read on your own.

The Creations Care Team was submitted and a report read by Jenny Flom.

Family Ministry Report was given by Amanda Flom to be read on your own.

The Dennison/Vang Sunday School Annual Report was submitted by David Wood to be read on your own.

The KAIC committee, turned in by Larry E., submitted an annual report to be read on your own.

Intern Report was turned in by Patty Bjorklund, to be read on your own.

Lutefisk financial report was turned in by Pam E. A motion was made by Jen E. and second by Dick S. to hold another supper in 2020. Passed with a voice vote. It will be our 40th next year.

Garden report was given by Larry E. 5000# of produce has been donated from the Growing Connections Garden since its inception.

Financial Secretary report was turned in by Kristi Maher to be read on your own.

Treasurer's report was read in detail by Paul Ramig. 2019 actual budget was approved by Paul N. and seconded by Kristi M. The 2020 budget of \$161,598.00 was approved by Larry E. And seconded by Dick S. Passed with a voice vote.

Cheryl submitted the Joint Church Report and Budget.

2020 Readers, Greeters, and Acolytes schedule was submitted by Phil Maring.

Steve Tralle submitted a building committee report to be read on your own.

Cemetery report was submitted by Clyde Eggum to be read on your own.

The nominating committee listed a ballot of 3 Church council members, 5 memorial members, 1 head usher, and 4 nominating committee members. Dave T. made the motion to cast a unanimous ballot and seconded by Joe J. Passed with a voice vote.

New business: Paul R. spoke about the Mission trip to New Mexico and across the border. He spoke about the impact it had on him personally, as well as the amazing food that was consumed. The SE Synod Assembly will be May 15, 2020 and May 16, 2020. Lori Ramig volunteered if that is her Friday off. Paul R. and Paul N. also volunteered again, but Pastor Paul

is looking for new volunteers. Please let him know if you are interested. There will be an upcoming WELCA meeting for reorganization (it's been a long time since it has been updated). The meeting will be 3/15/20 after the 9:00 service. A letter will be coming soon. Thanks to Far Gaze Farms for donating the use of their boom lift when the chimney was being fixed. Lori Ramig spoke about the Worship team. She asked what worship means to us, and what a worship team does. She encouraged members to talk to her about joining this committee. A motion was made to adjourn by Lori R. Seconded by Norma K. Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Eggum

2020 President's Report
Don Kottke

2020 was, to say the least, a trying year. The Council met 14 times this past year to discuss and make decisions on many areas effecting our church and surrounding communities. As you can imagine, COVID was the main topic at most of the meetings.

I want to thank the Council members for their hard work this past year. The decisions that were made concerning how services were held we hard and made all of us consider the wellbeing of our members. The decisions to discontinue in-person worship on two different occasions were the right decisions to make at the time and I want to thank our membership for understanding and persevering through these uncertain times.

Finally, I'd like to thank Pastor Paul for his flexibility and always keeping a positive attitude. From holding outdoor services to Zoom meeting and prayer meeting to live streaming services. Through his efforts and willingness, we now live stream our services live every Sunday. We have 213 followers on Facebook and many of them view the services live or after they have been posted.

After the first shut down, a Re-entry Team was created to give advice and guidance to the Council on safely reopening the church for indoor services. This team met on many occasions and reviewed guidance from the CDC, MN Department of Health and the SE MN Synod and came up with a plan for reopening the church for services which was presented and approved by the Council. We should all thank this team for their efforts.

Vang's financial health is good. We came through 2020 better than could be expected. With the help of an SBA Payroll Protection Program Loan, a SE MN Synod grant and a Cares Act Grant, we were above budget on revenue and below budget on expenses. Thanks to everyone who found a way to continue to give during the year, whether by mailing in a check, dropping the offering off at the office or by signing up to give electronically.

A bright spot in 2020 was that the Lutefisk Committee figured out a way to still hold the Lutefisk Dinner! Pam Koester sent me a list of all the positions that needed to be filled by volunteers. There were 27 different positions and many more volunteers to fill them that made this year's Lutefisk Dinner a success! In a normal year we usually make around \$10,000 from this event. This year to my amazement we made over \$7,800. Thank you to all the volunteers and for all the financial donations that contributed to the success of this event.

The committees have continued to do their work during the year. The Property Committee completed the removal of the old furnace and installed a new one. It turns out that we filed a claim with our insurance carrier and the claim was paid. We were able to get a new furnace from the same manufacturer at a very good price. So, along with the hard work of the property committee members doing the removal and a large portion of the installation, the new furnace is in and at very little cost to the church.

The Stewardship Committee has met on several occasions and has provided several newsletter articles of the various types of stewardship going on within the congregation. Much of which I've highlighted above.

The Creation Care Team has gotten off the ground and met several times. They are generating some good ideas that we hope to be able to begin discussing and implementing.

Pastor Paul has informed the Council that he will not be taking a 3-month sabbatical this coming summer for several different reasons, but instead will use his regular vacation time for some extended time away.

Kristi Maher has served on the Council as Financial Secretary since 2011. We've had a volunteer step up and commit to taking over as Financial Secretary. The Council would like to thank Kristi for her dedication and commitment to Vang this many years. Going forward, Kristi has volunteered to serve on the Internship Committee so her work on Vang's behalf isn't done yet. Please thank Kristi when you have a chance for her service to Vang.

Because of Kristi's departure there was an opening on the Council and Nichole Monroe has agreed to fill that opening. Ella Schmidt was our youth representative on the Council. Ella is off a college and Amaya Monroe has volunteered to be the new youth representative. Thank you for volunteering and I look forward to working with you both.

Again, I want to thank the congregation for your patience in 2020 and into 2021 as we work through this pandemic and I want to thank those of you who gave generously of your time, talents and money. It is much appreciated by the Council.

The Synod Assembly is being held online on May 8th. Vang can have 2 representatives participate in the online meeting. If you would like to represent Vang at the Assembly, please talk with Pastor Paul for more details.

There are many more reports in the Annual Report for your reading pleasure. If you have questions, please reach out to me, Pastor Paul or one of the other council members.

