

# Kerkhoven Lutheran Church

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

# Messenger

June 2021

## Mark your Calendar

- 6-6** *Worship/Holy Communion*  
9:00 am  
*Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am*  
*Virtual Synod Assembly*
- 6-7 – 6-11** *VBS 6:20 – 8:30 pm*
- 6-8** *NAPS Food Distribution*
- 6-9** *WELCA Board – 6:30 pm*  
*Church Boards – 7:00 pm*  
*Church Council – 7:30 pm*
- 6-12** *Virtual Synod Assembly*
- 6-13** *Worship 9:00 am*  
*Mid Summer Brunch 10:00 am*  
*Virtual Synod Assembly*
- 6-20** *Worship/Holy Communion*  
9:00 am
- 6-27** *Worship 9:00 am*  
*Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am*

## Remember, I Am With You Always!

~ Matthew 28:20

Jesus has just given the "great commission". The disciples are to go, baptize, and teach the nations "to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20); not as an army of occupation but as humble tutors, teaching mercy, forgiveness and obedience.

The task had to seem staggering, and this "great commission" must have seemed ludicrous to the little band of disciples. After all, there were only eleven of them hearing these words on that mountain, and now they were being sent on a worldwide mission across perilous boundaries.

One word prevented them from collapsing in laughter or racing away in fear. One word strengthened their resolve and sent them out with courage. Said Jesus, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (28:20).

This promise is no less noteworthy today. As we face the future with a mixture of fear and joy, faith and doubt, devotion and dread, we are not promised success at every turn, a glad welcome in every heart, or even freedom from trial and trouble. What we are promised is that God in Christ will not abandon us but promises to be present with us – loving, encouraging, empowering, guiding, providing, and giving hope.

*The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*  
~ #779(ELW) Amazing Grace

Pastor Tim Larson



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

## Call Process Update

The KLC Executive Board has met and has been working on the Ministry Site Profile that will be submitted on - line to the ELCA as soon as it is completed.

The Nominating Committee met on May 23, following the worship service and has established a slate of persons who have agreed to serve on the Call Committee. This slate of candidates will be presented to the KLC Church Council at the June 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting for their approval.

If you are interested in being on the call Committee please contact the church office or one of the newly elected Nominating Committee members: Lane Carlson, Ann Hanson, Sue Nelson, Grace Marquardt or Christine Forsell. Upon approval of the Church council the names of the candidates will be presented to the congregation at an upcoming meeting for a vote.

## KLC Council and Board Meeting

The KLC Council and Boards will meet in the KLC Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Boards will meet at 7:00 pm

Council will meet at 7:20 pm



## Stewardship Snippet

### Stewarding Our Relationships: Rehab, Renew and Repair

Doctors order rehabilitation – intensive exercises and therapy -- for patients to regain muscle strength and flexibility after a serious illness or injury.

The time is right for us to use the same approach for our friendships and family relationships after Covid-19. The worst seems over now that the vaccines are percolating through our nation, and we are entering the summer, when it is comfortable to gather in the relative safety of the outdoors.

It will take serious rehab to repair and renew the friendships and family relationships that Covid-19 forced us to neglect. Hunkered down in our homes for safety, we ceased gathering for friendship, fellowship and recreation – the very activities that keep relationships strong. Churches put worship and social gatherings on hold.

The pandemic's impact on relationships wielded a double whammy: It left us stressed and needing friends at the very time that Covid-19 prevented us from tending to our relationships. It has left us disconnected and hurting.

Keeping in mind that the Covid-19 risk is diminished but not gone, as summer unfolds, you can look for safe ways to rehab, renew and repair your relationships.

**Reach out:** Go through your list of friends and contact them by phone, email, text – whatever's best. Tell them you missed them and want to get together.

**Make plans:** Don't put it off. Be creative and find safe ways to get together. Outdoors is safer. Backyard barbecues, coffee at a sidewalk café, a walk, a game of bocce, iced tea on the porch. It's all good.

