



# KLC NEWS

## DECEMBER 2021



### Face Mask



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From the very beginning of the pandemic the necessity to wear a mask has been one of the most difficult things to adjust to. Everywhere we go there is that realization that we are potentially running into someone who could potentially expose us the Covid19 virus. Admit it, masks can be a nuisance. They fog up our glasses, and make our noses run. They “smell” if you don’t clean them as often as you should. They need to be adjusted constantly and at times get caught on our glasses and when we remove our masks we rip our glasses from our faces. So, let me say that there will be no love lost the day we don’t need to wear them anymore. Good Riddance!

This past week I attended a funeral. It was a beautiful service and the family members were friends of mine. The memories shared were deeply felt by everyone in attendance and I found myself torn by the emotions I witnessed and the love that was shared at this service. Most of the time as a pastor I am conducting the service and there is a certain amount of detachment that allows me to do the service and remain in control emotionally. But that other day I was just another person in the crowd of friends and family.

It is surprising how the walls of detachment and the depth of grief one experiences can be so challenging when “others” can feel your pain. When they can see that loss as a universal experience we all go through when death grasps us and refuses to let go. It is the sort of experience that under normal circumstances cannot be hidden. A person is exposed. We bow our heads in our grief and hope to God that no one will take offense at the feelings we wanted to keep to ourselves.

The Mask. We all have them, and in these past couple of years we have learned to wear them. We may resent this fact but at least we have the good sense to stay safe and to keep others safe as well. Let me say something not entirely surprising though. At the funeral the other day I appreciated my mask. It allowed my grief to be my grief. Behind the mask I could let my lips tremble, and not feel embarrassed. Behind the mask a person could cry tears of pain and loss and the mask could just absorb those tears without so much as a whimper. The mask can be a protector! I pray the day will come when we won’t need to wear the masks anymore. I pray that a mask will be just that ... a mask. Until then I will be thankful for the freedom that wearing the mask gave me. Someday all our masks be unnecessary; grief, pain and loss will be no more. There certainly is good grief, and I want to affirm that grief. But all that is a part of our life right here and right now. As wonderful as life is I still wait patiently for the day when there will be no more grief and pain or loss. . Life is a gift and masks may be needed right now, but some day the perfect love of God will reign. For that day.. we all hope.

For that day we all wait like expectant mothers. We wear our masks and we hold each other and care for each other.

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff



Merry Christmas!

Hopefully you are all happy, healthy, had a safe Thanksgiving, and Christmas preparations haven't gotten too crazy for you. This will be the first holiday season in several years that I won't be on the road for work, and am looking forward to being able to enjoy the season.

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What are some of your holiday traditions? I grew up helping my mom make DOZENS of cookies, rosettes, etc in the weeks before Christmas. Our Christmas Eve dinner was a traditional Swedish/Scandinavian one involving the seven sweets and seven sour – lutefisk (not my favorite), lefse, pickled beets, pickled herring, etc. I think my favorite of the sweets was Bishops Bread, with the chopped candied fruit and chocolate chunks in it. I would pick out the chocolate ☺ I kept up most of the traditions with my kids and grandkids. So much fun to have little hands help!

November was an eventful month here at Kenwood. The new sign was installed out front, just in time for Turkey Bingo! A HUGE Thank You to Scott and team for both events. Their dedication and diligence are appreciated. The youth are also collecting new/gently used warm clothing for the LSS Teen Closet, and the Salvation Army Toy Drive has begun.

Thank you for your continued attendance at church, both virtually and in person, and your continued support. In the next few weeks, you will be getting a copy of the current ballot with who is currently serving on Council and their tenure on the Council. You will also be getting a brief synopsis of what each board/team/committee does. Please read the documents carefully, and prayerfully consider where you would like to help. If there is a specific board/team/committee that appeals to you, please keep it in mind when the Personnel Board calls to ask about your interests. If you would like to be on a team but not on Council, that is also an option.

Have a safe New Year,

Lori

If your birthday is not listed, call or email the church with your birthdate including the year!



