



# **KLC NEWS**

## **DECEMBER 2018**

### **Family Advent**

#### **“Lighting the Candles”**



In preparation for the Advent season I came across this family activity that I thought was quite interesting. I realize that we are all trying to keep up with all the seasons many activities, but I also realize that memories are being framed in our minds and will last a life time. This is even more true of families with little ones. Our little ones, be they our children or grandchildren, are absorbing truths and traditions like little sponges and these moments and memories are what they will pass on. Engaging their senses is vital. All of their senses; sight, sound, touch, smell, mind and taste. I realize that the mind is not considered a sense but I just want to make the case that imaginations are nothing we want to waste, so engage the mind. Like what does a donkey smell like? That may seem like a “smelling” activity, but since we are probably not going to get a chance to actually smell a donkey, we are going to have to use our minds to imagine what a donkey smells like. So... what does a donkey smell like?

This particular Advent I would encourage you, therefore, to take some time and try lighting an Advent candle each week. Just a couple of things to consider; try and place the candles in a visible spot in your home. Then set a time for the lighting, and try and maintain that schedule for each of the four weeks. If possible, let the children take a lead role in the lighting, and for an additional piece include a prayer. Evening works well, and for little ones but ... bed time is best.

Week 1 Light the first candle

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy. Amen

Week 2 Light the second candle.

Prayer: God our shepherd, gather us as lambs in your arms. Forgive our sins so that we may rejoice in your coming. Amen

Week 3 Light the third candle.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you continue to do great things for us. Give us your gifts of peace as we await your coming. Amen

Week 4 Light the forth candle.

Prayer: God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts to rejoice in your glorious advent. Amen

If all goes well, you might want to continue this activity all through the Christmas season and up to the Epiphany of Our Lord on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Who knows, if your children and grandchildren begin to look forward to this activity they may ask you to have prayers with them on a regular basis. Now that would truly be a present worthy of a Saviors birth.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Pastor Jeff

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the  
President's  
Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

I am writing this right before Thanksgiving. There is much going on here at Kenwood. We had a successful Turkey Bingo last week. Thank you to all who made that a success! It is the highest total ever raised and the money will go toward the roof. It is always wonderful to see new people at Kenwood and to share our faith with the neighborhood.

We had a wonderful time a few weeks ago making lefse for the bazaar. Thank you to all who helped. We will also be making lefse at the bazaar on December 1. Joan H. will also be making Krumkake. Workers are still needed for the bazaar not just for lefse, but for the event itself. A sign-up sheet is in the Messiah Room. All who help with the bazaar get lunch. This year half of the money raised will go to Lutheran Social Services Crisis Nursery.

As a reminder, Kenwood Lutheran is striving to become a more missional congregation. This means that we are looking at what the congregation submits to missions. There will be a report inside our Kenwood Lutheran Annual Report stating what has gone out to missions from our boards and teams. As you are writing your annual reports please include monies that have been sent to missions from your groups. This includes quilts, school kits, noisy can offering, coats, and toys to name a few.

This year we are also adding volunteer work for the months of November and December to our In-Kind Report. This will also be part of the church annual report. So here is how this works, please keep track of the hours that you volunteer during the months of November and December. I know there are children in this church that volunteer as well. Children's hours should also be included. Please submit those to the church office and they will be included in the total.

Lastly, many hands make light work. We will be looking for people to join our boards and teams to help with the mission of Kenwood Lutheran Church for 2019. Maybe you would like to help with a potluck, organize a youth event or serve on the church council. There is a job for everyone in God's Kingdom. All are welcome to participate.

Merry Christmas and Blessings to you all!

Joy Michalicek, President



## Community Ministry

**Toyland Express** Please leave new toy donations in the box in the center office by Sunday, December 16.

**Cold Weather Clothing** The Damiano Center was so grateful for the huge load of donations – 6 coats had already been claimed by the time everything was hauled in!

**Personal Hygiene Products** A recent delivery to the Union Gospel Mission was warmly received, “Thank you, we really needed these!”

**LSS Center for Changing Lives coin offering** on October 28<sup>th</sup> was \$103.71; total for the year is \$656.50. December’s coin offering will be taken on December 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Senior Luncheon**-will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at Valentini’s, 11:45 a.m.

**The Church Book Club**- will not be meeting in December. Meetings will resume in January.

**Communion Orientation for the Baptized**- will be held Sunday, December 2 during the B.I.G. Hour.

**New Member Sunday**-new members will be welcomed on Sunday, December 16.

## Kenwood Lutheran Sunday School Christmas Production



The Musical

Date: Sunday December 16, 2018

Time: @ 4:00 p.m.

