

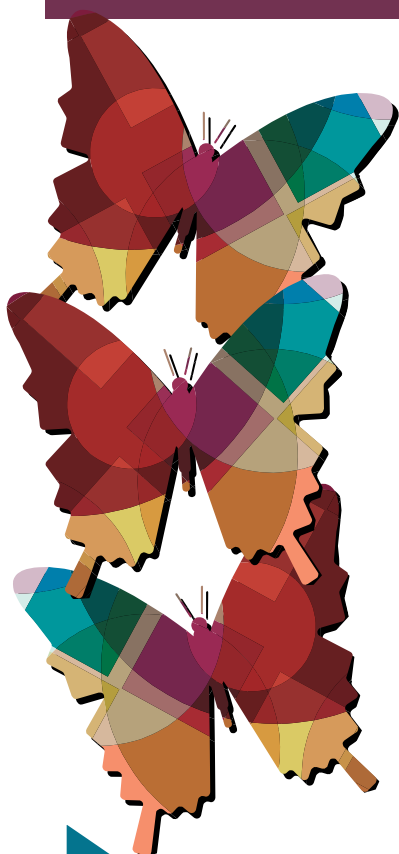
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The Messenger

"Living and trusting in God's amazing grace we welcome all to worship, learn, and serve, in celebration of Christ's love."

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Pastor's Message



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A wise, seasoned pastor once told me, "If you can do anything for your congregation, the least you can do is encourage them." I think of that as I think of you. Let me explain (using Bible study and worship as examples).

Over the years as pastor, I have encouraged numerous members of congregations to engage in group Bible study. I have found that persistence is one of the most important requisites for faithful participation. As you are aware the Bible requires time and tenacity. Remember, we are Americans who live in a world of instant oatmeal, one-minute managers, and the alleged quick fix. We want our reading of the Bible to be like that. Give me something that I can use in my daily life and give it to me now. But you know, in the Bible there are vast stretches where we can find no immediate relevance. Deuteronomy! Leviticus! The letter of James! Patience! It is easy to lose heart, to drop away, to grab a book out of the "self-help section" of the local bookstore rather than continue to plow through the Bible.

My encouragement comes in one word. Persevere! The Bible is God's word. It's about God. It is not going to be easy, or light reading, no quick pay off, the subject (God) demands it.

Or how about Sunday worship? Over the years, I've heard more than one person say, at the end of a Sunday service, despite the best efforts, "I just did not get much out of that service."

What makes me think that every Sunday, right on cue, the service is tailor made for me? Sometimes, Sunday worship may be a time for my neighbor while I sit by, listen in, give encouragement, knowing another Sunday to be "mine". Not every hymn can be the one I need to sing or hear. Not every sermon can be specifically addressed to me.

Persistence! Keep at it. In 52 Sundays a year, if we keep at it, there will be Sundays enough when we will hear our name called, Sundays when we feel

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that our need has been addressed.

So, I conclude using the words of the apostle Paul, *“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as you are doing.”* 1 Thess. 5:11
Pastor Tim Larson

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Stewards of our elders' wisdom

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." **–Exodus 20:12**

This month and next, as our culture celebrates Mothers Day and Fathers Day, God's people can make the occasions much more substantive than just greeting cards, gifts, and dinners for a few select relatives.

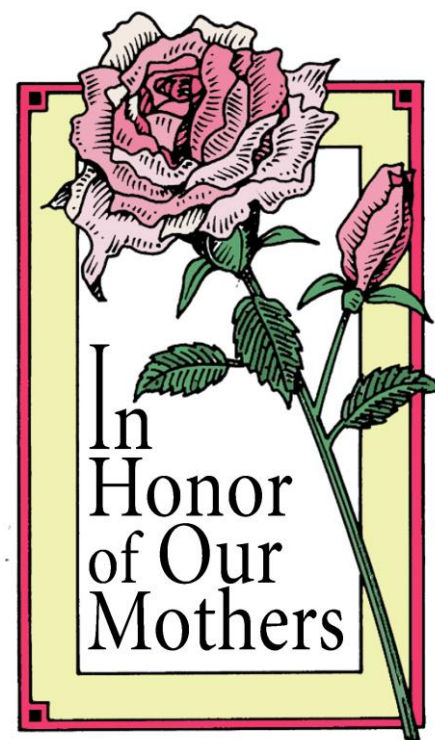
Instead, we can lift up the knowledge, wisdom and perspective that we possess from not only the mother and father figures in our own circles, but all the older men and women who have enriched our communities with their lives and experiences.