Every little step you take will help your relationship "muscles" to get stronger, and in the process you'll become healthier as the love, support and joy of friends and family flows into your heart.

--*Rob Blezard*

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## Kerkhoven Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes

The Kerkhoven Lutheran Church council met on 5/5/2021 at 7:30 pm in the KLC fellowship hall.

President Ted Almen called the meeting to order.

Devotions were read by Scott Mitteness June Devotions: Beth Carlson KLC Mission statement was read in unison.

The secretary's report was read and accepted as written. Scott Doering/Ted Almen

The Financial report was read and accepted as written. Scott Doering/Eric Rudningen

### **Board Reports**

**Worship and Witness** - Barb Norton. The board discussed the need for ushers and lectors will be needed throughout May. Thank you to those who have volunteered for these services.

**Outreach and Evangelism** - Alison Nelson. This board is discussing the continuation of the backpack program through the summer and exploring the delivery. There is potential to deliver the backpacks in June and July through the summer school program.

**Christian Education** - Melanie Wirth. The board has graduation gifts ordered for the graduating seniors in KLC. Senior recognition Sunday will be May 23rd. The church will buy cake and WELCA will serve cake following the service. Seniors will be given a quilt made by the members of KLC.

**Stewardship and Finance** - no members present

**Property and Grounds** - Scott Doering. The elevator has been fixed. Much thanks to Keith Collins for his assistance in finding a service man for the repairs and coordinating the work. The boards list of upcoming projects include: fix the railing of the outdoor entrance; repair or replace the green carpet on the entrance; potential painting projects; staining and some repair of parsonage siding; Making a gravel parking pad at the west entrance.

**WELCA** - Carmen Maus. A quilting session will be held May 22nd at 10 am to set quilts out in pews for the grad recognition service on the 23rd. The group will serve cake after the service. WELCA is planning a June 13th brunch.

**Pastor's report** - Pastor Tim Larson. Confirmation classes will come to completion on Wednesday, May 12th and will resume after summer break. Visitation and communion of shut ins continues along with a refining of the list of people to be visited. Pastor shared his thankfulness for people willing to step up and help out on all areas of our church. There was discussion on a grant through the synod for tech equipment and KLC would be eligible to apply if interested. Deadline is July 1. Further discussion on tech relating to training in more people. There was discussion on the call process and our progress including what steps need to be addressed next. **Old Business**

1. Facility use policies were printed but a vote tabled until all committee members had a chance to review and make suggestions.
2. Offering income is maintaining but we have not yet paid funds back to accounts that we borrowed from and discussed waiting until the "summer slump" is over to pay back these accounts.
3. Website 1-2-3 is being used to create a website for KLC. Ann Hanson has been working at the development. A facebook link will be added and through that facebook site we will have a donation icon that will allow electronic transfer of funds through Vanco.
4. We are waiting to coordinate a defibrillator order with the City of Kerkhoven for better pricing. Money has been donated to replace the current outdated defibrillator. Training would be needed and community education could be a source for training.
5. Discussion on any potential amendments to the church constitution was tabled.

6. Faith chests for baptism are in need. Ross and Regan Carlson volunteered to make and donate three faith chests and Ann Hanson's brother also has some we can purchase for the cost of materials.

## New Business

1. The site profile needs to be completed and submitted to continue the call process. It was agreed that the executive committee will review and rewrite the essay portion. The executive committee will bring the essay to the council for approval.
2. The call committee needs to be found by the nominating committee. It was agreed that the committee would consist of seven members from a cross section of the congregation. This committee would need to be approved at a congregational meeting. The council will endorse the slate of nominees for the call committee before making the ballot. Potential date for a congregational meeting will be June 13th.
3. KLC will make an offer to custodial candidate Steve Spencer.
4. VBS will be held June 7-11 to approximately 120 kids.
5. Reminder that KLC gives students \$75 towards camp at Green Lake Bible Camp.

