



KLC NEWS

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FADED BLUE JEANS

It is that time of year; when the weather gets a bit colder and we exchange shorts for blue jeans. Summertime brings out clothing for warmer weather, but as the summer heat gives way to cooler fall evenings, it is more in keeping with my body's comfort zone to pull out some faded blue jeans to wear. It is interesting to me just how comfortable a pair of old faded blue jeans can be. I have a few pairs that have been with me now for decades. Yes, decades! Some are almost white at the knees, having been washed so many times that there is very little blue still present in the fabric. But, I keep them because they are sooooo... comfortable. The fabric, once stiff when it was purchased, has now become soft and pliable. Over time, those jeans have molded to my body and tell a story of the many places I have been to and of vacations spent where blue jeans are the best choice of clothing to wear.

Those faded blue jeans fit well and feel great. Most of us realize, however, that you don't get a pair of comfortable faded blue jeans unless you wear them. Yes, the first time you put on a pair of blue jeans they are awful. Patiently, you wear those blue jeans in; and then one day, they are incredible.

Together, we are as a parish like a pair of new blue jeans right now. We have purchased this pair of blue jeans and they are still a bit stiff and uncomfortable. Still, all that is needed is some time. Time to wash out the stiffness and time for those jeans (Parish) to get to know each other better. To mold the ministry to the bodies that we are in Christ, of course this is not going to be easy and that is the point. It is extremely hard to do. But we know something about faded blue jeans. We know that it is worth it to not throw those new jeans away, because it is from those new jeans that faded blue jeans are born.

Patience! It sometimes comes down to this simple good advice. Be patient! The other day when we gathered together for the picnic, I was a bit apprehensive. Don't ask me why, I just was. Then, I watched as people started coming in and sitting next to each other and the quiet space became disquieted as we turned and started conversing with each other. It was reminiscent of my first day of school. Sitting next to someone I didn't know and suddenly discovering that we had something in common, and washing away my fears and replacing apprehension with a sense of community. Oh, to be a child again!

So, here we are going into the fall. Time to put some of the stiffness away, time to wash out some of the blue and find common ground and enjoy the comfort of knowing that we are creating a faded blue jean kind of ministry. A ministry molded to who we are and what God is calling us to become. Praise be to God!

Blessings, Pastor Jeff



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Hello Brothers and Sisters of Kenwood Lutheran!

Happy Fall, y'all! Things are chugging along here at Kenwood. Our roof will be repaired hopefully before the snow flies. Scott and the contractor were able to devise a method for getting the beams in the church that will save us a BUNCH of money off the repair estimate. The biggest hurdle now is getting the insurance company to kick in some more money.

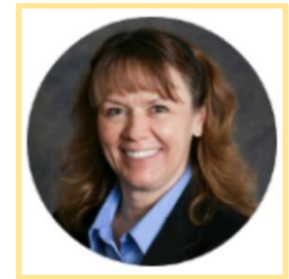
The Food Truck Festival went very well, even though we had a vendor cancel at the last minute. There were 20 familiar Kenwood faces there out of the 80 - 100 that showed up, which is great!! People asked about service times, Sunday School, etc. People that attended were from different areas of Duluth, which was part of the purpose of the event. There were people from Lincoln Park, Spirit Valley, and the colleges. All the kids that attended had fun in the bounce house (I wasn't necessarily the best person to monitor the bounce house), playing with the bubble machines, and decorating the parking lot with sidewalk chalk; bigger "kids" played cornhole and lawn darts. At one point the center parking aisle in the back lot was almost filled with vehicles, as well as the north and west sides of the lot. Was good to see!!! The two food truck vendors we had were kept busy, and had some great suggestions if we should do this again. There are rumors that it could be an annual event with bigger variety of food trucks...

Things elsewhere: Sunday School kicks off with Rally Sunday, Stewardship kicked off their annual financial/time/talent drive with a potluck lunch, the confirmation kids led a service that included their experiences at the National Youth Gathering, etc.