- 2 - Shannon Borgeson
- 3 - Megan Adamek
- 4 - Marcia Lunde  
Gary Niemi
- 5 - Mike Benko
- 6 - Anthony Reich
- 8 - Jim Caesar
- 9 - Brad Butler  
Carly Senich
- 10 - Kris Dirksen
- 11 - Emily Klang  
Karen Mattson
- 13 - Joy Michalicek
- 14 - Paul Glaesemann
- 16 - Martha Oswald
- 17 - Erin Greenwalt
- 20 - Craig Carlson
- 21 - Samuel Michalicek
- 22 - Sara Rheaume  
Logan Carlson
- 25 - Dalerie Lieberz
- 26 - Sandra Musil
- 29 - Carol Ziegler  
Jennifer LaBelle
- 31 - John Glendenning



## Upcoming Events

**Our worship services**-are 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Face coverings are required. Services are also available online. They can be viewed on our website, [kenwoodlutheran.org](http://kenwoodlutheran.org), on our Facebook page, and on our YouTube channel.

**New Member Orientation**-Thursday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. Please get in touch with the church office if you'd like to come.

**Christmas Bazaar**-will not be held this year due to the pandemic.

**Silent Auction**- goes until Sunday, December 5, 12:00 noon. Bid on items at [myminiauction.com/kenwoodlutheranchurch](http://myminiauction.com/kenwoodlutheranchurch).

**Christmas Eve Services**-it is not known yet about times for Christmas Eve worship. Watch our website, Facebook page, and your email for updates.



## Community Ministry

LSS Center for Changing Lives coin offering in October was \$72.17.

Thank you for very generous donations of cold weather clothing that was delivered to the Damiano Center! Many of the items were included in their giveaway event in late October.

Toy donations for Salvation Army's Toyland Express can be left in the Messiah Room through Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.



**COUNCIL MEETING - KENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**October 14, 2021, via Zoom and in person**

Members Present: Lori Robison, Lynn Hegrenes, Martha Oswald, Pastor Jeff Holter, Scott Goutermont, Susan Muehlberger, Barb Lucia, and Diane Irving

Guest(s): Theresa Williams

1. The meeting was called to order by President Lori Robison at 7:35 p.m. with devotions and prayer led by Pastor Holter.
2. Minutes from the meeting held on September 9, 2021, and from the Special Council meeting held on September 29, 2021, were approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's report = \$3,315.93 balance in the checkbook at the end of September 2021. All bills have been paid and are current. Memorial Fund = \$13,682.38; Capital Improvement Fund = \$31,120.43 and Long-Term Savings Account = \$22,973.11. Not enough funds available to transfer borrowed money to savings and capital improvement fund from the General Fund this past month.
4. Action Items:
  - None.
5. Discussion Items:
  - a. Communication:
    - Annual Stewardship Drive – letters, etc.; (Theme for this year – focusing in on how we steward our time and how we are engaging people in the congregation, e.g., “Stewardship Through the Ages”).
    - Annual meeting ballot – to be discussed at the Saturday, October 16, long-range planning session.
    - Twig Bethlehem Lutheran request – updates from Lori and Pastor Holter – tabled until Saturday's long-range planning session.
    - Photo church directory: Mary Rasch was approached and would be open to taking pictures for this project. Tabled until November Council meeting.
    - Bob Hansen's technology offer: Pastor Holter sent a thank you via e-mail. A letter to be sent from the Council.
6. Boards, Ministry Teams, Standing Committees:
  - a. Asset Management Board
    - Base for sign is complete, waiting for electrical work to be completed; to be delivered mid-November.
    - New banner placed on the Arrowhead Road sign with current information.
    - New windows installed: four in the sanctuary and one in the nursery; trim work yet to be completed.
    - Jarvis family members have offered to clean church facility.
    - Air conditioning on hold until late winter; currently high priced.
    - Spaghetti Dinner next Thursday, October 21.
    - Turkey Bingo on November 18 indoors or November 20 in the parking lot, dependent on Covid statistics.
    - Approved a new computer for Theresa Williams in the office, will be purchased using Memorial Funds.
    - Pre-school – just received operational license; fire inspection was completed last Thursday, will be starting within the next month.

