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This summer I have officiated a couple of weddings, which has actually been rather nice. I have also attended a couple of weddings these past few years including one this summer that were kind of strange. What seems strange to me, was that these weddings were “officiated” by a friend or relative who downloaded the application on line and instantly became an “ordained” minister. Not a minister of “word and sacrament” but still an “ordained” minister fully licensed to perform weddings. I guess I am a bit protective of what I believe is the “calling” of God into ordained ministry, however that at is not the focus of my article. The focus of my article is something very different. It’s more about the process of finding a spouse and then discovering the grace to live with that person. Should be a piece of cake, right?

Romantic Love

Most people, if polled, would heartily agree with the idea of romantic love. It would probably be defined a bit differently by each person but at the heart of that idea would be the notion that there is one (1) ideal person for us and all we have to do is to find them. Sounds great and noble and romantic and exciting. Still, it also doesn’t seem logically or mathematically sound. What are the chances that in a world of 7.753 billion people, 50% of whom are of the opposite sex that the one (1) person that is “ideal” for you just happens to live in the same town you do, who attended the same school of university that you attended and just happens to love pepperoni pizza just as you do? I am not saying romance is not fantastic and exciting and wonderful. I am saying that the idea of there just being one person in the world who just happens to live close to you and is God’s ideal person for you seems rather pathetic, and unrealistic.

Cleaving

When the scriptures talk about what happens in marriage those writers seem to go to this word (to cleave) the most often. There are a bunch of texts that speak about this in marriage. From the first book in the bible (Genesis) to Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, the verb to “cleave” is most often used. “A man shall leave his father and mother and shall “cleave” to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” Check out Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5, Ephesians 5:31 all of these use the verb to “cleave”. The word is (proskallao), and that word means to splinter, tear, rive, or sliver. But the word used here is the antithesis of that. It means to glue, stick, gum up, cling, or cleave. It’s the word used to describe what happens when two metals or forged together and become one piece of steel.

Forgiveness

On the last marriage counseling session that I offer couples we talk about forgiveness. The hope is that as we have explored what brought them together perhaps we will also move from a purely romantic point of view to an acknowledgment that as broken sinful people we can accept our imperfections. I remember well the first time I met Joan. Yes, she was beautiful, smart, talented, I could go on and on, but was she the one person in the whole world for me? Was I the one person in the whole world for her? Probably not! What we accepted was that (“forsaking all other”) we would cleave to each other and ask God to help and guide us. Forgiveness has been and always will be a part of this delicate dance we call marriage. What I gather from this is that we may not have a one and only perfect person (romantic love) in life, but that we have a one and only perfectly loving and forgiving God to help see us through life. It’s this perfectly loving and forgiving God who takes the broken individuals that we are and forms and shapes them into a couple who survive the perils of married life.

Only God

God alone! My hope is that we can move from an exclusively romantic idea of marriage to an exclusively gracious idea of “cleaving” to God. Our creator is the glue that binds us together. If we place all this emphasis on choosing the one and only “ideal” partner, we place all the emphasis and responsibility on ourselves. Which is why often we are disappointed and we turn on each other and ourselves. If, on the other hand, we can see God as the cleaving agent, the gum and “sticking” agent we start to work with God. We turn to God. We can begin to accept ourselves as we are and that is a good beginning. God alone is perfect and we as human beings can be joined with God and find the strength we need to be a couple. I write this to encourage you, and to free you to trust in the author of creation. The creator who created us as couples or as individuals to live in a covenant of love with him.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff

the President's Message

Watch this space for Lori’s article next month!



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Community Ministry... God's Work, Our Hands

LSS Center for Changing Lives coin offering in July was \$108.24; \$406.81 for the year.

With school supplies on sale, it's a great time to pick up items for the LWR school kits. Bags, listing the needed items, are available in the Messiah Room. Each kit contains:

- 4 70-sheet notebooks
- 5 pens (black or blue ink)
- 5 pencils (unsharpened)
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 eraser



Items especially needed: notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners.

Men's and women's socks and underwear are being collected for CHUM in September. Drop them off in the specially marked box in the Messiah Room.

Thank you for contributing so generously to fill the Car Care Basket for the VLM basket raffle as part of its Blue Grass Festival in July.

Congratulations!

Craig and Bobbie Lou Carlson are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2nd.

Congratulations on your golden wedding anniversary! May God shower His love and blessings on you for many years to come!



