



KENWOOD LUTHERAN NEWS

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“Now the Silence Now the Peace”

The piles of ripped wrapping paper have been gathered from the far corners of our living room. The bows that survived the excited hands of anxious toddlers have once again been placed in a box to be reused next year. The bright red table cloth has been rolled up and placed in the clothes basket, with a silent prayer that each stain might miraculously come out, along with the green wax from the candelabra. Heaven only knows whether the dogs have found all the stray morsels of food, but the vacuum will...Hopefully! After all the excitement and all the good food, after each hug good night and Merry Christmas wish... finally... silence and peace!

There is nothing quite like Christmas. It starts so early and demands so much of our attention that

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we are almost overwhelmed when at the end of the evening on Christmas Eve we suddenly realize it's over. The noise, the chaos, the adrenaline highs that have kept us up filing through lists..... is over.

There is a hymn that goes with Holy Communion, “Now the Silence Now the Peace”, we used to sing it often. It was a nice hymn to start Holy Communion because it reminded those coming up to receive communion that as chaotic as their week has been that

they can begin the new week knowing that they are forgiven and made new in Christ. It was a hymn that invited them to enjoy the silencing of the world and the peace that God's forgiveness offers.

Usually around this time, we are all open to making some new efforts for change. Maybe we want to work off some extra pounds, or we hope to finally stop smoking, drinking too much pop. Or other beverages!! Whatever! But it is Not Easy! Silence comes at a price. Silence also does not always equal “Peace”. But ... it helps! Let me share this experience from my own life. I like a lot of 80's music; so in my car, the radio station is normally set to play that kind of music, and I love it. Still, that music is loud and pretty fast paced. Nothing like today's music but it still it keeps you awake. So on the occasions that I drive Joan's van everything is

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different. She plays MPR and loves the classics. When I get in her van it's like giving my heart a coronary of silence. It's like a heart attack in reverse. My pulse slows down and my mind is soothed to sleep and if she drives well then I just doze off into some kind of holy slumber.

We could probably all use a little more sleep, but that's not what I am advocating. "Now the Silence Now the Peace" is about the silencing of the accusing voice that keeps our heart in the line of fire from the pointing finger of accusation and shame is leveled at us by our sinful self. Let me tell you this, if we do not silence this voice.... peace can be a thing only read about in fairy tales.

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"Now the Silence Now the Peace". The silence and peace are the story scripted for Christmas. Joy to the world, the Lord has come; let earth receive her King. Nothing silences the evil one better than the angels proclaiming Jesus nativity; "God is with us, every heart prepare him room. Let heaven and nature sing, Peace on Earth Good Will to Humankind"!

Do you want to start something new this year? Begin each day telling yourself that God rules the world and your life.... with Mercy and Grace! Silence the voice in you (or the false faith) that says that you are only loved or acceptable to God when you (fill in the blank) because peace for us is all about what Jesus does and who Jesus is. Period! Hear the **PEACE!** Know the **Peace!**

In Christ!

Pastor Jeff



Happy New Year!



I am writing this the week before Christmas. The Sunday School Program was two days ago and the kids did a fantastic job. Thanks to everyone that made that happen. As you are reading this there still may be Christmas Cookies in your kitchens, and Christmas leftovers in the fridge. Epiphany is right around the corner.

Last month we had our bazaar. So you are aware, we raised over \$2900. This money was split between the LSS Crisis Nursery and the church. Thank you to everyone who made this event happen. The silent auction also did well. Special thanks to Peggy Simensen, Doug Simensen and Mary Rasch for all their hard work. It is greatly appreciated!

January is a very busy month at Kenwood Lutheran. It is our Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting this year will be Sunday, January 27, during the B.I.G. Hour. Personnel is busy trying to fill positions on our Boards and Teams. 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. Please prayerfully consider joining a board or team here at Kenwood. We do have fun getting together. We are also looking for a secretary to do the minutes for the annual meeting. This is a one time job. Please consider helping the church out.

As I have stated before, Kenwood Lutheran is striving to become a more missional congregation. This means that we are looking at what the congregation submits to missions. Again this year 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, bars/cookies and toys to name a few. New this year will be submitting volunteer hours. Please see the information from the Steward Team in this newsletter.

Happy New Year and Blessings to you all!

Joy Michalicek, President

the
President's
Message

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

4 - Harry Podgorski

Nancy Koss

8 - Alanna Stokes

9 - Janice Podgorski

12- Cindy Peterson

16 - Kristin Randall

18 - Sonya Skar

20 - Carol Kolari

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23 - Sandy Burgstahler

Celeste Reich

24 - Nancy Andrews

Jessica Hohl

27 - Brad Kamphenkel

28 - Anssi Rannikko

30 - June Randall

31 - Eric Saksa

Michael Rasch



Senior Luncheon-Wednesday, January 2, 11:45 a.m. at Outback.

