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



Dear Members and Friends of Kerkhoven Lutheran Church,

There is not a human being alive who gets everything she or he wants. Given that fact, we have to make some choices. We can choose either to focus our lives on what we do have or we can choose to exert the greater share of our energy on those things we don't have or don't get. It's our choice. But the choice makes a big difference in our lives and our living.

If we choose to focus on what we don't have, life is a struggle. We are never satisfied. We forever grumble. The propensity for self-pity is huge. To be honest, we are not pleasant. And you know it's never a joy to live with people who are forever complaining.

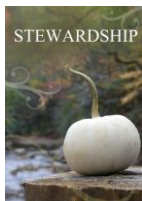
On the other hand, if we choose to focus on what we have, our perspective changes drastically. Awareness of every gift we are given is cause for a life that overflows with gratitude. And such people make life joyful.

We are taught to pray – **Give us this day our Daily Bread** – in the 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Luther asks in the catechism, What does it mean to pray this petition? These are his words: *God gives daily bread, even without our prayer, to all people, though sinful, but we ask in this prayer that He will help us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanks.*

Then He asks, What is meant by **Daily Bread**? *Daily bread includes everything needed for this life, such as food and clothing, home and property, work and income, a devoted family, an orderly community, good government, favorable weather, peace and health, a good name and true friends and neighbors.*

Consider all that you have – including forgiveness & salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Can anyone of us say we're deprived? Thanks for your place and part in stewarding the mission and ministry at Kerkhoven Lutheran Church. May God bless us as the Fall activity begins.

Pastor Timothy P. Larson



Stewardship is about Good Priorities

Jesus taught, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." -Luke 12:32

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God's benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God's purposes. The more we align our lives with God's purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become.

And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you'd like to align with God's purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time? Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it's so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God's purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy.

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The KLC Church Council will meet on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Note this is a change in time due to the Confirmation orientation meetings that will be taking place earlier in the evening. Church boards who plan to meet prior to the Council meeting should make plans to meet in another room in the church.



Sunday School update

The Board of Education is planning for Sunday School to begin on Sunday, Sept. 12th at 10 a.m.

Similar to previous years, students will be organized into multi-grade classrooms.

This year's groups will be:

- Pre-K (ages 3 & 4)
- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12

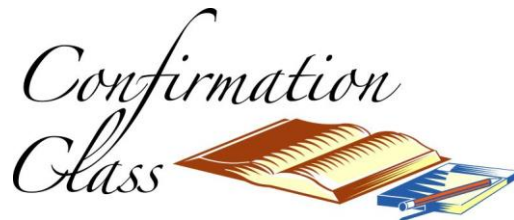
With the return of Sunday School, we actively seeking teachers. Teachers will work in teams and have access to user-friendly, printed curriculum with pre-planned lessons. You do not need to be a Bible expert, parent, or classroom teacher to get involved! All teachers will be invited to a teacher meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8th (between the confirmation meeting and Council).

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact any board member to learn more. This is an excellent way to serve your church community, and we need YOU!

KLC Board of Christian Education

Melanie Wirth, Chairperson

Kris Cortez, Heidi Winter, Jesse Nelson, Cindy Clasen, Shelly Lottman, Amber Doering



Pastor Tim will be holding a beginning-of-the-fall orientation meeting for confirmands in grades 6-10 and their parents on **Wednesday, Sept. 8, 6:30 pm** in the Kerkhoven Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. He will identify all youth/families involved, explain the plan for the fall, and respond to questions/clarifications you may have.

A second meeting will be held for confirmands in grade 11 and their parents on **Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7:15 pm**, in the Kerkhoven Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. This gathering will give him an opportunity to identify all 11th grade youth seeking confirmation, explain the plan for the fall, and respond to questions/clarifications you may have.

KLC's Board of Education has identified Sunday, October 31, as Confirmation Day.

Please let Pastor Tim or the church office know if you are unable to attend. Please be on time as the sessions are scheduled back to back and the church council meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 8:00 pm that evening. Thank You!