"Every time I think of you, I thank God for you. I thank God for the joy we share in telling the good news."
(Philippians 1)

To begin with, some well-deserved words of thanks are in order, starting with the staff. Cheryl Brogger served as office manager until this June. Thank you to Cheryl for her multiple years of good work. In July, Betsy Messner was hired as office manager, and also want to thank her for her good work. We are blessed to have her on board!

Thanks to Vang's janitors, Denise and Nicole, for your diligence and care in cleaning the building (and Nicole's family often helps out too.) And thank you to the volunteers who keep Dennison's building looking good.

Thank you to everyone at Dennison and Vang Lutheran parish for making this community of faith a truly special and unique part of the Body of Christ. And especially, in this very trying and difficult year, thank you for your patience, your understanding, and your resilience as we navigated new territory together. *"I thank God for the joy we share in telling the good news."*

Psalm 46 says *"The mountains quake, the nations are in an uproar, the waters rage and foam."* Maybe the poet of the psalms captures something of what 2020 was like for us, feeling like the earth is shifting beneath our feet. Just think of all that happened this year – a global pandemic has taken the lives of hundreds of thousands in the US and millions worldwide, near constant political tumult, the introduction of misinformation and conspiracy theories into the mainstream, the murder of George Floyd.

This year, grief and loss touched all of our lives. When we think of grief and loss, often we think of the loss of a loved one. But we experienced grief and loss in countless other ways as well. Our high school seniors didn't have the graduation they had hoped for. We haven't been able to see family members. We couldn't gather for worship for extended stretches this year. Beloved holiday traditions didn't happen this year. Distance learning has been frustrating and challenging for many of our students and families. The kind of accumulated grief we have experienced is sometimes hard to name and we sometimes don't quite know what to do with that kind of grief. That doesn't make it any less real.

We should pause for a moment of silence to remember the ways grief and loss has touched our lives this year, and the lives of all those around us.

But as people of faith, we trust that grief and loss are only a part of the story. Christ promises that where there is death and grief, resurrection and healing are not far behind. In Psalm 46, the psalmist sings, *though the mountain quake, the nations are in an uproar, and the waters rage and foam, God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

God was our refuge and our strength in so many ways this year. This faith community has been creative and resilient. We've learned new things, and learned to see in new ways. In 2020, the Dennison and Vang community of faith, gathered around Word and Sacrament, provided faithful ministry and witness to the gospel, and through the challenges of this year tapped into a strength that maybe we didn't even know we had as a community.

Here are a ways Dennison and Vang provided faithful ministry and witness in 2020.

Building a Community of Christ online – This year, there were rapid changes to our online presence. Since March, we went from zero presence on line to weekly livestreamed services, a growing and active community on our Facebook page, and a new website. We provided at home activities for families, devotions, contemplative prayer, reflections, children's messages, and scripture readings – all on-line. There were online activities and gatherings for Sunday school and confirmation.

One blessing of all of this is we've been able to reach people we otherwise would not be reaching. We have people participating on line as far away as Philadelphia, Alaska, and Oregon. We have local people joining us on line who would likely not be joining us in person.

We often say the church is more than a building. This year we've experienced that truth in new ways. Church happens wherever the good news is heard and seen. This year the good news was heard and seen in homes and online and outside under the trees.

Thanks to Ken Vestledahl and Kris Nesseth for helping with some recent tech upgrades. Thanks to Nicole Monroe and Isaiah Stiner for helping set up the live streams every week. If you would like to help set up the Sunday live streams, please see Nicole or Pastor Paul.

Same fish, different format - There were many moments this year where this community of faith really shined. The Lutefisk Supper is one example. The lutefisk committee found a new way to make that event happen. No in-person dining this year, takeout and delivery only. And it worked! All the meals made available were sold, and it was a successful event in many ways. Thanks to all the workers and those who supported the Lutefisk Supper this year.

Hearing the Good News in new ways at Christmas and Easter - The Christmas Outdoor nativity event is another example of the strength of this community. Not being able to have a traditional Christmas Eve service for perhaps the first time in this community's history, a group of volunteers was creative and came up with a new way for this community to tell the Christmas story through an outdoor nativity event. I loved walking around out in the parking lot bringing communion to people, talking with the middle and high school kids participating in the nativity scene, reading the Christmas story while the bells tolled away in the steeple, and singing Silent Night outside. That was a special moment. And it says a lot about this community of faith. The attitude was – we can't do what we normally do this year, but what can we do instead? In addition to the outdoor nativity, we also provided a Blue Christmas/Longest Night service online, because it seemed like this Christmas there needed to be a time to name our griefs and struggles and be strengthened by God's promises.

For Easter, people also found new ways to hear the good news. People read the Passion Story from Luke's gospel in weekly installments online. Lori, Paul, and Jen (aka "The Three Amigos") provided beautiful music for Easter (and for many other online services this year.) There were online children's messages and a community zoom gathering.

Growing Generosity – It should be highlighted and celebrated that this was a strong year at both churches in terms of financial giving. People stepped up to support God's mission in this place, and our Egiving offerings have grown. But, of course, we know that financial giving is just one part of our generosity. One suggestion from the Stewardship Team was to highlight examples of good and faithful stewardship happening in this community of faith. So we've been taking a few moments during the offering time to point to examples of ministry and service that occurred the previous week. I can honestly say it was never hard to think of something to highlight. From providing meals to sending cards to shut-ins to distributing

prayer shawls to giving bibles to our Sunday school kids, to supporting the internship program, there are numerous examples of stewardship and service.

In addition, there were some significant improvements to the church building that happened this year, such as a new furnace installed, new ovens, and work being done on the steeple. Each of those improvements is fueled by generosity and good stewardship. Thank you for all you do to support God's mission in this place.

Ministry Teams – The ministry teams at Dennison and Vang have been adaptable to the changing situation. Thanks to the stewardship team, the care team, the creation care team, and the family ministry team for your good work this year. In addition, there was a church safety team established this year. Thanks to the church safety team – Marcia Maring, Nicole Monroe, Denise Olson, Dorothy Howie, and Jim Sviggum, for your good work in this unusual year. Thanks also to both church councils for your good and faithful service. There was a worship team that was starting up earlier this year, but got put on hold when the pandemic hit. Getting a worship team going would be a goal for this year. Another team that should be strengthened is a group who could support the “Growing Connections” garden. If you would like to serve on a ministry team, please let me know! Ministry teams can help sustain the ongoing work of doing God's mission in this place.