Red Cross Blood Drive-Thursday, January 3 from 12:00-6:00. To make an appointment, you can go online to redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: KLC.

Sleigh Ride-Join us for a sleigh ride on Saturday, January 12. Cost is \$9.00 per person, and 2 years old and under are free. See more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Church Book Club-will start meeting again on Sunday, January 20 during the B.I.G. Hour. January's book will be "The Hypnotist's Love Story" by Liane Moriarty. If you're interested in joining the Book Club, please drop in on the 20th!

Our Annual Meeting-will be held Sunday, January 27, at 9:45 (during the B.I.G. Hour.) Please read the President's article in this newsletter for more information about the meeting.

Community Ministry

LSS Center for Changing Lives coin offering in November was \$59.69; cumulative total for 2018 is \$716.19.

Thank you for generous donations for Salvation Army's Toyland Express!



Thanks to all who came to the Christmas Bazaar, and all those who helped make it so successful! With your help, we were able to raise \$2900.00!



Happy New Year!



Baptisms

We had 2 Baptisms in December!

On December 16, Zoey Ann Bennett was baptized. Her parents are Casey Hage and Andy Bennett, and sponsors were Terry Bennett and Crystal Hage. Zoey's grandparents are Fred & Sheila Bennet and Gary & Cheryl Hage.

On December 23, Milo James Stokes was baptized. His parents are Lee & Hannah Stokes, and sponsors were Caralyn and Jake Kieper. Milo's grandparents are Frank & Kristy Stokes, Jim Pierre & Julie Davern and Sarah Pierre.

We joyfully welcome Zoey and Milo in our community of believers!



Help yourself to the "Jericho Road" CDs and tapes in the Messiah Room. Free for the taking!



On December 16, we welcomed Kenny & Charlene Harkins as new members! Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to them. We are so happy to have them as a part of our church family!



Join us
for a
Sleigh Ride!



Countryside Rides
4488 W. Lismore Road
Duluth, MN 55803

Saturday, January 12, 12:00-2:00
Cost is \$9 per person, age 2 and under are free.

We will have a sleigh ride, a bonfire, and use of the party room for two hours.
(Depending on how many people attend, we would have multiple sleigh rides.)

Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. Bring a snack to share. Ex.. Left over Christmas cookies, makings for s'mores, cupcakes.

We need a head count and payment before hand. Please turn in your form and payment before Wednesday, January 9th. Checks should be made out to Countryside Rides.

Please contact Heather Michelizzi 218-591-7354 or Joy Michalicek 218-349-5732 from Fellowship Team with any questions.



Name _____

Number of people attending _____

\$9.00 per person. Checks should be made out to Countryside Rides.

COUNCIL MEETING - KENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
November 8, 2018

Members Present: Joy Michalicek, Pastor Jeff Holter, Lynn Hegrenes, Pastor Craig Carlson, Scott Goutermont, Brad Kamphenkel, Theresa Williams, Martha Oswald, 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 Joy Michalicek.
2. Minutes from the meeting held on October 11, 2018, were approved as corrected. Corrections are:
 - Action Item 4. f. should read: “Kenwood Lutheran Gifts Policy-Asset Management is supportive of this proposed policy which has been patterned upon a policy distributed through Luther Seminary.”
 - Action Item 4. i. should be changed from “Emergency Fund Committee” to “Emergency Fund Distributors.”
 - Boards, Ministry Teams, Standing Committees 6. f. should be changed from “Annual Holiday Bazaar” to “Annual Christmas Bazaar.”
3. Treasurer’s report = \$5,864.82 balance in the checkbook at the end of October 2018. Approximately \$8,500 in Memorial Fund and \$16,000 in savings account.
4. Action Items:
 - a. A **motion** was made by Pastor Craig Carlson and **seconded** to remove the motion regarding approval of the Kenwood Lutheran Gifts Policy from the table. **Motion carried.** Discussion followed. A **motion** was made by Lynn Hegrenes and **seconded** to amend the original motion by adding the chair of the Trust Fund committee to the make-up of the Gifts Committee. The **amendment carried.** A **motion** was made by Scott Goutermont and **seconded** to approve the original motion as amended. The **motion as amended carried.**
 - b. Mission/Ministry Fair went well last Sunday. People visited the tables. Follow-up – a self & service sheet will need to be added to the next monthly newsletter for those who could not be there last Sunday. An example was provided for review and suggestions. A **motion** was made by Pastor Jeff Holter and **seconded** to approve the Self & Service form being presented. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**
5. Discussion Items:
 - a. Communication:
 - Raise the Roof Report: \$42,432 in roof fund; \$18,000 paid for masonry work; \$62,432 collected out of \$75,000 needed; thirteen months left before end of campaign and currently collecting approximately \$1,000 per month; \$6,000 short of what is needed to meet the quote.
 - New Member Sunday = December 16, 2018.
 - Turkey Bingo to be held next Thursday, November 15. We have collected over \$2,000 in prizes and 40 turkeys.
 - Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; lefse has been made for selling; cookies being made this next Sunday; need help on Friday, November 30, to set up for the bazaar.
 - End of Year reports - reminder these are due to Theresa Williams by January 10, 2019. Electronic reports are preferred. Personnel Support Board is working on filling positions for the church boards and teams for the next year. Tracking volunteer hours for the months of November and December is in progress and in-kind report information will be collected as well.