Motion to adjourn. Scott Mitteness/Scott Doering

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Beth Carlson, KLC Council Secretary

Present:

Ted Almen, Pastor Tim Larson, Ann Hanson, Scott Mitteness, Alison Nelson, Beth Carlson, Scott Doering, Eric Rudningen, Arlene Carls, Melanie Wirth, Becky Carlson, Barb Norton,

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 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.

## Budget Vs. Actual Report 2021

Between 01/01/2021 and 04/30/2021

### INCOME CATEGORIES

Category	YTD Budget	Received	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
<b>BLDG. INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CHRISTMAS INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>EASTER INC.</b>	0	1,459	1,459	0	1,459
<b>HUNGER INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>INTEREST INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>INITIAL OFF. INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LENT INC.</b>	0	1,077	1,077	0	1,077
<b>MEMORIALS INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MFAD INC.</b>	0	190	190	0	190
<b>MISC. INC.</b>	0	21,868	21,868	0	21,868
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>THANKSGIVING INC.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>WORSHIP INC.</b>	0	33,397	33,397	0	33,397
<b>BACKPACK FUND INC.</b>	0	1,546	1,546	0	1,546
<b>Income Categories Total</b>	0	59,537	59,537	0	59,537

### EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Category	YTD Budget	Spent	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
<b>AUTO EXP.</b>	167	305	138	500	-195
<b>BUILDING INSURANCE EXP.</b>	1,833	1,758	-75	5,500	-3,742
<b>CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	0	75	75	0	75
<b>CHURCH UPKEEP EXP.</b>	667	216	-451	2,000	-1,784
<b>CHURCH UTILITIES EXP.</b>	3,000	3,871	871	9,000	-5,129
<b>CONFERENCE DUES</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CONVENTION EXP.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	3,200	1,913	-1,287	9,600	-7,687
<b>ENVELOPES EXP.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP DUES</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>FSA CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	0	450	450	0	450
<b>CONTINUING ED. EXP.</b>	0	320	320	0	320
<b>HUNGER EXP.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>INS. BENEFITS EXP.</b>	3,102	4,744	1,642	9,307	-4,563
<b>LIBRARY EXP.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LOCAL BENEVOLENCE EXP.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MEMORIALS DON.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MFAD DON.</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MISC. EXP.</b>	667	1,493	826	2,000	-507
<b>OFFICE SUP. EXP.</b>	833	1,465	632	2,500	-1,035
<b>MUSICIAN</b>	933	907	-26	2,800	-1,893
<b>PARS. UTIL. EXP.</b>	1,333	1,603	270	4,000	-2,397
<b>PARS. UPKP. EXP.</b>	667	2,520	1,853	2,000	520
<b>PASTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	1,175	897	-278	3,526	-2,629
<b>PENSION EXP.</b>	2,143	1,624	-519	6,430	-4,806

<b>SALARY EXP.</b>	15,461	9,738	-5,723	46,382	-36,644
<b>SECRETARY - NET SALARY</b>	6,310	5,737	-573	18,930	-13,193
<b>SERVICE SUPPLY EXP.</b>	667	251	-416	2,000	-1,749
<b>SOC. SEC. &amp; WITHHOLDING</b>	1,000	3,503	2,503	3,000	503
<b>SS/VBS/CONFIRMATION EXP.</b>	333	397	64	1,000	-603
<b>SYNOD BENEVOLENCE EXP.</b>	333	0	-333	1,000	-1,000
<b>VISITING PASTOR EXP.</b>	167	0	-167	500	-500
<b>WORK COMP EXP.</b>	467	0	-467	1,400	-1,400
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXP.</b>	67	38	-29	200	-162
<b>CELL PHONE EXP.</b>	200	147	-53	600	-453
<b>RETIREE SUPPORT</b>	62	0	-62	185	-185
<b>SURVIVORS BENEFIT</b>	102	114	12	307	-193
<b>DISABILITY INS. EXP.</b>	636	244	-392	1,907	-1,663
<b>BACKPACK FUND EXP.</b>	0	1,872	1,872	0	1,872
<b>INTERIM PASTOR SALARY EXP</b>	0	3,077	3,077	0	3,077
<b>Pulpit Supply Mileage</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>FURNISHING ALLOWANCE</b>	0	632	632	0	632
<b>PARSONAGE REMODEL LOAN EXP.</b>	1,133	1,131	-2	3,400	-2,269
<b>Pretax Retirement Contribution</b>	0	953	953	0	953
<b>Expense Categories Total</b>	46,658	51,995	5,337	139,974	-87,979