Adult faith formation. Shortly after COVID came to our shores, I began to sense a shift in my sense of call. I began to get excited about doing more with adult ed and adult faith formation. I am very much enjoying our current “Engaging Scripture” group. The intention is to continue to offer short term, high commitment opportunities 3-4 times in 2021 with a focus on a variety of approaches to discipleship and spiritual growth and health.

In addition, I hope to offer adult forums. With everything that has been going on recently, we would do well to ask together, what does scripture say and what does the church teach? We've had two open forums regarding race and racial justice. These are not easy conversations to have (nor should they be), but in both cases the conversation was thoughtful, honest, and respectful. I was encouraged at the way we discussed a difficult topic using scripture and church teaching as a guide. We had an adult forum on immigration and the Bible presented by the border immersion group. (That presentation was the Sunday before we suspended worship due to COVID back in March, so some of that work got put on the back burner for a while. There will be a follow-up work to come, such as a presentation during Lent.)

There was a “Deliberative Dialog” time scheduled for January, but had to be postponed. Deliberative Dialog is a process for discussing difficult issues in a very intentional way that honors multiple points of view. It is focused on learning from each other and finding shared values. It offers an alternative to the partisan divides we get to accustomed to living with. We will be coming back to that in the spring, using the deliberative dialog model to discuss issues of mental health.

So, as you look back at the past year, what are some things you have learned? Here are a few things we have learned together last year, or learned to see in new ways.

The church is more than a building – We learned we can be church even when the church building is not available. That is a valuable lesson to learn over and over.

We can talk about difficult things – Churches should be safe places that provide healthy and stable communities where the gospel can be proclaimed and the sacraments received. But sometimes we put too much emphasis on stability, and are hesitant to take on difficult topics. But to learn and to grow as a disciple of Christ requires us to be uncomfortable sometimes. I know talking about things like race or climate change or immigration are uncomfortable. But churches have a moral obligation to provide opportunities for people to engage in these kinds of conversations and learnings, and I hope to see that work continue in 2021. And if churches don't do it, other voices will. The voice of scripture and church teaching should be very much in the mix.

A resilient community – Dennison and Vang is a gifted and caring community. Back when the pandemic started, we asked the question – would it be possible to come out of the pandemic stronger than when we went into it? So far, that is what has happened. What a great story that will be to tell for future generations. Consider how you can use your time, talents, and treasure in strengthening this community of faith.

“The Lord is near” – Your faithfulness this past year bore witness to God's presence among us. *“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say rejoice. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, with prayer and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God, and the God of peace that passes all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ.”* (Philippians 4)

Other highlights of 2020 include:

- Border Immersion trip. I can not express in words how deeply impactful this experience was. I saw Jesus in the people we met and the stories we heard. We learned a lot about the immigration system and how it impacts people, and reflected on it from a scriptural and theological perspective.
- Internship supervision. I get to be the internship supervisor this year, and it has been a joy to accompany Lucas for this leg of his seminary journey. He is very gifted, and we can be thankful that God is calling Lucas into the ministry of Word and Sacrament.
- Order of Lutheran Franciscans – The postulancy process has been put on hold due to the rapid growth of the Order. This gives a chance to revamp the postulancy process. I look forward to seeing where this may lead.
- Confirmation trip to the Faribault Islamic Center
- Ministry at the Faribault Correctional Center. All activities were suspended due to COVID, but hopefully may be resuming soon.
- Car parade for the graduating seniors. That was awesome!
- Gathering Baby Care supplies for Lutheran World Relief.
- First Communion with the 5th graders
- Outdoor services at Dennison and Vang
- Evening Vespers Services at Dennison

Goals for 2021 include:

- Focus on adult faith formation opportunities
 - 3-4 adult ed groups/year
 - Adult forums
- Establish a worship team
- Continuing to adapt safety measures. The virus makes for an often changing and fluid situation, so continued adaptability is required.

- Caring outreach – With the pandemic and all the changes it brought, staying connected is an ongoing challenge. A phone call or a card goes a long way. The Care Team has been active reaching out, but it also takes the whole community. Maybe there is someone you haven't seen for a while who would love to hear from you.

Growing Edges

- Ministry team structure to support on-going work
 - Talking about difficult social issues from a scriptural perspective
 - Promoting home-based faith practices for families
 - Inviting people to use their gifts for ministry
 - Increasing participation in adult faith formation activities. If you've never done anything like that before, this could be your year to try it out
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Pastoral Acts: Dennison and Vang Lutheran Parish 2020

Deaths: Thomas Blegseth, Duane Buchta, Marlene Castle, Sandra Fogelson, Michael Owen, Leroy Daniel Pflaum, Lavina Stadstad, Mennetta Stordahl, Leo Underdahl, Shirley Underdahl, Lisa Warner

Baptisms: Braydon Geiger, Dylan Geiger Grant Major Paul Maher

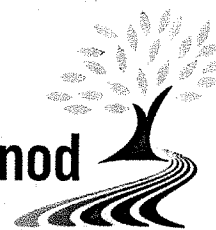
Confirmations: Sophie Amy, Eivind Brogger, Cal Luebke, Isaiah Stiner

Weddings: Bryant and Madison Nygaard

New Members: Kaylen and Martin Geiger, Bryant and Madison Nygaard. In addition, the Facebook group has grown to over 215 members.



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2020 SYNOD MINISTRY REPORT

Welcome to the new year! Many of us are entering 2021 full of hope; 2020 was a year of unexpected challenges. There were disappointments: canceling our 2020 Synod Assembly ranks among them, as I was so looking forward to gathering with all of you. There were steep learning curves: moving worship and gatherings to digital platforms. There were radical adjustments: finding new ways to connect when in-person visits were unsafe, learning to work from home while caring for those who depend on us, to name a few.