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



- 2- Levi Rheaume
- 7- Evelyn Freitag
David Wick
- 11- Kevin Michalicek
Bonnie Mickelson
- 12- Kristin (Moeller) Hodges
- 14- Carolyn Caesar
Jerry Uecker
Charles Schumacher
- 15- Ben Michalicek
- 18- Bob Hansen
- 19- Sue Teske
- 20- Milt Cox
Kenny Harkins
- 24- Lee Stokes
- 25- Gillian Skar
- 26- Lukas Hassett
- 27- Ryan Butler
Kevin Mickelson
Eleanor Randall



Memorials Received

For Louis Grohman-
Doug & Peggy Simensen
Brad & Lynn Kamphenkel



Upcoming Events:

Senior Lunch-will be held Wednesday, September 7, 12:00 noon at the Breeze Inn. Please note the time change from the usual luncheon time, as they do not open until noon.

Church Book Club- It's been over 2 years since the Church Book Club has met. We will try to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, beginning September 18, after church in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing *Night Road* by Kristin Hannah. October 16th book will be *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult. If we can continue to meet in the future months, bring selections for discussion on September 18.

Confirmation Orientation-will be Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. If your child is in 7th grade or older and has not yet started Confirmation, please get in touch with the church office.

Please remember during your prayers this month:

Sandy Musil
Steve & Sue Teske
John Glendenning
Dennis & Carol Kolari
Brian, Megan, Zoe & Harper Andrews
Gloria Royseth
Karen Mattson
Lisa Muehlberger
Marlene Cieluch
Bruce & Christine Gilbertson
Anssi & Anelli Rannikko
Harold Nordin
Julianne Raymond
Mike Benko
Mark & Diane Irving
Brad & Lynn Kamphenkel
Tom, Sara & Levi Rheaume and John Sundberg
Carol Johnson
Gary Polla
Alan & Kris Dirksen
Jim, Megan, Julianna, Cecilia & Georgina Barg
Tom & Cindy Peterson
Frank & Kristy Stokes
Steve Greenfield



COUNCIL MEETING - KENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
July 14, 2022, via Zoom and in person

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

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 Lori.

2. Minutes from the Council meeting held on June 9, 2022, and from the Special Council meeting held on June 23, 2022, were approved as submitted.

3. Treasurer's report = \$7,199.89 balance in the checkbook at the end of June 2022. All bills have been paid and are current. Memorial Fund = \$13,475.37; Capital Improvement Fund = \$28,040.94; and Long-Term Savings Account = \$24,460.21. Not enough funds available to transfer borrowed money to capital improvement fund from the General Fund this past month.

4. Action Items:

- None.

5. Discussion Items:

a. Communication:

- SMART Team updates: Rummage sale - fine to have the rummage sale if the Covid positivity rate is below 15%; masks recommended; shop at your own risk disclaimer; limit capacity; potential September date for this event. If ceiling fans cannot be changed from downdraft to updraft for cooling in the sanctuary, the Messiah Room could be used for worship as an alternative for a couple of Sundays.
- VLM Camperships: number of campers – e-mail VLM to ask; Natalie Rasch and Isabel Novak have submitted partial deposits for camperships; total cost is \$560 each for campers; camp is July 24; contributions of \$150 each will be given from Youth Account and \$25 apiece from Sarah Circle.
- Street Sign update: submit a proposal to the Duluth City Council and seek approval for blue signage be installed regarding location of our church.
- Vitality Planning Session update: look at Steps 1-3 from the June 23 Special Council meeting; September 18 – God's Work, Our Hands Sunday has been set as a tentative date for this event.
- Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration on July 17 at Bethlehem Lutheran in Twig at 10:30 a.m. worship – all are invited to attend; craft show being planned at Shriners Hall in November by Bethlehem Lutheran.
- Thank you note received from Diane Irving for the flowers and gift card.
- Resignation letter from Pastor Laura Berdahl received at Family of God Lutheran Church.
- Organist position update was given; still looking for someone to fill this role.

6. Boards, Ministry Teams, Standing Committees:

a. Asset Management Board

- Fish Fry next Thursday, July 21, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Diane Irving has resigned as bathroom cleaner; will need someone to take over this project; Diane has also resigned from the Worship Ministry Team so another member will be needed to fulfill her term for the year.