- Office will be closed on certain times in December = Christmas Eve & Christmas Day along with New Year's Eve.
- History Section on KLC – seeking a smaller, scaled back display to be displayed in the church basement. Pack materials away for months of November & December to accommodate Silent Auction in Messiah Room. In January, items to be brought back again and placed in frames and hung up for display in the basement. President Michalicek will talk with Carol Kolari about the displays and work with the group.

6. Boards, Ministry Teams, Standing Committees:

a. Asset Management Board

- Fellowship Hall Rental was discussed.
- Insurance options were discussed.
- Emergency Fund – gift cards will be purchased shortly.
- Turkey Bingo – see Discussion Item a.
- Raise the Roof Report – see Discussion Item a.
- Preliminary budget work being conducted for 2019.
- Dishwasher repair is needed.

b. Mutual Ministry and Stewardship Board

- See Action Item b.

c. Personnel Support Board

- No new report.

d. Christian Education Ministry Team

- No new report.

e. Community Ministry Team

- Cold weather clothing donations were plentiful and were delivered to Damiano Center on November 1.
- Personal hygiene products delivered to Union Gospel Mission.
- LSS coin collection - \$103.71 during October and \$656.50 year-to-date.
- Toyland Express will be ready for donations by late November.
- Will make E.L.C.A. Good Gifts catalogs available.

f. Fellowship Ministry Team

- Baking cookies this next Sunday for the bazaar.
- a. Christmas Bazaar – December 1 – see Discussion Item a.
- b. January 12 (Saturday) at Noon = sleigh ride at Countryside rides in Lakewood; \$9.00 per person; bonfire as well at this Family event.

g. Worship Ministry Team

- Will meet on Sunday during the B.I.G. Hour.
- Holden will be used on the 4th Sunday of Advent.
- New member Sunday has been planned.
- Thank you to Confirmation Sunday participation.
- Next Sunday = Thanksgiving service with the Youth participating in the service.

h. Youth Ministry Team

- No new report.

7. Pastor's Report:

- Thank you from Charles Olson family for memorials given to KLC.

- No Thanksgiving service at KLC. Churches will be listed that are offering services for Thanksgiving.
- Confirmation update – discussed attendance at services.
- Meeting with Altar Guild this next week – on board for Advent.
- Convocation in January – reservations have been sent in. Topic of event will be talking about scarcity.

8. Meeting closed with recitation of the Lord’s Prayer and was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Hegrenes, Secretary

January Worship Responsibilities at Kenwood Lutheran Church

Altar Guild: Marcia Lunde

	Welcome Center Attendant	Communion Server	Hospitality	Acolyte	Scripture Reader	Ushers
6	Jo Cox	Lori Reed	CARE	Tyler Borgeson	Barb Teske	Brad Kamphenkel & Sherry Goutermont
13	Deb Jarvis	Nadine Moeller	Council	Erin Greenwalt	Craig Carlson	Pat Kleimola & Peggy Pruden
20	Barb Lucia	Sue Fleming	Fellowship	David Lundstrom	Sue Fleming	Dennis & Carol Kolari
27	Clara Seafolk	Deb Stokes	Altar Guild	Cassie Bergman	Joy Michalicek	Eric & Tammy Saksa

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 11:45 AM Senior Luncheon 5:30 PM A.A. 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Confirmation	3 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM Tai Chi 12:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 4:30 PM Kantele Choir	4 8:00 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)	5
6 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	7 9:00 AM Tai Chi	8 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	9 9:15 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 PM A.A. 5:30 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Confirmation	10 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	11	12 12:00 PM Sleigh Ride
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Thank you to all who have provided
Special Music during worship these
last few months!

We appreciate you and your talents!