Yet, as I reflect on 2020, I am filled with deep gratitude. In the face of a quickly and constantly changing reality, the Southeastern Minnesota Synod rose to the occasion. You learned to worship in new ways. You reinvented confirmation, Sunday school, and adult education. You found new, primarily outdoor, spaces to gather in. You found ways to continue your outreach to your communities and beyond. You proclaimed the gospel with grace and fervent hope.

It has not always been easy. There have been moments of tension, fear, and uncertainty. There have also been moments of joy, creativity, and sacred spaces.

As I reflect on 2020 and look forward to 2021, I am immensely grateful to be called to serve among you. As we look to another year of ministry, I pray we will continue to be full of grace, truth, courage, and hope. I pray that the lessons we have learned will continue to shape and inform us. I pray we will remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit, and I trust, by God's grace, we will continue to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, dear church, for your tenacity and generosity. Thanks be to God for God's faithfulness in all things.

Our work continues. If you have not yet taken space for deep Sabbath rest – please do so (and ensure the people around you do too!). No matter what our new year brings, our call to proclaim the gospel remains. May God gift us with all we need to share this Good News!

In Christ,

Bishop Regina Hassanally

WELCA Financial Report

Checking

1/1/2020		Beginning Balance	\$ 1,247.13
1/6	2992	Mission Trip	- 200.00
2/10	Dep.	Meatball Sales	+ 71.00
2/10	2993	Postmaster-Stamps	+ 55.00
2/28	2994	Funeral Expense	+ 43.00
3/2	2995	World Day of Prayer	- 15.00
3/2	2970	World Day of Prayer Offering	- 50.00
3/16	Dep	2020 Offering	+ 1,080.00
3/16	Dep	Coffee Fund	+ 20.00
4/6	Dep	2020 Offering	+ 180.00
4/20	Dep	2020 Offering	+ 20.00
4/30	Dep	2020 Offering	+ 50.00
6/1	Dep	2020 Offering	+ 100.00
6/5	Dep	2020 Offering	+ 20.00
9/14	Dep	Lutefisk 2019 MB Sale	+ 30.00
11/2	2997	New Vacuum	- 641.24
12/15	Dep	Christmas Sharing Donations	+ 975.00
12/15	2998	Christmas Family Gift Cards	- 500.00
12/16	2999	Local Family in Need	- 100.00
12/16	3000	Local Ffamily in Need	- 300.00
12/29	Dep	Christmas Sharing Donations	+ 20.00
12/29	Dep	Transfer from Savings	+ 500.00
12/20	3001	Pastor Paul	- 100.00
12/20	3002	Intern Lucas	- 50.00
12/20	3003	Organist-Tammy	- 50.00
12/20	3004	Organist-Andrew	- 50.00
12/20	3005	Orangist-Lori	- 50.00
12/20	3006	Organist-Todd	- 50.00
12/20	3007	Kenyon Area Internship	- 120.00
12/20	3008	Kenyon Sunset Home Aux.	- 100.00
12/20	3009	Hope Coalition	- 150.00
12/20	3010	Ruth's House	- 150.00
12/20	3011	Good Earth Village	- 100.00
12/20	3012	Vang Cemetery	- 500.00
12/20	3013	Believet	- 100.00
12/20	3014	ELCA Good Gifts	- 300.00
12/20	3015	Kenyon Food Shelf	- <u>200.00</u>
12/31		Ending Balance	\$ 338.89

Vang WELCA Financial Report
Savings

1/1/2020		Beginning Balance	\$ 5724.54
3/2	Dep	Funeral	+ 100.00
3/31	Dep	Interest	+ 1.44
6/30	Dep	Interest	+ 1.45
9/30	Dep	Interest	+ 1.47
12/29		Transfer to ck	- 500.00
12/31	Dep	2020 Lutefisk	+ 1,200.00
12/31	Dep	Interest	+ 1.47
12/31/20		Balance	<u>\$ 6,530.37</u>

Dennison and Vang Care Team

The Dennison and Vang Care team does caring outreach in the community through things like visits, cards, and phone calls with people who are homebound, in care centers, recovering from surgery, or who may be need of a little extra care and concern. 2020 presented challenges, and much of the person to person visitation ministry could no longer happen. The care team continues outreach by sending cards, making phone calls, delivering food, and praying for others.

If you would like to be a part of the Dennison and Vang Care team, please contact Pastor Paul. This team meets 3-4 times a year for updates and trainings.

Because this was a year where meetings and get-togethers were limited, the Creation Care team only met a couple of times, and our after church informational meetings were very scarce. We did have sessions that involved topics of smart water use and water conservation, composting, recycling, and the benefits of planting a tree each year both at home and at the church.

While our meetings were cut short due to the pandemic, our creative group came up with several opportunities to continue striving toward an eco-friendly church and home life for our parishioners and community. These ideas include: Continue planting a tree at the church this spring, purchasing cloth bags with Vang's logo to sell as a fundraiser to eliminate the use of plastic and paper bags, hosting a NorWex party to promote eco-friendly cleaning products which would also benefit our church from the "host prizes" that you receive with orders from guests at the party.

Members of the Creation Care team are Ella Schmidt, who is now in her first year of college, Jenny Flom, who is a high school senior and the current president of the Rice County 4-H Club, and Jen Eggum. If you have a passion for our environment, the future for our kids and grandchildren, and have a creative mind that would enjoy making changes that would benefit our church and neighborhood, please reach out to Pastor Paul and join this group that meets quarterly.

Family Ministry – Annual Report

Our Mission Statement: Through family ministry at Vang and Dennison Lutheran Parish, we seek to grow faith, build relationships, and serve together.

This has definitely been a changeling year to say the least. Our main goal has been trying to stay in contact with families through various ways with the focus on families serving God from home together.

A few things that we have done this past year:

- *Zoom Sunday school Lesson
- *Socks of Love
- *Mailed back to school blessings to all SS families
- *Bibles to 3 year olds and 3rd graders
- *A reading of the Christmas Story
- *Live Nativity
- *Intergenerational event on Beatitudes
- *Confirmation
- *Recognized Seniors with drive through

Some upcoming things to watch for:

- *At home project for Lent
- *In Person Sunday school activities after Easter.

