



KENWOOD LUTHERAN NEWS

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A Stewardship Moment

“Grace, Growth, Giving, Living”

The second emphasis of stewardship this year is “**Growth**”. I am one of those persons who is interested in how something grows. Watching my garden turn from a few seeds covered with a thin layer of soil to large plants and vegetables is fascinating to me. Or the pictures on our hall wall in our home. Each of our sons has a picture frame with 13 places for pictures. One for each year of their elementary and High School pictures and one for their graduation picture. It is just incredible the changes you see from that kindergarten photo to their senior graduation photo. Growth is happening in each frame and in every photo.

BUT IS THAT ALL THERE IS? IS GROWTH MERELY A FINANCIAL CONCERN, OR IS THERE SOMETHING MORE?

When we talk about “growth” as a characteristic of stewardship our tendency is to do that with one method of measureship. We tend to think exclusively of monetary giving. Certainly financial stability is a constant concern for the church. But is that all there is? Is growth merely a financial concern, or is there something more?

There is a good reason for our stewardship emphasis to begin with “**Grace**”. In fact I would like to encourage us to read these two together; “**Grace-Growth**”. I believe that “grace and growth” belong

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together. I further believe that if we try and separate them we will lose the heart of what we know to be central to a faithful understanding of Christian stewardship. That God’s grace and God’s grace alone is that which allows us to respond in grateful thanksgiving for everything we enjoy as forgiven and saved children of God. Giving in all of its shapes and forms is still a response to the grace shown to us by

our creator God.

I don’t know if you have noticed that Holy Communion meal begins with the offering. The message is clear. In anticipation of the grace we will receive in Holy Communion we offer our gifts of

thanksgiving and praise to God. We know even before we eat this meal that God loves and forgives us. To grow in this knowledge makes giving and growing in giving both our duty and our joy. To **grow** in stewardship is the privilege of the loved children of God.

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No one on their wedding day says, "well now I can just coast!" She or He loves me and I can just live for the next (X) number of years and enjoy exactly the love I have right now for my spouse. But that very love, because it is love, draws one into a constant and continual search in how to grow in love and to share that love. So the nature of "Grace" is that it draws us into a life of growing and giving and living by grace.

Hopefully as your church continues to call each member into a growth model of giving, that it will be a call that inspires them to draw deeply from this well of love shown to them in Christ. Our prayer is that "**Grace-Giving**" will come from the joy of being a child of God, trusting that we are heirs of eternal life. So give gracefully, and joyfully, and with a desire to grow into the stewards you are called to be in Christ Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Jeffrey Holter



President's Report

Welcome to September and Fall! This past weekend I was in Wichita, Kansas with the Central States Synod. It was 92F and the Holy Spirit was moving.

The new Bishop-Elect Susan Candeia gave a recap about the ELCA Church-wide Assembly held earlier in August. At the Church-wide Assembly an Amendment was made from the floor of the assembly to a resolution to make the ELCA a Sanctuary Synod. This did pass. You may have heard this on the news. So what does that mean here at Kenwood Lutheran? The short answer is that the ELCA is still trying to figure it out too. There will be more talks about this at the Church-wide, NE MN Synod and Kenwood levels forthcoming. For now, it means it passed and your prayers for guidance are needed.

There are some exciting things happening this month at Kenwood Lutheran. Sunday, September 8 is Rally Sunday and God's Work Our Hands Sunday. This means that Sunday School and the Fall kick-off are happening. I believe that means the Sunday School kids are having s'mores at the firepit. Please dress your kids accordingly, they will smell like a campfire. There is a service project in the works for that Sunday as well. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

The Holy Spirit is on the move here at Kenwood Lutheran Church!

God's Blessings to you all,

Joy Michalicek, Council President



CHUM Outreach Benefit Dinner and Auction

October 17, 2019: 5:30 PM Dinner at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Greysolon Ballroom - 231 East Superior St.

5:35 p.m. Doors Open - Registration and Silent Auction

7 p.m. Dinner and Presentation

Dinner provided by: Blackwoods catering

This event is to raise funds for CHUM's Street Outreach Program where CHUM Social Worker, Deb Holman, helps people who are living on the streets or in the woods in Duluth. She does what is necessary to keep them safe and assist them with keeping appointments which help them move from homeless to housed.

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

2- Levi Rheaume

7- Evelyn Freitag
David Wick

8 - Pat Nordin

11-Kevin Michalicek
Bonnie Mickelson

12-Kristin (Moeller) Hodges

14-Carolyn Caesar
Jerry Uecker

15-Ben Michalicek



Happy
Birthday!