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

- 2 - Shannon Borgeson
- 3 - Megan Effinger
- 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



- 15 - Jim Kimball
- 16 - Darlene Johnson  
Martha Oswald
- 17 - Erin Greenwalt
- 20 - Craig Carlson
- 21 - Samuel Michalicek
- 22 - Sara Rheume  
Logan Carlson
- 25 - Dalerie Lieberz
- 26 - Sandra Musil
- 29 - Carol Ziegler  
Jennifer LaBelle
- 31 - John Glendenning



Memorials received in memory of A. Charles Olson:  
Doug & Peggy Simensen  
Eugene Niemi

If you know of a member who is sick or in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.



Going on an extended vacation or visit? If you'll be gone for an extended time, please let the church office know.

You are important to God, and you are important to Kenwood! We get concerned if we haven't seen you in a while.

**COUNCIL MEETING - KENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**October 11, 2018**

Members Present: Joy Michalicek, Pastor Jeff Holter, Lynn Hegrenes, Pastor Craig Carlson, Diane Irving, Scott Goutermont, Theresa Williams, Nadine Moeller, Susan Muehlberger and Barb Lucia.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Joy Michalicek at 7:30 p.m. with devotions and prayer led by Barb Lucia.
2. Minutes from the meeting held on September 13, 2018, were approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's report = \$521.30 balance in the checkbook at the end of September 2018. All bills were paid.

4. Action Items:

- a. Christmas Eve Service Times = proposed 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for services.  
A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** to adopt these times for Christmas Eve services. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**
- b. New Members – Ken and Char Harkins have asked to rejoin our church.  
A **motion** was made by Lynn Hegrenes and **seconded** to accept Ken and Char Harkins request as returning members to KLC. **Motion carried.**
- c. Combine Services (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) on the Fifth Sunday of the month – to be built into the church calendar for next year. A fellowship event would then be conducted after the combined service.  
A **motion** was made by Nadine Moeller and **seconded** that we have a combined service on the fifth Sunday of the months in 2019. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**
- d. Cardia Deo is a retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders. Pastor Holter explained the purpose of the retreat and feels strongly that this be considered a mandatory event for confirmation classes at KLC. He would like the youth to attend the retreat as a unit and as part of the confirmation requirement. The Cardia Deo retreat will be held on March 1-3, 2019 at Big Sandy Camp, in McGregor, MN. Early registration fee deadline is February 1, 2019.

A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** that on a one-time basis the Council authorize \$50 / 9<sup>th</sup> grader to support their attendance at Cardia Deo when the final payment is due. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** for KLC to provide a partial scholarship through the annual budget process for 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students to attend a youth retreat in future years, i.e. Cardia Deo or similar annual retreat. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

- e. Thanksgiving Service - A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** that we not schedule a service this year at KLC and add the focus from this service to a regularly scheduled Sunday service. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**
- f. Kenwood Lutheran Gifts Policy - Asset Management is supportive of this proposed policy which has been patterned after the Luther Seminary policy.

A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** to adopt this policy. A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** to table the previous motion until the November Council meeting. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

- g. Poinsettia Plants - Letter was received from Engwall Florist & Gifts stating that to receive poinsettia plants for Christmas they must be ordered no later than October 15. Theresa Williams reported that the same plants can be ordered for \$14/plant from Sam's Florist & Greenhouse. A **motion** was made by Theresa Williams and **seconded** to use Sam's Florist & Greenhouse for the purchase of the Poinsettia plants. Discussion followed. The **motion carried.**
- h. Welcome Folders - Need to order more. Cost = approximately \$250.00 for ordering 150-200. A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** to order up to 200 welcome folders and that Theresa Williams be authorized to order appropriate colors. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**
- i. Gift cards being purchased for the KLC Emergency Fund. A **motion** was made by Scott Goutermont and **seconded** that the Emergency Fund Committee consist of the following people with a minimum of two needed to make decisions: Council President, Council Vice President, Pastor Carlson, Pastor Holter, Church Secretary, and one member from the Asset Management Board. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**
- j. Council members submitted their annual pledge cards for 2019.

5. Discussion Items:

a. Communication:

- Raise the Roof Report = \$40,800 in account; \$58,800 raised to date; \$75,000 goal; \$16,000 left to raise or \$1,000 per month before the work that will continue next year.
- Cleaning - some issues with keeping the church clean through the week after the cleaning is done on the weekends. Asset Management – inform church members to remember to keep the place clean; try to figure where the problem(s) lie and how to fix them. Signage on doors; notice in newsletter; letter to groups that use the church; adding carpet sweeping duty to hospitality groups for clean-up; asking for more volunteers; sign-up sheet at the Mission/Ministry Fair.
- Almost out of church mugs. Not to re-order. Use other ideas for Welcome Center.