**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, June 9, in Fellowship Hall to do some planning for the upcoming Mid Summer Brunch and also look at the possibility of a summer trip to the metro area to deliver the quilts and the other benevolence items that they have been collecting over the past year and more.



## EVANGELISM 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 attendance 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.

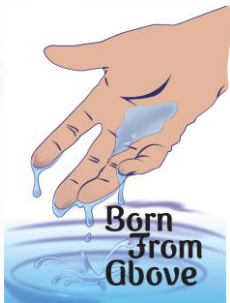
Watch the bulletin for updates and more information on a date for the Adopt a Highway clean up of our 2 miles of Highway 12.

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.

Jaci Hennes – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Brody Forsell – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Kolbie Nystrom – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Cora Doering – 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Abby Holtkamp – 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Cindy Clasen – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Ashley Just – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Stephanie Carlson – 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Ryan Depew – 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Pam Ruka – 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Jordan Hennes – 14<sup>th</sup>

Linda Nichols – 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Faith Barrett – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Phyllis Loven – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Brenda Carlson – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Lynn Skogstad – 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Eric Rudningen – 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Jordan Dokkebakken – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Gladys Arends – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Aiden Klaphake – 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Katherine Klaphake – 25<sup>th</sup>

Noah Klaphake – 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Kathy Dokkebakken – 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Donovan Halverson – 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Donald Lottman – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Ashley Carlson – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Zoey Harkema – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 David Gordon – 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Allison Wenisch – 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Audrey Wenisch – 29<sup>th</sup>



## Baptized in May

Kaleb Jase Schafer, son of Jeremy and Rebecca Schafer was baptized on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Kaleb was born on November 29, 2020 at Carris Health – Rice Memorial Hospital. Kalebs sponsors were: Sarah and Tony Walberg, and Dave and Bonnie Parsons. Welcome to the KLC family, Kaleb.

Grace Rose Bengson, daughter of Cassandra Lien and Michael Bengson was baptized on Sunday, May 16, 2021. Grace was born on September 5, 2020 at Sanford Health – West Fargo, ND. Grace's sponsors were: Susie Bawden and Chase Akers. Welcome to the KLC family, Grace.







June 1 Charlene Gordon  
 Mariah Rudningen  
 Zoey Harkema  
 June 3 Tiffany Collins  
 June 4 Darrell Toutge  
 June 5 Graysen Reinke  
 June 7 Jackson Ziehl  
 Zoe Olson  
 June 10 Rob Carlson  
 June 11 Isaac Wirth  
 June 12 Jenell Mitteness  
 June 13 Reid Carlson  
 June 14 Kathy Dokkebakken  
 Joanne Shaw  
 Stanley Glimsdal  
 June 15 James Cortez  
 June 16 Emily Holtkamp  
 Shep Nystrom  
 June 18 Isaac Rudningen  
 Eden Norton  
 June 20 Shannon Hauge  
 June 24 Amber Torkelson  
 June 25 Alex Baker  
 Casey Krieger  
 Jared Dokkebakken  
 Derrick Henry  
 June 27 Judy Halverson  
 Clarice Larson  
 Blake Lundberg  
 June 29 Michael Wirth  
 Wally Loven