- b. Mutual Ministry Board
  - No new report.
- c. Stewardship Board
  - See Pastor's report.
- d. Personnel Support Board
  - No new report.
- e. Christian Education Ministry Team
  - Confirmed that Sara Rheamue, Kari Carlson, and Megan Barg will run Sunday School this year; one will be listed as the head and spokesperson for the group. Sunday School to begin soon.
- f. Community Ministry Team
  - LSS Center for Changing Lives Coin Offering for September = \$70.94.
  - November: Confirmation class will lead collection of new and gently used clothing to be donated to the LSS Center for Changing Lives Teen Closet.
  - CHUM: Socks and underwear collected in September were delivered to CHUM (for men – 46 pairs of socks and five underwear; for women – 42 pairs of socks and thirteen underwear).
  - CHUM Street Outreach Fundraiser is currently underway with a goal of raising \$50,000; make donations on CHUM website [chum@chumduluth.org](mailto:chum@chumduluth.org). Bid on auction items online beginning October 29.
  - Donations of cold weather clothing are being collected during October for Damiano Center. Their give-away event is October 28 – we could make a preliminary delivery of items on Wednesday, October 20. Anyone available to help with delivery?
  - Salvation Army's Toyland Express – collection at church from Thanksgiving to mid-December.
- g. Fellowship Ministry Team
  - Helping with Spaghetti Dinner event.
  - Bazaar cancelled for this year due to Covid.
  - Card ministry ideas were discussed.
- h. Worship Ministry Team
  - October 31 – Reformation Sunday: living in past and growing in the future (might use same theme during Lenten season). Red flowers and banners along with asking people to wear red that day.
  - October 24 – Pastor Holter will be on vacation; Pastor Doug Paulsen will preach.
  - Special Congregation meeting to discuss proposed KLC Constitution & Bylaws changes to follow Sunday service on October 31.
  - November 7 - All Saints Sunday led by the UP group.
  - Advent season is fast approaching. Planning has begun.
- i. Youth Ministry Team
  - Attending Training for Youth gathering next July. Materials received will be incorporated in confirmation class.

7. Pastor's Report:

- Synod Office –Pastor Holter spoke to Deacon Colleen Bernu, Assistant to Bishop Amy Odgren, who collaborates with mission and long-range planning for the Synod. Time for our Long-Range planning session with the KLC Council has been scheduled for October 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Gathering of Youth – to be held in Minneapolis next July – need to raise funds (\$1,200 per participant); two youth from KLC are interested in attending this gathering and Pastor Holter

will go as the adult leader from KLC; need support of congregation to send individuals to this event.

- Stewardship for All Ages – interviews of members of different age groups; format to structure around specific questions; videos to be displayed on monitors; testimonial from council member(s); one or two letters for response to the church with commitments.
- Adult confirmation – two dates scheduled for Monday, November 22 and Monday, November 29; at 6:30 p.m.; confirmation time to be determined.
- New member orientation – December 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- New member Sunday – December 12.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with prayer led by Pastor Holter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Hegrenes, Secretary

**MINUTES**  
**KENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING (in person and via Zoom)**  
**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**Call to Order**

President Lori Robison called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

**Devotions** – Pastor Holter opened the meeting with prayer.

**Quorum** - Twenty-six voting members are required as a quorum for this meeting with 32 members in attendance. President Robison declared that a quorum was present.

A **motion** was made by Pastor Jeff Holter and **seconded** by Dennis Kolari to accept the agenda for the meeting with flexibility. **Motion carried.**

**Action Items:**

President Robison called Secretary Lynn Hegrenes to the podium to outline the process that was followed by the KLC Council during the past year to update and propose amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Upon completion of this process, these action items will bring the documents up to date based on the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