The wisdom of the past has helped people of every age to navigate the challenges of their times. Many communities in the world honor, respect, and value as "elders" their oldest members. It's something we surely can use in 21st century North America. Ours is a time of unprecedented change – both in the sweep of change and in the speed at which things are changing.

Our older members can give us perspective and patience and wisdom. Here are some ideas:

- Engage elders about issues facing you, your congregation and community. Listen deeply. Take notes.
- Enter into their thought world: How do they frame issues? What are their underlying assumptions? What sources help inform and inspire them?
- Compare their approaches to seeing the world and navigating challenges with your own. What is helpful? What can assist you?

Learning from our elder mother and father figures may be the best way to not only honor them, but also help us find our own way in life. *--Rob Blezard Copyright © 2021, Rev. Robert Blezard. Reprinted by permission.*



KLC and Board Meeting

The Kerkhoven Lutheran Church Boards and Council will be meeting on
Wednesday, May 5, 2021, in the church Fellowship Hall.

Boards meet at 7:00 p.m. and Council meets at 7:30 p.m.

Kerkhoven Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes

The Kerkhoven Lutheran Church council met on 04/07/2021 at 7:30 pm in the KLC Fellowship Hall
President Ted Almen called the meeting to order.

Devotions by Ann Hanson May Devotions: Scott Mitteness

Mission Statement was read in unison.

The Secretary's report was accepted as printed. T. Baker/R. Carlson

The Financials report was accepted as printed. R. Carlson/T. Baker

1. A walk through of the parsonage was done by board members and the Fossen's pet deposit was returned to them.
2. Need salary information for Jean Lilly, so can issue her pay check.
3. Need contract information for pastor Larson so can issue a retroactive check for the days he worked in March.

Report by the Nominating Committee: Kari Jo Almen gave a report on the progress with regard to filling the ballot for the upcoming annual meeting. They have been having some success but some Boards are still in need additional members on the ballot.

Board Reports:

Worship & Witness Board – report given by Susan Nelson

The Board is pleased with the increased attendance of late. We continue to advise that congregants wear face masks and practice social distancing while attending services or entering the Church for any reason.

In person Sunday Worship services @ 9am, with live streaming continues. Eric Rudningen is always working to improve the live stream function, which is very much appreciated.

Sunday School lessons have continued to be livestreamed after the Sunday services.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to Lector and Usher, when contacted. The Board will be contacting parishioners to participate in those roles.

We will be working on the May 2021 Ushers and Lectors schedule.

Arlene Carls and Susan Nelson Co-Chairs

Outreach and Evangelism Board – report given by Ann Hanson

1. We continue to fill and deliver to the school between 40-45 backpacks per week. We are so thankful for the help of the people who have come to help pack the food bags and also to unload the food truck and deliver the senior food boxes.
2. Meals on Wheels continue to be delivered by area churches each Wednesday. KLC is responsible for the delivery for the month of April.
3. Will be scheduling a ditch cleaning for our stretch of Highway 12 in May.

Christian Education Board – report given by Heidi Winter

1. There will be no Sunday School time on Sunday, April 18 due to the annual meeting being held immediately following the worship service.
2. Pastor will be teaching confirmation in person to complete the sessions for this year.
3. There will be Community VBS this year. Planning has begun. Watch the bulletins and newsletter for additional information and volunteer opportunities.

Stewardship & Finance – report by Tom Baker

After a meeting with Pastor Tim Larson, Tom Baker presented the updated budget and an explanation of the agreement for compensation with Pastor Tim. He will be paid \$2500 per month and mileage. He is asking for no other benefits. The pastor's compensation portion of the budget is not being changed as will remain in place in preparation for the arrival of a new pastor. Motion was made to accept the budget as presented S. Mitteness/T. Baker motion passed on voice vote.