6. Boards, Ministry Teams, Standing Committees:

a. Asset Management Board

- Fireside room – fireplace is in and will be working soon.
- \$700 raised from Spaghetti dinner towards the Raise the Roof campaign.
- November 15 – Turkey Bingo date.

b. Mutual Ministry and Stewardship Board

- Tables at the Mission/Ministry Fair – Asset Management, Fellowship Ministry, Community Ministry, and Worship Ministry.
- The Board is asking families in November & December to track ways they volunteer their time and service to the community and submit the results to the church in January. More information forthcoming in the November Newsletter.
- Confirmation Cake will be ordered for hospitality for last Sunday in October. Asking confirmand to serve the coffee on that day.

c. Personnel Support Board

- No new report.

d. Christian Education Ministry Team

- No new report.

e. Community Ministry Team

- Cold weather clothing donations are being accepted during the month of October.
- Hygiene items collected will be delivered to Union Gospel Mission.
- CHUM – Delivered 26 1/2 pounds of groceries. KLC members will attend the CHUM Street Outreach Dinner on October 18.
- LSS Center for Changing Lives coin offering in September was \$56.26. Year-to-date totals are now at \$552.79.
- Discussed the upcoming Mission/Ministry Fair.
- Will have World Hunger Advent Calendars available for church members.
- Toyland Express – will start right after Thanksgiving.

f. Fellowship Ministry Team

- December 1 – annual holiday bazaar. Proceeds from the bazaar will be split 50/50 between the LSS Crisis Nursery and KLC Raise the Roof campaign. November 3 at 8:00 a.m. – Lefse making for the bazaar and on November 11- cookie baking for the bazaar during the B.I.G. hour.
- Turkey Bingo – serving food at this event.
- January – sleigh ride on a Friday night.
- Sunday School – support invite a friend to church event.
- Pancake Supper before Lenten season begins.

g. Worship Ministry Team

- October 28 – confirmation Sunday. Mary Rasch will take pictures. A cake will be purchased for hospitality time. Joan Holter will be making a banner for the confirmand.
- November 4 – All Saints Sunday – candles will be lit for those who died and those baptized during 2018, and for anyone who wants to remember a loved one.
- Flowers will be purchased for Jacob and he will distribute Bibles to third graders.

h. Youth Ministry Team

- No new report.

7. Pastor's Report:

- New membership Sunday will be scheduled for a Sunday service soon.
- Funeral Committee contact person is now needed for the church.
- November 4 – will not be taking this day off. Add one Sunday to next year's list. A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** that we allow Pastor Jeff Holter to carry over up to two Sundays until next year for vacation time. **Motion carried.**
- Suggested setting a date for removing 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary materials from the Messiah Room. A portion of the exhibits could be brought down and placed in the basement temporarily for the remainder of 2018. Actual date of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary event = November 30.
- Next month's agenda topic = how to preserve historical materials for the church.
- Mentioned missing representatives at Council meetings.

8. Meeting closed with recitation of the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Hegrenes, Secretary

## December Worship Responsibilities at Kenwood Lutheran Church

### Altar Guild: Karla Payne & Mary Rasch

	Welcome Center Attendant	Communion Server	Hospitality	Acolyte	Scripture Reader	Ushers
<b>2</b>	Pat Kleimola	Pat Kleimola	CARE	Luke Lieberz	Craig Carlson	Lori Robison & Sherry Goutermont
<b>9</b>	Deb Jarvis	Marcia Lunde	Confirmation	Cassie Bergman	Dennis Kolari	Deb Stokes & Peggy Pruden
<b>16</b>	Clara Seafolk	Joy Michalicek	Fellowship Team	Laura Rasch	Carol Kolari	Nadine Moeller & Brad Kamphenkel
<b>23</b>	Kathy Erholtz	Kim Stein	Sarah Circle	Ella Lundstrom	Kevin Michalicek	Brad & Ronna Butler
<b>30</b>	Darlene Roebke	Sue Fleming	Worship Team	Alanna Stokes	Barb Lucia	Tom & Susan Muehlberger

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## DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Bazaar
<b>2</b> 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM B.I.G. Hour/Hospitality 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM United in Praise (UP!) Worship Service	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>4</b> 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	<b>5</b> 11:45 AM Senior Luncheon 5:30 PM A.A. 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Confirmation	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM Tai Chi 4:30 PM Kantele Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM B.I.G. Hour/Hospitality 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM United in Praise (UP!) Worship Service	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Ladies of Kaleva	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	<b>12</b> 9:15 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A. 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Confirmation	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM Tai Chi 4:30 PM Kantele Choir 6:30 PM Boards and Teams 7:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM B.I.G. Hour/Hospitality 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM United in Praise (UP!) Worship Service 4:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Program	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>18</b> 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	<b>19</b> 9:15 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A. 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Confirmation	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM Tai Chi 4:30 PM Kantele Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM B.I.G. Hour/Hospitality 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM United in Praise (UP!) Worship Service	<b>24</b> 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship	<b>25</b> Church office closed 	<b>26</b> 9:15 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A. 5:30 PM Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM Tai Chi 4:30 PM Kantele Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM B.I.G. Hour/Hospitality 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM United in Praise (UP!) Worship Service	<b>31</b> Church office closed 9:00 AM Tai Chi					

As we enter this winter season, please park in the lower lot if you can, and leave parking spaces in the upper lot for those with limited mobility. Thank you!