Submitted by Amanda Flom

2020 Vang/Dennison Sunday School Annual Report

Prepared by David Wood the Vang/Dennison Sunday School Treasurer (507)-259-3914 (Cell) 507-789-5589 (Home)

Account	Date	Transaction	Checking	Savings	Checking Balance	Savings Balance	Total
Vang Sunday School Account	1/1/2020	Starting Balance	\$1,405.36	\$1,547.13	\$1,405.36	\$1,547.13	\$2,952.49
Vang Sunday School Account	2/27/2020	Deposit		\$45.00	\$1,405.36	\$1,592.13	\$2,997.49
Vang Sunday School Account	3/31/2020	Interest		\$0.61	\$1,405.36	\$1,592.74	\$2,998.10
Vang Sunday School Account	6/8/2020	Deposit		\$50.00	\$1,405.36	\$1,642.74	\$3,048.10
Vang Sunday School Account	6/31/2020	Interest		\$0.62	\$1,405.36	\$1,643.36	\$3,048.72
Vang Sunday School Account	9/30/2020	Interest		\$0.63	\$1,405.36	\$1,643.99	\$3,049.35
Vang Sunday School Account	12/31/2020	Interest		\$0.63	\$1,405.36	\$1,644.62	\$3,049.98
Vang Sunday School Account		Year End			\$1,405.36	\$1,644.62	\$3,049.98
Account	Date	Transaction	Checking	Savings	Checking Balance	Savings Balance	Total
Vang Youth Fund Account	1/1/2020	Starting Balance	\$655.03	\$797.00	\$655.03	\$797.00	\$1,452.03
Vang Youth Fund Account		Year End			\$655.03	\$797.00	\$1,452.03
Account	Date	Transaction	Checking	Savings	Checking Balance	Savings Balance	Total
Meals Account	1/1/2020	Starting Balance	\$16.80	\$70.00	\$16.80	\$70.00	\$86.80
Meals Account		Year End			\$16.80	\$70.00	\$86.80
Account Totals		Meal Funds	Sunday School Funds	Youth Funds	Checking	Savings	Total Funds of all Accounts
		\$86.80	\$3,049.98	\$1,452.03	\$2,077.19	\$2,511.62	\$4,588.81

KENYON AREA INTERN COMMITTEE (KAIC) REPORT 2020

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the Intern Program. We are grateful to have an Intern in this our 43rd year of participation in the program. This year our Intern is Lucas Shurson. The Kenyon Area Intern Committee offers supervision, practical experience and support to ready the Intern for real life pastoral duties.

Lucas has a busy year with his duties split between the eight congregations in the KAIC program. There is a scheduled rotation of the eight churches for Lucas to either Preach or do the Liturgy. He is also involved with Confirmation, Bible studies, Visitation of shut-ins, as well as other duties. Like everyone else all of these duties are a challenge in the midst of the Pandemic however Lucas is working well with the challenges.

Again, thank you for your continued support of this very important ministry program.

Sincerely,
Kenyon Area Internship Committee members

Grace to you and peace!

It's with some surprise that I find myself already a little over four months into my internship. As you can imagine, the pandemic has meant that many of the traditional activities of the intern have had to be retooled for safety. With the changes that have come from that, the time has flown by. I've been a part of more types of worship than I would have ever guessed these past few months, from pre-recorded to live-streamed, from handing out drive-up communion to broadcasting over the radio from a microphone in my car. During Advent and Christmas my worship schedule picked up even more, and with socially-distanced caroling and weekly evening worship streamed at Trinity and a blue Christmas service at Vang to reflect the different tone of this holiday season. One benefit of new worship formats has come from being able to participate at multiple congregations in a single week. For example, I sang for Grace's pre-recorded Christmas worship while preaching for Vang's. I was also able to assist at First's pre-recorded services on several weeks early in the year when I attended other congregations on Sunday.

In addition to worship, we've adjusted many of the regular events at the congregations to suit the times. I've helped out with and taught confirmation classes at Holden and Dale, first outside at Holden Park and now online, and the kids reliably make me laugh. We are also transitioning WELCA Bible study at Trinity and Gol online after initially being in-person. I'm continuing to attend monthly council meetings at Grace, and I have also made periodic visits to council meetings at First and at Vang. I've also been grateful to be a part of some of the traditions of these congregations: The Meatball Supper at Hegre and the Lutefisk Supper at Vang were particularly memorable and tasty.

Pastoral care has been an ongoing challenge under the circumstances, but I was able to make visits in-person when the weather was nice early in my time in Kenyon, and I have been able to make visits by phone since then. Although I would like to have the experience of making visits in-person, safety is an important part of pastoral care, and I feel that I've grown in my ability to be flexible under unusual circumstances. Besides visits, I have also been a part of several baptisms, funerals, and weddings at Gol, Vang, First, and Holden so far, and I appreciate having been a part of those important life events.

With all the big events happening nationally since I began my internship, I was glad to have participated in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod's annual theological conference, where the theme centered on having productive dialogue in the church. One of the speakers had written a book on a process she developed for having those conversations. Pastor Paul and I have been exploring ways to turn that process into an adult forum over the course of several weeks later this year. Also upcoming is Lent, when I'll be a part of Wednesday evening services at Holden and Dale.

Especially since this is an unusual year to be on internship, I'm so grateful for the welcome I've received into each of the congregations. It's because of that welcome that I've been able to learn and experience so much in such a short time. I know that the next eight months will continue to be a time of growth for me, and I'm excited to be a part of that with all of you.

Lucas Shurson, Intern

Stewardship Annual Report

This past year at council meetings the topic of stewardship was discussed as to what stewardship really means and what it entails. For many, including myself, it always seemed to revolve around finances and tithing when referring to church.

When reflecting on this, we realized it was much more. We really wanted to focus year round on all of the different ways our congregation is making a difference. To many times, acts of generosity and kindness slip by behind the scenes without being noticed. Thus the stewardship team was formed. There are many different ways we can be stewards of our faith community. Not only financial stewardship, but time and talent are also just as important ways of giving of ourselves. We want to bring to light and encourage all the different ways we can serve.