Property & Grounds – report given by Reid Carlson

1. Reid turned in the parsonage keys that he had received from the Fossens.
2. The Board is continuing to do research on purchase of a new defibrillator.
3. Bids to mow both the church and parsonage lawns from Boyd Doering was accepted.
4. The elevator not working needs to be addressed as there are congregational members who want to come to worship but are unable to go up the stairs. A congregational member has made a donation for elevator repairs.
5. Scott Doering has rescinded his resignation from the Board and is again a member.

WELCA – Quilting will begin on April 21st in the Fellowship Hall. Masks will be worn, and social distancing practiced. First week will bring bag lunches.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Tim Larson

1. We had a bat issue on Easter Sunday, a bat flew into sanctuary prior to worship service and when caught bit a member. Bat was brought to the metro area and tested negative for rabies so no further treatments were needed.
2. Pastor has been reaching out and visiting the homebound and bringing them communion.
3. Pastor Tim is expecting to be at KLC on Wednesdays and on Sundays.
4. We have had 3 requests for baptisms
5. Communion will remain on the first and third Sundays

Old Business

At the May Council meeting would like to get copies of the proposed policies regarding the use of the KLC facilities and either approve them or make changes.

Open Business

1. With the opening of the church for more services and business it is crucial that we obtain a new defibrillator as the one we had previously has been recalled. This is being addressed and a new one is being sought.
2. Faith chests – Ross Carlson will have some made by the time they are needed for the requested baptisms.

New Business

1. Jean Lilly submitted her resignation effective this date (April 7, 2021). After discussion a motion was made to accept the resignation S. Mitteness/H. Winter and the motion passed. Discussion then took place regarding getting coverage for necessary cleaning.
2. A short discussion revolved around the parsonage and what to do about it. It was decided that members of the Board of Property and Grounds will monitor and check on the house each week.

Motion to Adjourn. R. Carlson/R. Carlson

Closed with silently praying the Lord's Prayer.

Ann Hanson, submitting due to resignation of Council Secretary, Amy Ruka

Present: Ted Almen, Ann Hanson, Pastor Tim Larson, Ross Carlson, Tom Baker, Reid Carlson, Scott Mitteness, Arlene Carls, Heidi Winter, Sue Nelson, Kari Jo Almen, Barb Norton

KLC FUND BALANCES AS OF MARCH 2021			
ACCOUNT	INDIVIDUAL FUNDS WITHIN ACCOUNT	FUND BALANCE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Kerkhoven Lutheran Checking - 3/31/2021			\$8,994.77
	Backpack Ministry Funds	\$1,166.53	
	General Fund checking Account	\$8,994.77	
Kerkhoven Lutheran Savings			\$19,320.89
Savings Interest second Quarter			
Building Fund			
Temporarily Restricted	Stained Glass Window Fund	\$190.17	
Unrestricted *	Borrowed \$329.14 on 8/28/2020 to cover end of month obligations. Additional funds of \$3000 borrowed on 10-30 to cover end of month, (borrowed \$4000 12/31 to cover end of month - transfer of \$4000 from checking to re-pay this loan on 3-1-2020)	\$8,608.15	
	Total in Building Fund	\$8798.32	
GENERAL SAVINGS			
Restricted	Donation for Furnace repair or replacement in church	\$2,000.00	
Unrestricted	Borrowed \$1,833.42 on 8/28 to cover end of month obligations	\$0	
MEMORIAL SAVINGS			
Temporarily Restricted			
	Sunday School	\$1,495.00	
	Music Fund	\$300.00	
	Sound System	\$280.00	
Total Temporarily Restricted		\$2,075.00	
	Borrowed \$2,037.44 on 8/28/2020 to meet end of month obligations	\$0	
	Total in Memorial Fund	\$4,112.44	
BENEVOLENCE SAVINGS			
	Unrestricted	\$3,905.12	
PET DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		\$500.00	
TOTAL OF FUND BALANCES AS OF 3/31/2021			\$28,315.66

Loan Principal Balance as of

3/31/2021 \$25,733.95

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held June 7 - 11 at Salem Covenant Church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No meal will be served. The theme is Rocky Railway. A form will be sent by e-mail for each child 4 years old to 6th grade. If you want your child to attend VBS, e-mail or call Barb Norton by May 7 to guarantee that we have a bandana for them. You can e-mail your registration form to Barb Norton at mnorton1613@charter.net Please contact Barb Norton at 264-1613 (h) or 320-894-2128 (c) with any questions you may have.