Please check out the newsletter for more information on current events!

See you in church,


Lori



Memorials given:

In memory of Cheryl Gronlund,
 from Rachelle Wakefield.

In memory of Annette Fedor,
 From Doug & Peggy Simensen and from John & Lynn Chalstrom.



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Sue Fleming
Wendy Hansen
Perry Fellman
- 2 - Laura Rasch
- 4 - Diane Lunde-Hansen
Karla Payne
Marketta Sobczak
Christine Sabol
- 6 - Marie Glaesemann
Craig Moeller
Lori Reed
- 8 - Terry Baird
- 9 - Connor Rasch
- 10-Marlene Cieluch
- 12-Megan Pike
Frank Stokes
- 13-Phillip Oswald
- 14-Craig Butler
Natalie Rasch
Zoe Andres
- 19-Julianne Raymond
- 23-Deb Stokes
- 25-Sherril Smith-Goutermont
- 27-Ella Greenwalt
Janna Stevens
- 28-Dennis Kolari
- 30-Courtney Senich
Charlene Harkins
- 31-Anika Rannikko

**Happy
Birthday!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Luncheon-will be held next at Boomtown. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 2, 11:30 a.m. A sign-up is available in the Messiah Room. If you sign up and find you're not able to go, please let the church office know.

Ronald McDonald House Pop Tops-please remember to bring in your pop tops. We collect these year-round!

Church Book Club-will meet on Sunday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. The book for October will be, "Making the Carry" by Timothy Cockrane.

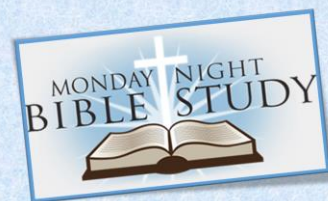
If your child is in 3rd grade-and has not yet been contacted by the church office about receiving a bible this year, or, if your child is older than 3rd grade and has not received their bible, please contact the church office no later the morning of Monday, September 30.

Bell Choir-starts Wednesday, October 2nd, 5:00 p.m. Come and play handbells! If you have questions, please contact Susan Muehlberger or Joan Holter.

Spaghetti Dinner-Thursday, October 3, 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. See more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Silent Auction-The Silent Auction this year will be held from Sunday, November 17 until Sunday, December 1. Bidding will be done online, as in the past, and items will be on display in the Messiah Room. Start thinking of/rounding up some items you might want to donate for this event.

Christmas Bazaar & Gift Fair-The annual Christmas Bazaar & Gift Fair will be on Saturday, December 7, 9-2. We are currently seeking vendors; applications available on our website.



Parish Bible Study

Beginning Monday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.

"Love Wins"

Sign up in the Messiah Room

Community Ministry

Kenwood Lutheran Volunteers Needed for Ruby's Pantry in October

Thursday, October 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

Please consider being a Kenwood Lutheran volunteer at Ruby's Pantry

10-15 volunteers needed (age 12 and older)

Volunteers will:

- fill boxes with food that are moved in grocery carts
- help keep carts moving toward the door
- load boxes into cars that drive through the parking lot
- help with clean-up (sweeping, move carts to storage area, etc)



Volunteers may purchase a share for \$25.

Questions about volunteering for Ruby's Pantry? Contact Barb Lucia at 218-591-8670.

Sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Messiah Room.

Ruby's Pantry Coppertop is a monthly food distribution ministry.

Food is shared on the third Thursday of each month, 4:30-6:00 pm, at First United Methodist Church ("Coppertop church"), 230 East Skyline Parkway.

Ruby's Pantry is for anyone looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. There is no income or residency requirement. \$25 cash per share.

October: Donations of **new or gently used cold weather clothing** will go to the Damiano Center. Leave donations in the marked box in the Messiah Room.

September: Donations of **socks and underwear for men and women** for CHUM. Leave donations in the specially marked box in the Messiah Room.

LSS Center for Changing Lives coin offering in August was \$62.96; \$456.43 for the year.