18-Bob Hansen

19-Britt Payne
Sue Teske

20-Milt Cox

24 -Lee Stokes

25-Gillian Skar

26-Lukas Hassett

27 - Ryan Butler

Kevin Mickelson



Senior Luncheon-Wednesday, September 4, 11:45 a.m. at The Social House (formerly Farley's in the Gordy's Farm Market building.)

God's Work, Our Hands-Sunday, September 8, we're doing a trail clean-up service project at Hartley Nature Center. Sign up in the Messiah Room, and every participant **MUST** fill out a Release of Liability Waiver, which is found on the table under where the sign-up sheet is.

Sunday School-Registration for Sunday School will be September 8, and Sunday School will start on September 15.

Church Book Club-will meet during the B.I.G. Hour on Sunday, September 15. The book for September-Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. You are welcome to join us! Stop by the Fireside Room during that time.

Confirmation Orientation-will be held Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. It is very important that all Confirmation students and a parent/guardian attend the orientation and get the information for the year. **If you have a student who will be starting 7th Grade this year**, it is time to sign up for Confirmation. Please get in touch with the church office and provide the name of the student as well as an email contact, and phone number, so that you are sure to receive communications sent out regarding Confirmation.

Sunday, September 29-will be the 5th Sunday of the month, which means it's time for our combined worship service, followed by a potluck! The service is planned to be outdoors, at 9:45 a.m. Suggestions to bring for a potluck dish to share: If your last name begins with A-G, main dishes; H-N, salads; O-Z, desserts.

Community Ministry

- Lutheran Social Service Center for Changing Lives coin offering in July was \$68.62; total for the year is now \$466.14.
- School supplies are on sale now so it's a great time to help with items for Lutheran World Relief school kits. A particular need is 70-sheet spiral notebooks. Ziploc bags with a complete list of needed items for each kit are in the Messiah Room. Return supplies to the drop-off box in the Messiah Room.
- September Sock Drive for CHUM – drop off (new) men's and women's socks in the specially marked box in the Messiah Room.



Memorials Received

In memory of Ruth Hansen:

Betty Eskola

Britt & Karla Payne

Dolores Carlson

Liz Pearson

June Fiege

Jim & Kim Stein

In memory of Paula Barbacovi (Pat Kleimola's daughter):

Barb Teske



Please remember in your prayers, the family and friends of Ruth Hansen, who passed away July 24.

Also please keep Pat Kleimola in your prayers. Pat's daughter Paula passed away July 26.



COUNCIL MEETING - KENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 11, 2019

Members Present: Joy Michalicek, Lori Robison, Pastor Jeff Holter, Lynn Hegrenes, Nadine Moeller, Scott Goutermont, Brad Kamphenkel, Diane Irving, Theresa Williams, 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 Lynn Hegrenes.
2. Minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2019, were approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's report = \$10,260 balance in the checkbook at the end of June 2019. All bills have been paid and are current. Memorial Fund = \$8,901; Raise the Roof Capital Campaign = \$20,500; Long-term savings = \$11,500; and Capital Improvement Fund = \$25,771.
4. Action Items:
 - a. A **motion** was made by Nadine Moeller and **seconded** that Rally Sunday be held on September 8, 2019 and Sunday School classes begin on the following Sunday, September 15, 2019. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**
5. Discussion Items:
 - a. Communication:
 - Letter to Non-Attending Members – a draft was distributed to the Council and discussion followed. Another draft will be distributed electronically to Council members for further review for decision making at the August Council meeting.
 - Visioning 2020 – Lori Robison had nothing to add at this time. It was suggested that a presentation be developed for the B.I.G. Hour early this Fall. Pastor Jeff Holter proposed we ask for assistance from the Synod Office. Pastor Jeff will contact Pastor Amy Odgren from the Synod Office and ask for help with our Visioning Process.
 - It was recommended that Rally Sunday activities coincide with “God’s Work, Our Hands,” on Sunday, September 8, 2019.
6. Boards, Ministry Teams, Standing Committees:
 - a. Asset Management Board
 - The church's front door operating mechanism only requires completion of the electrical work.
 - Spirit of the Lake Preschool is working on budget development of rental costs. The school wants to sign a one-year lease with KLC for next year.
 - Parking Lot repairs - Congregational approval has been received to go ahead with this project. We are proceeding with paving repairs and the seal coating will take place in the next couple of months.
 - Windows/Wall Repairs – seeking estimates for this project.
 - The next Workday at the church has been set for Saturday, August 17, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon.
 - The annual Steak Fry has been set for Thursday, August 22. Money raised will go towards the Parking Lot Fund.
 - b. Mutual Ministry and Stewardship Board