This year had very many challenges and uncertainty with Covid-19. Not being able to worship [p together in the normal sense changed the way we do things. Vang really came together as a faith community and I feel is even stronger through this challenging time!

Here are just a few examples of generosity through 2020:

Financial giving has been strong even though we could not worship together in the physical church. There are many examples of generous time and talent contributions. We needed a new furnace. Many hours of time was spent researching the best options. Because of the many hours donated we now have a new furnace for many years to come. The tradition of our Lutefisk supper was challenged because of Covid. We found a way to get it done thanks to an amazing group of volunteers. There has been a need for new stoves in the kitchen. Two new gas stoves were installed and both were donated. Work was done on the steeple to shore up leaks. New doors are going to be installed and both of those were donated. The Garden and food donations to the community. There are many more example's too numerous to mention now. Think about all that happens in our church and all the many volunteers and committees, youth, Sunday school etc.. that it takes to get it done!

Thanks you for all you do! Let's focus throughout the year on stewardship! If there is anyone who is interested in joining out Ministry team contact Pastor Paul or any Team member.

Stewardship Ministry Team:

Brian Koester, Steve Schmidt, Pam Koester, Phil Maring

Annual Vang Lutefisk Report 2020

	2020	2019
income - tickets and donations	18616.11	28,418.27
expenses	-9894.32	-15,038.16
to Vang Church	-7521.79	-11,014.36
to Vang WELCA - given to Missions	-1200.00	-2365.75
balance	0.00	0.00

A Note from Vang Lutefisk Committee

WOW the 40th year of Lutefisk and Meatball's
As you can see in these note's we did a wonderful job
feeding our community. We all came together to
provide a quality traditional dinner as we have in the
past.

Vang WELCA thank you all for your generous monetary
donations and donated time and energy the day's
leading up to and the day of our Annual Fund-raising
Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. We have a unique group
of folks here.

Sincerely,

Kari Flom, Pam Enfield, Ann Sviggum, Nordis, Estrem, Dena Eggum

Here are the numbers:

Drive Through Meals

Adult	471
Children	8

Delivery Meals	212
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Worker Meals	79
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Total Meals Served	770
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Growing Connections Garden
2020 report

Last year marked the 6th year that we have raised a garden at Vang. Every year we have provided between 700-1000 pounds of fresh vegetables for the Keyon food shelf. Also, some vegetables have been provided to the Northfield food shelf.

Unfortunately, last year we provided less than 100 pounds of vegetables. The weather was fine and things were planted but we just didn't have enough help at the right time to weed, water, pick or deliver things. In a time when so many food shelves are in great need our contribution last year was disappointing.

I have advised the Vang Church Council that help is needed to organize & schedule help. Food shelves everywhere are in need and the garden area is a beautiful place to be in the morning or evening and is naturally socially distant from people.

Please help if you are able.

Regards,
Larry Enfield

Vang Lutheran Church Financial Secretary Report 2020

A total of 84 boxes of envelopes were given out in 2020. An additional 17 families donated without having a box. For all donations 101 families or individuals contributed to our church in the past year. The offerings were received in the following pattern:

Average Weekly Gift Given on Sunday	Number of Donars 2017	Number of Donars 2018	Number of Donars 2019	Number of Donars 2020	Yearly GiftTotal Range
\$60.00+	5	5	5	5	\$3120+
\$50.00+	1	3	3	0	2600-3119
\$40.00+	5	6	0	1	2080-2599
\$30.00+	7	5	6	3	1560-2079
\$20.00+	9	10	7	12	1040-1559
\$15.00+	8	7	6	5	780-1039
\$12.00+	5	8	6	2	624-779
\$10.00+	1	4	1	4	520-623
\$8.00+	7	6	2	2	415-519
\$7.00+	5	1	2	4	364--414
\$6.00+	2	0	2	1	312-363
\$5.00+	1	4	0	2	260-311
\$4.00+	3	3	4	3	208-259
\$3.00+	2	1	3	2	156-207
\$2.00+	1	1	4	3	104-155
\$1.00+	6	8	11	4	52-103
Less than \$1.00	25	19	26	31	0-51
Totals	93	91	88	84	

Listed below are the General Fund envelope offering totals for the last 12 years. Also listed is the total Sunday offerings including loose cash and loose checks.

2020	\$68,117.75
2019	\$75,048.47
2018	\$90,712.01
2017	\$85,526.00
2016	\$79,307.00
2015	\$81,314.00
2014	\$79,318.00
2013	\$85,254.17
2012	\$86,343.54
2011	\$78,483.00
2010	\$69,750.00
2009	\$68,284.00

<u>2020 Sunday Offering Summary</u>	
	Envelope General Funds
947.75	Loose Cash
67,170.00	Loose Checks
68,117.75	Sunday Offerings for 2020

This is a summary of all money that Vang took in for 2020

Category	All Deposit Amounts	Savings	Checking
Sunday Offerings	68,117.75		68,117.75
Ash Wednesday	140.00		140.00
Lent Offering	140.00		140.00
Easter Offering	0.00		0.00
Thanksgiving Offering	0.00		0.00
Christmas Eve Offering	0.00		0.00
E-giving (21 people)	28,147.00		28,147.00
Beacon Subscription	80.00		80.00
Ag Partners Equity Distribution	156.46		156.46
Grinnell Mutual Ins. (lift repair)	1,835.00		1,835.00
E*Trade Financial	2,000.00		2,000.00
Nygaard Wedding	200.00		200.00
Install of New Stoves (donation)	750.00		750.00
Building Fund	0.00	0.00	
Truck Receipts	16,209.93	16,209.93	
Edwards Jones/Retirement Dist.	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Fidelity Brokerage Retirement Dist.	400.00	400.00	
Ivy Mid Cap Growth A IRA	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Grinnell Mutual Insurance	12,963.00	12,963.00	
Lutefisk Dinner	7,521.79	7,521.79	
United Way	100.00	100.00	
Thermo Pride (furnace)	750.00	750.00	
Memorial No Designation	2,620.00	2,620.00	
Memorial Oven Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	
TOTALS	147,130.93	45,564.72	101,566.21

VANG TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2020

Submitted by Paul Ramig, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Balance January 1, 2020 \$6,061.37