**WE
NEED
YOU!**

**Volunteers needed
for 2024 set up!**

**Saturdays & Sundays
Lunch Provided
Sept. 28th – Nov. 3rd
8:30am – 4pm**

**Wednesday Nights
Beginning Oct. 2nd
5pm – 8pm**



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our 2025 Stewardship Drive's **kick-off on Sept 22nd** will include a brief talk from the Stewardship Board, followed by a potluck after the church service. The theme this year is **“Our Spirit Filled Journey in Stewardship”**. We encourage you to let the Holy Spirit guide you in considering your gifting, both in terms of financial support and time and talents in supporting Kenwood's mission and ministries in our community for 2025.

Here is an update on the timeline of what is planned so you can mark it on your calendars and join us in this year's Stewardship Drive.

On October 3rd the Time and Talent surveys will be mailed out and then on October 10th the financial commitment giving cards will be mailed out.

Both will include a cover letter, explaining any specifics you may need to know, and a return mailing envelope if you are unable to attend the Commitment Sunday celebration on October 20th. Even if your financial contributions and Time and Talent survey remain the same, please fill them out so the office and our boards and committees know how to prepare and budget for the coming year.

Commitment Sunday is October 20th. At this time we will put our offerings of Time and Talent surveys and commitment cards into the offering plates with a special blessing to acknowledge your pledges for the coming year.

Following the 10:30 church service we will have a celebratory potluck and a brief presentation from the Stewardship Board. You can bring something to share for the potluck lunch if you are able, and if not come anyway, we always have enough!

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We want to encourage all members of Kenwood to take part in our Stewardship Drive this year to whatever extent you are able. After all we are still a full-time church supporting the mission of Kenwood, even though we are a Two-Point Parish now with Pastor being part-time.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your commitments to Kenwood Lutheran and we look forward to working together as we move forward on our Spirit Filled Journey.

Confirmation Orientation

Students who are 7th-9th grade and have not yet signed up for Confirmation, and also students from last year's Confirmation Class should meet for orientation/planning the schedule on Wednesday, September 25th, 6:30 p.m. It is very important to be at the orientation both for the students and the parents, as all information and planning is done at this meeting.

What is Stewardship?

As the Stewardship Board has been preparing for this fall's annual Stewardship Drive, we have taken a few steps backward to understand what Stewardship really is. As basic as the term "stewardship" may seem, we have embarked on a bit of a journey to understand the Board's roles and responsibilities in this area. Certainly, conducting the annual pledge drive is Stewardship, because obtaining pledges of financial giving is important in letting our leaders and Boards know how to proceed with funding our ministry in the coming fiscal year. But is that all? Are we just free to commit money to the church and then sit back? Of course not, and the Board has a few other things in mind that will help you think about your own roles and responsibilities for the coming year. For one thing, we have revised our Time and Talents survey from last year. This is how Altar Guild and Scripture Reader roles get filled. This is how Theresa knows who to call to help with office work or to assign coffee hour responsibilities, or how to get the prayer chain started. This is more important than ever now that we have moved to a parish system, and are a full-time congregation with a half-time pastor. If you feel so called, please fill out and return the survey along with your financial pledge.

For one thing, we have revised our Time and Talents survey from last year.

And while the survey is a useful tool for the day-to-day functioning of the church, we would like to challenge and inspire you all to think more globally about Stewardship, partly through the monthly Stewardship Moments we have been holding. Hopefully these short talks will spark inspiration or renewed energy for things that God may be calling you to do, whether it's picking up garbage on your daily walk, calling on a sick neighbor, doing work for a charitable organization, or renewing your energy to instill God's love and care in your children or grandchildren.

The Board will also be moving ahead with becoming a LGBTQ+ Welcoming Congregation and we ask for your help and support. We would also like to create a Picture Board of our congregants to make it easier for new and older attendees to recognize each other and help put names to faces. If either of these areas interest you, or Peggy Pruden. If you don't feel called to assist in these ways, then please let God inspire you in other ways to be a steward in God's world.





Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, September 30
Fellowship Hall,
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
To make an appointment
Go to redcrossblood.org
Enter sponsor code: **KLC**



Harry & Jan Podgorski
 Matt, Kathleen, Owen & Greta Privette
 Peggy Pruden
 Eric, Kristin, June, Henry & Eleanor Randall
 Anssi & Anneli Rannikko
 Art & Paula Rannikko
 Troy, Mary, Michael & Natalie Rasch
 Wade, Laura & Connor Rasch, Lori Spilde,
 and Ella & Erin Greenwalt
 Julianne Raymond
 Lori & Jacob Reed
 Sara, Tom & Levi Rheaume and John Sundberg
 Lori Robison
 Chuck & Darlene Roebke
 Gloria Royseth
 Eric & Tammy Saksa

**Please remember these folks
in your prayers this month...**

Charles & Nancy Schumacher
 Evelyn Schwanz
 Clara Seafolk
 John, Courtney, Ben, Carly & Ethan Senich
 Kathie Severson
 Doug & Peggy Simensen
 Marketta Sobczak
 Jim & Kim Stein
 Sandy Stephenson Nys
 Janna Stevens
 Debby & David Stokes
 Frank & Kristy Stokes

October Worship Responsibilities at Kenwood Lutheran Church

	Altar Guild	Welcome Center Attendant	Communion Server	Hospitality	Acolyte	Scripture Reader	Ushers
6	Joy Wiecks	Darlene Roebke	Lynn Hegrenes	Community Ministry		Lynn Hegrenes	Lori Robison & Kathy Erholtz
13	Joy Wiecks	Nadine Moeller	Peggy Pruden	Worship Team		Barb Teske	Sherry Goutermont & Nadine Moeller
20	Joy Wiecks	Charlene Harkins	Carol Kolari	Fellowship Team		Cindy Peterson	Cindy Peterson & Brad Kamphenkel
27	Joy Wiecks	Deb Jarvis	Lynn Hegrenes	Sarah Circle		Joy Wiecks	Steve & Sue Teske

COUNCIL MEETING - KENWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
August 8, 2024, via Zoom and in person

Members Present: Lori Robison, Lynn Hegrenes, Martha Oswald, Susan Muehlberger, Barb Lucia, Scott Goutermont, Cindy Peterson, Nadine Moeller and Joy Wiecks

Guest(s): Theresa Williams

1. The meeting was called to order by President Lori Robison at 7:39 p.m. with devotions and prayer led by Barb Lucia.
2. Minutes from the Council meeting held on July 11, 2024, were approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's report = \$551.79 balance in the checkbook at the end of July 2024. All bills paid and are current. Capital Improvement Fund = \$37,511.81; Long-Term Savings Account = \$22,634.38; Memorial Fund = \$19,704.87; Mortgage balance at the end of July = \$29,779.28.
4. Action Items:
 - None to report.
5. Discussion Items:
 - **Food Truck Festival at KLC updates** – to be held Saturday, September 14, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. This will NOT be a fundraising event, but people will have to pay for their food. Fun activities will be available for the children as well. It will be a chance for all to be together as a community and to hopefully increase our visibility in the greater Twin Ports area.
 - **Stewardship Time/Talent & Financial commitment cards** - sample commitment cards were distributed and discussed. See complete Board report below.
 - **Church Attendance Numbers** – information was distributed and discussed.
6. Boards, Ministry Teams, Standing Committees:
 - a. Asset Management Board
 - Two programmable thermostats have been purchased.
 - A new projector has been ordered for the church; (tax exempt & two-year warranty – it will come next week).
 - Smelt fry went well and it raised \$1,024; fifty percent of the profit will go to mortgage reduction; fifty percent to the general fund.
 - Ceiling repairs – have received bids from two contractors. A meeting for discussing pricing for the ceiling repair will be held to review our options. The ceiling in the middle office is not up to code and we might need replacement versus repair.
 - Will purchase wall mounted key holders for front and lower doors.
 - Custodian hours – eight to ten hours per week have been allotted and is working well.
 - Insurance costs for the church – looking at ways to save funds in this budgeted category.
 - Next Thursday, August 15 – Steak Fry from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the church.