There will be a bus which loads at Bethel Baptist Church at tentatively 6:15 p.m. If your child is riding the bus, please note this on the registration form.

Each church pays for the youth going to VBS. Parents, please volunteer to be a group leader or helper and/or donate food for the VBS snacks. Signup sheets for donating food and dollars for the VBS snacks will be by the church office in the near future.

Also, we need other congregation members to volunteer to be group leaders, helpers, kitchen workers, decoration/set up, and clean up and donate food for the VBS snacks. Please contact Barb if you are interested.

Background checks - Each volunteer age 18 + must have had a background check within the past 3 years. More information will be given at a later date.

CONFIRMATION

The Final Confirmation classes will be held in person in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed. Following is the schedule:

May 12:	6:00 pm	9 th Grade
	7:00 pm	10 th Grade



WELCA

WELCA Quilting: Wednesday is quilting day at KLC. Quilters gather at 9:00 am for quilting and fellowship. A noon meal is available for a free will donation.

WELCA Boards will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 5 in Fellowship Hall to do some planning for upcoming serving opportunities and discussion of a time for quilt Sunday and Honoring KLC Graduate's Sunday.

Volunteers are being sought to bring coffee treats and serve during Sunday morning coffee time.

Quilt Sunday and Graduate Recognition: Quilt Sunday and KLC Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2021 during the worship service with a reception following the worship in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP FOR THE HUNGRY



KLC was responsible for the delivery of the local Meals on Wheels for April. We would like to thank Roger and Faye Helms for delivering the first Wednesday and for Bev Henjum who delivered the remaining Wednesdays in the month. Salem Covenant Church is responsible for delivering the meals in May.



COMING SOON!!

Watch for updates on the date in May when KLC will gather to pick up trash on our assigned 2 miles of Highway 12. Tradition has been to follow this work time with treats at Sophies!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

We continue to pack and deliver between 35-45 bags of food to the KMS schools each week. The number of bags needed vary depending on the number of students who might be in quarantine at any given time. We are very grateful for the people who come and pack these bags every week, come and help unload the food truck and put the food away, and to Jesse and Alison Nelson who coordinate it all and bring the bags to the schools.

Chris Wenisch has been delivering the NAPS (Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors) food boxes for nearly a year but will soon be returning to on site work and no longer working from home. We are looking for another volunteer to deliver these 8 boxes of food on the second Tuesday of each month. If you can help with this please contact the church office.

Mark Your Calendar



May 5, 9:00 am WELCA Quilting
May 5, 6:30 pm WELCA Boards meet
May 5, 7:00 pm Church Boards meet
May 5, 7:30 pm Church Council meets
May 9, MOTHER'S DAY
May 11, 11:30 am Food truck
May 11, NAPS Food distribution
May 12, 9:00 am WELCA Quilting
May 12, 6:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation
May 12, 7:00 pm 10th Grade Confirmation
May 19, 9:00 am WELCA Quilting
May 26, 9:00 am WELCA Quilting
May 31, MEMORIAL DAY



MAY BAPTISMS

Many people remember people's birthdays, but we also need to remember the day of our spiritual birth, our baptismal day. If your baptism is not listed below, and you know you were baptized in May please give the office a call and we will update our church records. Also please take note of who was baptized during this month and wish them a happy baptismal day.