- Pastor Jeff wrote the first article in the July Newsletter for the “Grace, Growth, Giving, Living” 2020 Stewardship Campaign.

c. Personnel Support Board

- No new report.

d. Christian Education Ministry Team

- No new report.

e. Community Ministry Team

- LSS Coin offering: A total of \$101.30 was collected in the month of June; Year-to-date = \$397.50.
- Prepared the North Shore themed basket for Voyageur Lutheran Ministry (VLM) Blue Grass Festival. Basket needs to be at VLM by July 22.
- CHUM – delivered 37 lbs. of groceries from the church basket. Will provide bars for CHUM Picnic on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
- School supplies can be collected and brought to church for Lutheran World Relief. Information and bags are upstairs to use for this purpose.

f. Fellowship Ministry Team

- July Event - Duluth Huskies Baseball Game on Thursday, July 25 - Star Wars Theme at the game.

g. Worship Ministry Team

- Pastor Jeff on vacation on July 14 & 21, and August 4 & 11.
- Pastor Craig Carlson will preach on July 14 & 21 and on August 11.
- Pastor Doug Paulson will preach on August 4.
- Outdoor Service on Rally Sunday, September 8, or Sunday, September 29.
- Asking P & W Band to perform in August, if people are available.

h. Youth Ministry Team

- No new report.

7. Pastor’s Report:

- Visitation Report – Pastor Jeff provided information on member visitations and the service conducted at Primrose Retirement Community.
- Confirmation orientation – October.
- September 22-24, 2019 = Fall Theological Conference.
- Mark Kroos – well received at Sunday Service on June 30. Council members were asked if they wished to continue these types of programs. It was recommended we continue to search for ideas, e.g. Teen Challenge, for the fifth Sunday of the month during the combined service.

8. Meeting closed with recitation of the Lord’s Prayer and was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Hegrenes, Secretary

September Worship Responsibilities at Kenwood Lutheran Church

Altar Guild: Darlene Roebke

	Welcome Center Attendant	Communion Server	Hospitality	Acolyte	Scripture Reader	Ushers
1	Jo Cox	Joy Michalicek	Need Volunteers		Kevin Michalicek	Kathy Erholtz & Pat Kleimola
8	Clara Seafolk	Lori Reed	CARE		Shannon Borgeson	Lori Robison & Deb Stokes
15	Deb Jarvis	Craig Carlson	Council		Diane Irving	Dennis & Carol Kolari
22	Darlene Roebke	Kim Stein	Quilters		Lynn Hegrenes	Nadine Moeller & Peggy Pruden
29	Theresa Williams	Barb Lucia	Worship Team		Barb Lucia	Brad Kamphenkel & Sherry Goutermont

Paddle Building Workshop

Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13 at Camp Vermilion

Create! This weekend long class includes four sessions during which you will complete your own **bent shaft canoe or stand up paddle board paddle**. You will craft your own paddle, from gluing the wood blanks to a finished work of art.

All Are Welcome! Bring your partner, friends, or family and spend a weekend in the northwoods, with a **beautiful piece to take home at the end**. Parent/child or grandparent/grandchild participants can build a family heirloom together!

Cost: \$250/person. *A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due with your registration. If two people work on the same paddle, it is an additional \$50 for the second person to cover meals and lodging.*

Includes: All materials and tools needed, instruction, lodging, and Friday dinner through Sunday brunch. **Space is limited! To register, please call the camp office at (800) 331-5148 or fill out and send a **retreat registration form**.** (Available online at <http://www.vlmcamps.org/paddle-building>)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM B.I.G. Hour/Hospitality 10:45 AM United in Praise (UP!) Worship Service	2 9:00 AM Tai Chi	3 8:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00 PM Harbormasters	4 8:00 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 11:45 AM Senior Luncheon 5:30 PM A.A.	5 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM Tai Chi 4:30 PM Kantele Choir	6	7
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29 9:45 AM Combined Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Potluck Fellowship	30 9:00 AM Tai Chi					

Looking Ahead....



Next month all 3rd Graders will be receiving a bible from Kenwood Lutheran Church with their name imprinted on it.

Keep an eye on upcoming bulletins and next month's newsletter for more information on when Bible Sunday will be. Parents of children in 3rd Grade will receive communication from the church regarding this as well.