- Thursday, August 18 - Steak Fry at KLC.
 - A request has been sent to the Board about renting space in December – more to follow.
 - Women's bathroom – hanging door needs to be repaired in downstairs bathroom.
 - Fire Marshall inspection scheduled for this coming Monday.
 - Elevator inspection was held identifying items needing to be fixed – have contracted for repairs.
- b. Mutual Ministry Board
- Met earlier this week; reviewed purpose of the Board. All members were present.
 - Will meet again in September – will review Pastor's job description; past performance evaluation; will review his goals – discussed how the Board can assist with these items.
 - Next month's newsletter – inform the congregation about the Board's duties and explain how they are available to receive communications from members.
 - Talk about items impacting the church more often. This formerly was done annually.
- c. Stewardship Board
- Council members currently serve as members of this Board.
 - Begin discussions for yearly plan at next month's meeting. Vitality planning.
 - Pastor Holter suggested a few names of people that he thought might be interested in joining this Board. Contacts will be made inviting these individuals to serve.
- d. Personnel Support Board
- See Discussion item for organist replacement. Keep the advertisements up.
- e. Christian Education Ministry Team
- Curriculum for next year – send out note to congregation members – ask members to volunteer to share favorite Bible story and/or favorite song with the Sunday School group. Intergenerational theme for the new year.
 - Sunday School will start late September or early October.
 - Will outline plans in church newsletter.
 - Vacation Bible School – August 1-4; 9-noon; at Holy Cross Lutheran; youth from our church are welcome to attend.
- f. Community Ministry Team
- LSS Center for Changing Lives Coin Offering for June = \$49.25; YTD = \$298.57.
 - LWR School Kits – request donations of school supplies in July and August.
 - July basket donation for VLM Blue Grass Festival – car care basket with donations coming in from congregation. Deliver to VLM week of July 25th.
 - Seafarers Center – donations of clothing, hygiene products, and towels collected were delivered in June.
 - CHUM raised \$70,000 at the annual rhubarb festival.
- g. Fellowship Ministry Team
- Will be assisting with the fund raiser meals in July and August.
 - Do fellowship with young people in the church.
- h. Worship Ministry Team
- Outdoor service on Sunday, July 24; UP Band will provide the music. Hospitality - root beer floats; coffee, and watermelon.
 - Organist – Joan Holter will play through July; August 7 – Diane Irving will play for the service and Pastor Dennis Paulsen will preach. Pastor Holter will be on vacation. Need to think both short and long-term for organist duties.
 - Bell Choir – ask others to become involved.
 - Setting 8 – looking at to add to our service in the future.

- Online service – delay when we post the service – make it later in the day for posting or consider doing in the future; can we wait even until Monday; all agreed the posting time could be started in August and to communicate the change in the next Newsletter.

i. Youth Ministry Team

- Have been contacted Family of God Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran about doing joint confirmation.
- Mary Rasch and Cindy Peterson – Mary Rasch will plan a trip to the Trampoline Park (West Duluth) for the Youth members.
- Discussed taking youth to Renaissance Fair in the Twin Cities.

7. Pastor's Report:

- Try to have communion up front – may wait until after Labor Day.
- Meeting with Altar Guild in early September.
- August 7 – Pastor will be on vacation.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with recitation of the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Holter.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Hegrenes, Secretary

September Worship Responsibilities at Kenwood Lutheran

	Altar Guild	Welcome Center Attendant	Communion Server	Hospitality	Acolyte	Scripture Reader	Ushers
4	Darlene Roebke	Darlene Roebke	Craig Carlson	Need Volunteers		Craig Carlson	Brad Kamphenkel & Pat Kleimola
11	Darlene Roebke	Jo Cox	Lori Reed	CARE		Barb Teske	Tammy & Eric Saksa
18	Darlene Roebke	Deb Jarvis	Lynn Hegrenes	Quilters		Lynn Hegrenes	Peggy Pruden & Cindy Peterson
25	Darlene Roebke	Nadine Moeller	Lori Robison	Worship Team		Dennis Kolari	Dennis & Carol Kolari

STEAK FRY FUN

If you've been to one of our events at Kenwood, you know that we always have such a fun time! We had an excellent turn out for our Steak Fry on August 18th. Be sure to get on our mailing list for future events if you are not currently receiving invitations but would like to start receiving them. You may either call the church office at 218-724-9291, or email your name & address to office@kenwoodlutheran.org.

Our next event will be our Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled for October 20th. YUM!!



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30am Sanctuary Worship	5 9:00am Tai Chi Church Office Closed	6 8:30am TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00pm Harbormasters	7 8:45am TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 12:00pm Senior Lunch 5:30pm A.A.	8 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Boards and Teams 7:30pm Council Meeting	9	10
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Kenwood Lutheran Church, 2720 Myers Ave (one block off Arrowhead Rd), is a small church located in the Kenwood neighborhood. We are currently seeking applicants for a full-time organist to play for Sunday worship. This year-round position is defined as salary (no overtime pay). Attendance is for Sunday worship services, and other special services, including (but not limited to) Christmas and Easter. Salary is dependent upon experience.

If interested, please send a resume of your music experience to the office at Kenwood Lutheran Church, 2720 Myers Ave, Duluth, MN 55811.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 218-724-9291, or email the office at office@kenwoodlutheran.org