Congratulations to the KLC graduates.  
 KLC Seniors are:

Brett Brendemuehl  
 Brody Forsell  
 Derrick Henry  
 Lauren Krieger  
 Halie Nichols  
 Katrina Nichols  
 Devon Swanson  
 Jackson Ziehl



**KLC Executive Board**

**Ted Almen, President**  
**Scott Mitteness, Vice Pres.**  
**Eric Rudningen, Treas.**  
**Beth Carlson, Secretary**

**Board of Worship & Witness**

Susan Nelson Barb Norton  
 Arlene Carls Ann Hanson  
 Becky Carlson

**Board of Evangelism & Outreach**

Ross Carlson Christy Nystrom  
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**Board of Christian Education**

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 Tyler Carlson

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 Reid Carlson Ryan Carlson  
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**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

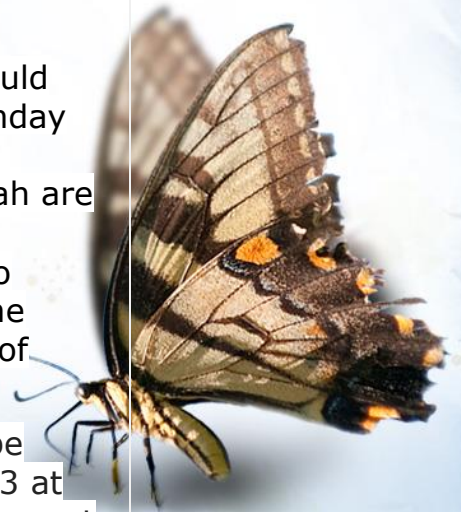
Kaehlen Fernholz  
Cami Fernholz  
Gladys Arends  
Henry Arends  
Ev Williams

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Call Committee:** The Nominating Committee met on Sunday, May 23, and has established a slate of persons who have agreed to serve on the Call Committee. This slate of candidates will be presented to the KLC Church Council on Wednesday, June 9, for their approval. If you are interested in being on the Call Committee please contact the church office or one of the newly elected Nominating Committee members: Lane Carlson, Ann Hanson, Sue Nelson, Grace Marquardt and Christine Forsell. Upon approval of the Church Council these names will be presented to the congregation at a meeting for a vote.

**Sunday Musicians:** Do you play the piano or organ? Would you be interested in helping to lead our congregation's Sunday morning worship music? We are looking for a musician to substitute on Sunday mornings with neither Alison or Mariah able to be here. KLC does pay \$30 per service for leading worship. If you would like to be put on a list of people who would be interested in filling in when needed. Please let the church office know or contact a member of the KLC Board of Worship and Witness. Thank you.

**Singers Invited:** Pastor Bill requested that KLC singers be invited for the "It's Miller Time concert" on Sunday, June 13 at 3:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in New London. This concert is to celebrate and honor Pastor Bill, who is battling pancreatic cancer. This event has been named, "It's Miller Time!" and will have several groups playing and singing along with this community group that we have been invited to join. Please send a message to Brian Pearson if you are interested in singing and he will text, email or message you the music. One rehearsal at Peace church Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. We will sing through the songs again before the concert at 2:30 pm. Call Brian Pearson - 320-212-8782, email; [pearsongs@charter.net](mailto:pearsongs@charter.net) or find him on facebook. All KLC members and friends are invited to attend the concert on June 13<sup>th</sup>.





**MISSIONARY FOR A DAY TO SUPPORT ALEX LACHAPPELLE**

**MISSIONARY FOR A DAY DONATIONS FOR MAY 2021**

May 6, 2021

In Memory of Gladys Powers by Doris Bakken

-----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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Mariah Rudningen  
Musician

Alison Nelson  
Musician

Custodian

### **Church Executive Council**

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Council Secretary