Plus Deposits \$179,103.99

Minus Expenses \$171,164.17

Balance January 1, 2021 \$14,001.19

DEPOSITS

\$179,103.99

Weekly Deposits \$89,982.92

Vanco Payments 28,846.07

Transfer from Savings 47,500.00

Thrivent For Lutherans 159.00

SBA PPP Program 12,616.00

EXPENSES

\$171,164.17

Budget 2020

Proposed

Budget 2021

\$161,598.00

\$154,763.00

Joint Expenses \$102,600.00

\$102,600.00

\$96,000.00

Pastoral Base Compensation

66,500.00

68,000.00

Pastoral Additional Costs

15,800.00

15,800.00

Portico Benefits

8,212.00

8,578.00

Organists

7,000.00

6,000.00

Pulpit Supply

750.00

750.00

Family Ministry

500.00

500.00

Synod Assembly

700.00

700.00

Joint Office Costs

16,930.00

16,030.00

TOTAL

\$0.00

\$116,392.00

\$116,358.00

Ministry & Worship

Intern Program \$3,200.00

3,600.00

3,200.00

Cannon River Conference

154.80

175.00

175.00

Envelopes

503.98

525.00

525.00

Organ / Piano Maintenance

1,497.00

500.00

1,000.00

Banners / Decorating

82.36

500.00

250.00

TOTAL

\$5,438.14

\$5,300.00

\$5,150.00

Education

Mission Trips \$0.00

500.00

500.00

Youth Retreats

0.00

500.00

500.00

Family Ministry

0.00

150.00

150.00

TOTAL

\$0.00

\$1,150.00

\$1,150.00

Benevolence

Southeast MN Synod Missions \$9,600.00

\$9,600.00

\$9,600.00

Kenyon Sunset Home

1,680.00

1,700.00

1,700.00

Kenyon Food Shelf

2,000.00

2,000.00

2,000.00

Good Earth Village

0.00

1,000.00

1,000.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

TOTAL

\$13,280.00

\$14,300.00

\$14,300.00

Building

Insurance	11,519.25	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Custodians	\$8,200.80	8,300.00	8,300.00
US Treasury (SS & Medicare)	1,358.64	1,400.00	1,400.00
Propane	1,199.85	5,000.00	5,000.00
Electricity	1,856.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Phone	1,649.19	1,700.00	1,700.00
Bottled Water	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	250.00	250.00
Waste Disposal	351.04	360.00	360.00
Lawn Mowing	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Snow Plowing	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fire Extinguishers	173.55	100.00	175.00
Pest Control Treatment	560.00	300.00	300.00
Well	0.00	0.00	0.00
Furnace	484.25	250.00	250.00
Septic System	300.00	800.00	600.00
Lift Maintenance	3,088.21	500.00	500.00
Bldg Repairs / Improvements	614.79	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$31,355.57	\$36,860.00	\$36,735.00

Unbudgeted Capital Expenditures

Flowers / Memorials	\$182.99
Furnace	13,247.92
Roof Repair	1,424.00
Stoves	2,205.55
	0.00
	0.00
TOTAL	\$17,060.46

Other Miscellaneous

Dennsion Office Rent	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
RE Taxes	150.00	148.00	148.00
Thrivent Custocial Fee	40.00		40.00
Corporate Registration	40.00	40.00	40.00
TOTAL	\$1,430.00	\$1,388.00	\$1,428.00

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Balance January 1, 2020		\$188,548.61
Plus Deposits	\$49,960.52	
Minus Disbursements	\$47,500.00	
Balance January 1, 2021		\$191,009.13

OTHER SAVINGS:

	1/1/2020	1/1/2021
Certificates of Desposit:		
Certificate 4321	\$7,530.00	\$7,530.00
Certificate 3423	\$7,322.48	\$7,340.80
Mission Investment Fund	\$8,056.61	\$8,230.31
TOTALS	\$22,909.09	\$23,101.11

DENNISON VANG JOINT COMPENSATION AND BUDGET

	2020		2021		
PASTOR PAUL BASE COMPENSATION	Budget	/month	Budget	/month	Actual
Salary	\$47,000.00	\$3,916.67	\$48,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Housing	14,500.00	1,208.33	14,500.00	1,208.33	
Social Security	5,000.00	416.67	5,500.00	458.33	
TOTAL	\$66,500.00	\$5,541.67	\$68,000.00	\$5,666.67	
Additional Compensation					
Insurance	\$8,400.00	\$700.00	\$8,400.00	\$700.00	
Mileage	6,000.00	500.00	6,000.00	500.00	
Phone	600.00	50.00	600.00	50.00	
TOTAL	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	
Total Compensation	\$81,500.00	\$6,791.67	\$83,000.00	\$6,916.67	
Minus Pretax Savings	15,600.00	1,300.00	16,320.00	1,360.00	
Net Compensation	\$65,900.00	\$5,491.67	\$66,680.00	\$5,556.67	
Portico Benefits					
Retirement	\$6,500.04	\$541.67	\$6,800.04	\$566.67	
Disability	975.00	81.25	1,020.00	85.00	
Basic Group Life	455.04	37.92	476.04	39.67	
Supplemental Life	282.72	23.56	282.72	23.56	
Pretax Savings	15,600.00	1,300.00	16,320.00	1,360.00	
TOTAL	\$23,812.80	\$1,984.40	\$24,898.80	\$2,074.90	
TOTAL PASTORAL COSTS	\$89,712.80	\$7,476.07	\$91,578.80	\$7,631.57	
JOINT BUDGET ITEMS	Budget	Actual	2021		
Continuing Education	\$800.00	\$665.00	\$800.00		
Pulpit Supply	750.00	216.79	750.00		
Secretary	4,000.00	3942.50	4,500.00		
US Treasury	750.00	299.00	500.00		
Organists	7,000.00	3030.00	6,000.00		
Copier	4,500.00	3611.93	4,000.00		
Phone	600.00	620.00	600.00		
WIFI	455.00	453.22	455.00		
Postage	1,200.00	1350.49	1,600.00		
Augsburg Fortress	2,100.00	1331.60	1,900.00		
SE MN Synod Assembly	700.00	0.00	700.00		
Family Ministry	500.00	0.00	500.00		
Soup Supper	100.00	62.90	100.00		
Advertising	600.00	104.00	250.00		
Supplies	1,000.00	210.47	750.00		
Misc	1,000.00	308.54	750.00		
Bank Charges	25.00		25.00		
Vanco	600.00	596.53	600.00		
TOTAL JOINT BUDGET COSTS	\$26,680.00	\$16,802.97	\$24,780.00		
TOTAL ANNUAL JOINT BUDGET	\$116,392.80	\$8,550.00	\$116,358.80	\$8,000.00	
		Vang		Vang	Dennison
		88.14%		86.49%	13.51%
		Dennison			
		12.89%			