1. On behalf of the KLC Council on the proposed amendments to the Constitution in Chapters 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, I, Lynn Hegrenes, **move** the amendments be adopted as a revision to this Congregation's Constitution. **Motion seconded** by Cindy Peterson. Discussion followed. A written ballot was distributed for voting and ballots were counted. **Motion was approved as presented** by a vote of 28 in favor and 0 opposed.
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  - Next step in the process = Constitution amendments will be forwarded to the NE MN Synod Office of the E.L.C.A. for review and return to this Congregation with respective comments. The Constitution amendments will then be presented at the next annual meeting for ratification.
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2. On behalf of the KLC Council on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws in Part VIII.A. Boards, I, Lynn Hegrenes, **move** the amendments be adopted as a revision to this Congregation's Bylaws. **Motion seconded** by Theresa Williams. Discussion followed. A written ballot was distributed for voting and ballots were counted. **Motion was approved as presented** by a vote of 26 in favor and 0 opposed.
- - The Bylaws amendments have been adopted, effective at the close of today's meeting. A copy of the approved amendments to the Bylaws will be placed on file with the NE MN Synod Office of the E.L.C.A.

A **motion** was made by Barb Lucia and **seconded** by Bob Hansen to adjourn the Special Congregation meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Closing Devotion/Prayer** – Pastor Holter led the congregation in recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

**Adjournment** at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Hegrenes, Secretary

Please keep in your prayers the family of member Kathie Severson, and Ben Buchanan, a former youth director of our church. Bob Buchanan, father of Ben and brother in law to Kathie passed away in October.



Please also remember the families of Troy and Wade Rasch in your prayers.

Their mother recently passed away.

Please remember in your prayers this month:

Jim & Nora Korkalo	Debby & David Stokes
Al Savela	Char Magariner
June Fiege	Brenda & Lee Baker
Harry & Jan Podgorski	Frank & Kristy Stokes
Doug & Peggy Simensen	Pat Kleimola
Barb Lucia	Dolores Carlson
Liz Pearson	Gary & Pauline Niemi
Steve Greenfield	Jan & Terry Baird
Jayne Iverson	Sandy Nervick
Anssi & Anneli Rannikko	Peggy Pruden
Ken & Charlene Harkins	Harold Nordin
John & Jody Glendenning	Sandy Stephenson Nys
Wally & Evelyn Freitag	David Mattson
Milt & Jo Cox	Kim Loken
Dennis & Carol Kolari	Joyce Jensen
Carol Ziegler	Karla Payne
Carol Johnson	Nancy Andrews
Gary Polla	Eugene Niemi
Gloria Royseth	Jim Anderson
Nancy & Clayton Koss	Lisa Muehlberger
Julianne Raymond	Kathy Erholtz
Bob & Diane Hansen	Elaine Greenfield
Mike Benko	
Jim, Megan, Julianna, Cecilia & Georgina Barg	
Shannon, Hailey & Tyler Borgeson	
Kevin, Joy, Ben & Sam Michalicek	



A service for Presentation of Bibles was held on Sunday, November 21. At that service, Logan Carlson received his bible from Kenwood Lutheran Church.

Some recipients of the bibles were unable to attend on November 21. Another service will be held after the beginning of the year for those who were unable to attend.

## ELCA Good Gifts

How can you reach out and help others this Christmas? What do you buy for the person who has everything?

How about ELCA Good Gifts? There are many unique gifts to fit any budget! Gifts such as goats, roosters, chicks, pigs and honeybees can create an opportunity for a family living in poverty.

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—Moses, Malawi

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**\$50 Seeds and gardening tools**

When [we received] the fruit grafts and vegetable seeds, we were joyful. We couldn't buy the seeds or the seedlings and didn't know how to care for and plant some things, so that work was significant. From there, we could multiply our seeds ourselves.  
—Jesé, Brazil

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:45 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A.	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM New Member Orientation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Confirmation 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 12:00 PM Silent Auction Ends	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	<b>8</b> 8:45 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A.	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Boards and Teams 7:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> Confirmation Newsletter Deadline 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	<b>22</b> 8:45 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A.	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merry Christmas!</b></p>
<b>26</b> Confirmation 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	<b>29</b> 8:45 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A.	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>31</b>	



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 23

Fellowship Hall,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

To make an appointment  
 Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
 Enter sponsor code: **KLC**