- Note for the Newsletter – will try to pay off the church mortgage by the end of this calendar year.
- b. Mutual Ministry Board
- Welcome pads in the pews will be updated.
- c. Stewardship Board
- Wrote letters for review by Council that will be sent to congregation members regarding the annual stewardship campaign.
 - Timeline established for the Stewardship Board annual activities.
 - Time & Talent Survey will be updated (format, details, etc.).
 - Kick-off for financial commitment Sunday – potluck – Fellowship Committee will help with potluck.
 - Wagon wheels – suggested this idea for campaign “Stewardship Journey”.
 - LGBTQ+ activity – start discussions again in October.
 - Campus Ministry – food shelf ideas.
- d. Personnel Support Board
- No new report.
- e. Christian Education Ministry Team
- No new report.
- f. Community Ministry Team
- LSS Center for Changing Lives Coin Offering in July = \$41.80; YTD = \$393.47
 - LWR school Kits – supplies being requested as they are now on sale.
 - Ruby’s Pantry (First Methodist Church) – had to change the date from September to October; twelve volunteers are needed for Thursday, October 17, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Must be twelve years of age and older.
 - 2024:
 - September: socks/underwear for CHUM.; Bentleyville volunteer for set-up; 5:8:00 on Weds
 - October: cold weather clothing. Volunteers for Ruby’s Pantry
 - November:
 - December: Salvation Army Toyland Express
- g. Fellowship Ministry Team
- KLC Talent Show has been scheduled for Saturday, September 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Need volunteers.
 - Bazaar planning for Fall has started. Event to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024. First meeting went well; vendor information has been sent out.
- h. Worship Ministry Team
- Vacation Sunday for Pastor Holter - August 11.
- i. Youth Ministry Team
- September 8 service – Youth to share experiences from the New Orleans trip.
7. Bridge of Faith Parish Council Updates:
- Bridge of Faith Parish Picnic (Potluck) to be held at Rice Lake Park on Wednesday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome – come meet your fellow Parish members from Family of God.

- August 19 Parish Council meeting to make plans for the Fall will be held at Family of God Lutheran.

8. Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Holter on vacation.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. with recitation of the Lord's Prayer led by Lori Robison.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Hegrenes, Secretary



You Are Invited!

Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.

Take a break from cooking & join us for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner!

What: Kenwood Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner

Where: 2720 Myers Ave.

When: Thursday, October 3rd, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12 adults, \$10 under 10 (larger donations welcome!)

Menu:

Spaghetti with homemade sauce (spicy, non-spicy, & meatless)

Garlic bread

Dessert

Milk, lemonade, and coffee

Reservations are not required, but tickets are. Tickets may be purchased beforehand, or at the door.



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30am TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7:00pm Harbormasters	2 8:45am TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 11:30am Senior Lunch 5:00pm Bell Choir 5:30pm A.A.	3 9:00am Tai Chi 10:00am Quilters 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	4	5
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CHURCH MORTGAGE UPDATE

Your donations to the mortgage reduction are much appreciated and are certainly making a difference in reducing what is owed!

Each month, updates are given in the newsletter that show our beginning of 2024 mortgage balance and then what we currently owe.

January 2024 balance \$71,311.00

End of September 2024 balance \$15,017.00

LOOK AT THIS!

Let's get this mortgage paid off by the end of this year! *We know we can do this.* How exciting! Thank you to all who have been making this part of your regular giving, and to those who have given special gifts towards the mortgage reduction. Our regular payment is about \$3800 a month, so it is not a stretch to think that with just a little extra push, we will get this done! Then, we will celebrate!! 3 more months-then, a "Mortgage Burning" Party!