Dennison Vang 2020 Annual Joint Report

EXPENSE	ACTUAL	<u>Budget 2020</u>
US Bank/Coordinated	\$3,232.17	\$4,500.00
Century Link Phone	\$620	\$600.00
Northfield WIFI	\$453.22	\$455.00
Secretary	\$3,942.50	\$4,000.00
Postage	\$1,350.49	\$1,200.00
US Treasury	\$299	\$750.00
1517 Media	\$1,331.60	\$2,100.00
Pastor Paul salary	\$65,000.04	\$66,500.00
Portico Benefits	\$24,040.32	\$21,123.72
SE MN Synod	\$0	\$700.00
Organist	\$3,030	\$7,000.00
Vanco (offering fees)	\$596.53	\$600.00
Family Ministry/Conf.	\$62.90	\$500.00
Lent/Soup Supper	\$62.9	\$100.00
Advertising	\$104	\$600.00
Supplies	\$308.54	\$1,000.00
Misc.	\$210.47	\$1,000.00
Pulpit Supply	\$0	\$750.00
Bank Charges (Checks)	\$0.00	\$25.00
Continued Education	\$665.00	\$800.00
Total	<i>\$106,678.33</i>	<i>\$114,303.72</i>

Vang Building Committee Report 2020

In 2020, we had a number of issues that needed attention.

In 2019, the furnace for the chancel was having issues. In addressing these issues it was determined that we needed to replace our 40-50 year old furnace. The furnace was replaced in the spring with the same Thermo Pride furnace that should serve us well in the future. Ductwork in the furnace room was also replaced and improved.

The steeple was having major leaks coming down into the main body of the church. The Cricket between the steeple and the church roof was replaced and made wider and steeper to get water out faster. The upper tower above the bell was found to be leaking also. A lift was brought in and some window sills with holes were replaced and caulking was done to seal possible areas of leakage.

Plumbing leaks and valves were repaired in the kitchen and bathrooms. Bernice Stenhaug donated her refrigerator to replace the old one in the basement. Two new gas cook stoves were put in the kitchen with donations covering the cost.

The elevator lift needed new batteries and one of the circuit boards needed to be replaced. The Grinnell Mutual Insurance Company paid most of this.

The doors on the west side of the old church have deteriorated and need replacement. The new doors will be built by Nerstrand Custom Cabinets. The doors will be donated by the Maring and Sviggum families. Work will begin when the weather warms up.

In 2021, we will need to decide on permanent repairs to the steeple, the cost will be substantial and we may need to look at fundraising for this. Emery Maher donated \$7,500 of his costs for his part of the upper steeple repair last summer.

This beautiful structure was built in 1896. Our congregation has preserved and improved this space for 125 years. Thanks to all who helped keep this a distinctive welcoming place to worship.

Building Committee members:

Ken Vesledahl

Steve Tralle

Emery Maher

Jim Sviggum

Rene Koester

VANG CEMETERY ANNUAL REPORT 2020
CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
Treasurer Clyde Eggum

Checking Balance 01/01/2020 **12945.90**

Income:

C.D. Interest	750.10
Checking Interest	9.05
Memorials	3221.00
Memorial Day	360.00
Up Keep	4622.00
Burial Fees	<u>1000.00</u>

TOTAL: Income Checking: **9962.15**

Savings Balance 01/01/2020 **7870.36**

Income:

Savings Interest	<u>7.89</u>
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TOTAL: Income Savings: **7.89**

Expenses Checking:

Quamme Lawn Service (Mowing)	3960.00
Sviggum Insurance (Liability)	180.00
Steve Rauk (water at cemetery)	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL: Expense Checking: **4240.00**

Total Income 2020: **9970.04**

Total Expense 2020: **4240.00**

+ 5730.04 net gain

Checking Balance 12/31/2020: **18668.05**

Savings Balance 12/31/2020: **7878.25**

+ 26546.30 available funds

Perpetual Fund:

C.D. - 60 Month maturity date 07/02/2025	1.25%	22842.52
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C.D. - 60 month maturity date 09/07/2021	1.25%	37000.00
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Perpetual Savings Account		805.68
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The Vang Cemetery Board would like to Thank everyone that remembered Vang Cemetery in their Memorials this past year. It is truly appreciated.

VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH
Report of the Nominating Committee
February 28, 2021

CHURCH COUNCIL (3 years) Vote for three:

- 1. Nicole Monroe**
- 2. Amaya Monroe**

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE (1 year) Vote for Five:

- 1. Kari Flom**
- 2. Denise Olson**
- 3. Nordis Estrem**
- 4. Fern Vesledahl**
- 5. Missy Sviggum**

HEAD USHER (1 year) Vote for one:

- 1. Dick Sviggum**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR) Vote for four:

- 1. Jim Sviggum**
- 2. Rene Koester**
- 3. Phil Maring**
- 4. Clyde Eggum**

Dennison-Vang Church Re-entry Team

The Dennison-Vang church re-entry team was created in 2020 to respond to the challenges of the Corona virus. Members of the team include, Marcia Maring, Jim Sviggum, Nicole Monroe, Denise Olson, Dorothy Howe and Pastor Paul. We first met last Summer to decide how we could safely provide church services in person. Guidelines were followed based on the CDC recommendations and our churches were prepared accordingly. Enhanced sanitization, physical distancing and mask requirements were put into place and are continuing to be followed. We will continue to follow any further recommendations and will meet if need be in the future.