Joyce Strandberg – 2nd
Dale Erickson – 2nd
Wyatt Rudningen – 3rd
Kinsley Schaefer – 3rd
Cameron Hjelle – 4th
Ella Molenaar – 6th
Thomas Burns – 8th
Grace Marquardt – 9th
John Hjelle – 10th
Connie Lindquist – 10th
Nick Baker – 11th
Donna Swanson – 11th
Jett Olson – 12th
Jane Quale – 12th

Viva Lundberg – 13th
Mallory Rudningen – 13th
Lindsey Henry – 13th
Leif Carlson – 14th
Halie Nichols – 15th
Mary Hatlestad – 15th
Renae Bartholomew – 18th
Lydia Wagner – 18th
Cody Ruka – 20th
Theresa Smith – 21st
Jordan Almen – 24th
Susan Peterson – 25th
Jackson Ruka – 25th
Ava Muller – 26th

Bryce Guse – 27th
Becky Spanier – 27th
Bill Miller – 28th
Mona Doering – 28th
Emily Kelm – 29th
Chloe Muller – 29th
Magnus Nelson – 29th
Rex Nelson – 29th
Eero Nelson – 29th
Linda Weets – 29th
Eugene Halverson – 31st
Wally Loven – 31st



Welcome to the KLC Family

On Sunday, April 18, 2021, Rowan Hunter Weddington, son of Hunter and Ashley Weddington was baptized by Pastor Tim Larson. Sponsors were Tyler and Jessica Carlson and Zachary and Madison Carlson. Rowan was born on November 16, 2020 at Carris Health – Rice Memorial Hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Opportunity: There are openings for members of the Altar Guild. Some of the duties include: setting up communion, changing altar linens, hymn on the hymn board, hanging and changing banners, placing flowers as appropriate, filling candles, and other necessary duties to prepare for worship. If you would be able to serve with this group or would like additional information please contact Barb Norton. Time commitment for this would be being part of a team assigned a 2 month service time each year.

Seeking Applicants: Due to the resignation of KLC custodian, Jean Lilly, the KLC Executive Council and the Board of Property and Grounds is seeking applicants for the position of custodian. If you would like information on the position please contact a member of the executive committee or the Board of Property and Grounds.





**Please continue
to remember
these loved ones
and friends in
need of prayer
during this
month.**

Phyllis Loven
Gene Halverson
Wally Loven
Brad Welberg
Andrea Rath

Kaehlen Fernholz
Cami Fernholz
Gladys Arends
Henry Arends
Ev Williams



Happy Birthday!



May 1	Gladys Arends
May 2	Jillian Hoefer Kay Brendemuehl
May 3	Jeremy Ruf Mona Doering
May 6	Jaci Hennes Kristin Schmidt
May 7	Elaine Baker
May 8	Kaehlen Fernholz Beth Carlson Ashley Just Gretchen Hauge
May 10	Alexandra Walsh
May 11	Victoria Guillemard Lucille Carlson
May 12	Woody Nelson
May 13	Jordan Dokkebakken
May 16	Mattea Brendemuehl
May 17	Quinn Lottman Emily Sue Kelm
May 18	Linda Weets Kim Mellgren
May 19	Jordan Hennes Laylee Carlson
May 20	Kari Jo Almen
May 21	Brad Anderson Demitria Schreiner
May 22	Hunter Larson Sydney Walsh
May 24	Elizabeth Peterson
May 25	Linda Nichols
May 27	Bailey Carlson Ashley Weddington
May 30	Phyllis Meyer Ava Milla
May 31	Pam Ruka Ashlie Kay Hauge Eric Rudningen





MISSIONARY FOR A DAY TO SUPPORT ALEX LACHAPPELLE

MISSIONARY FOR A DAY DONATIONS FOR APRIL 2021

April 23, 2021	In Memory of Gladys Powers, Mother of Naomi Baker by Barney and Jean Lilly
April 23, 2021	In Memory of Gladys Powers, Mother of Naomi Baker by Judy and Kent Baker
April 23, 2021	In Memory of Gladys Powers, Mother of Naomi Baker by Donna Baker

-----CLIP AND PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE-----

I would like to support Missionary for a Day on the date of _____

Circle one: In honor of/In Memory of/In Thanks to God for _____

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