INCOME CATEGORIES

Category	YTD Budget	Received	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
BLDG. INC.	0	0	0	0	0
CHRISTMAS INC.	0	0	0	0	0
EASTER INC.	0	1,459	1,459	0	1,459
HUNGER INC.	0	0	0	0	0
INTEREST INC.	0	0	0	0	0
INITIAL OFF. INC.	0	0	0	0	0
LENT INC.	0	1,077	1,077	0	1,077
MEMORIALS INC.	0	0	0	0	0
MFAD INC.	0	375	375	0	375
MISC. INC.	0	28,105	28,105	0	28,105
SUNDAY SCHOOL INC.	0	0	0	0	0
THANKSGIVING INC.	0	0	0	0	0
WORSHIP INC.	0	66,119	66,119	0	66,119
BACKPACK FUND INC.	0	2,777	2,777	0	2,777
Income Categories Total	0	99,912	99,912	0	99,912

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Category	YTD Budget	Spent	YTD Difference	Annual Budget	Difference
AUTO EXP.	333	1,108	775	500	608
BUILDING INSURANCE EXP.	3,667	3,621	-46	5,500	-1,879
CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS	0	75	75	0	75
CHURCH UPKEEP EXP.	1,333	808	-525	2,000	-1,192
CHURCH UTILITIES EXP.	6,000	6,095	95	9,000	-2,905
CONFERENCE DUES	0	0	0	0	0
CONVENTION EXP.	0	435	435	0	435
CUSTODIAN	6,400	4,026	-2,374	9,600	-5,574
ENVELOPES EXP.	0	0	0	0	0
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP DUES	0	0	0	0	0
FSA CONTRIBUTIONS	0	450	450	0	450
CONTINUING ED. EXP.	0	320	320	0	320
HUNGER EXP.	0	0	0	0	0
INS. BENEFITS EXP.	6,205	4,744	-1,461	9,307	-4,563
LIBRARY EXP.	0	0	0	0	0
LOCAL BENEVOLENCE EXP.	0	0	0	0	0
MEMORIALS DON.	0	0	0	0	0
MFAD DON.	0	345	345	0	345
MISC. EXP.	1,333	1,884	551	2,000	-116
OFFICE SUP. EXP.	1,667	2,160	493	2,500	-340
MUSICIAN	1,867	1,877	10	2,800	-923
PARS. UTIL. EXP.	2,667	2,210	-457	4,000	-1,790
PARS. UPKP. EXP.	1,333	3,153	1,820	2,000	1,153
PASTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY	2,351	897	-1,454	3,526	-2,629
PENSION EXP.	4,287	1,624	-2,663	6,430	-4,806

Kerkhoven Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes

The Kerkhoven Lutheran Church council met on 8/4/2021 at 7:30 pm in the KLC fellowship hall.

President Ted Almen called the meeting to order.

Devotions were read by Alison Nelson August Devotions: Scott Mitteness

KLC Mission statement was read in unison.

The secretary's report was read and accepted as written. Susan Nelson/Ann Hanson

The Financial report was read and accepted as written. Scott Mitteness/Ross Carlson

Board Reports

Worship and Witness - Sue Nelson.

The board expressed their thanks for the many volunteers who signed up to participate in Sunday Worship. The month of August slate is complete. The board will continue to pass the sign up during worship service to help fill upcoming months. Pastor Tim will be back on Swpt. 5th and the board has Pastor Carlton Nelson present for communion on Aug. 15th. They are working on filling in people to lead portions of the services while pastor Tim is out.

Compensation for our musicians was discussed and agreed that we are not paying as much as other churches. The board expressed their appreciation and a motion to increase the pay to \$50 per service was made by Christy Nystrom, second by Ann Hanson. Motion carried.

The board shared the upcoming changes to worship service including:

1. Ushers will bring the offering plate to the front of the sanctuary during offertory music.
2. Communion will be received at the communion railing at least one Sunday each month beginning in September. Communion wafers will be served beginning in September.
3. 3. Two services will be held on Confirmation Sunday, Oct. 31. Traditional service at 9 am and confirmation service at 10:45 am

Outreach and Evangelism - Alison Nelson

The backpack program continued through the summer. More help has arrived and more will always be welcome.

A presentation and much discussion followed regarding a welcome bag for visitors and potential new members as a form of outreach. Questions remained regarding what content to include, budget, who would be responsible for giving them out and how to follow up. The board will look into more ideas and will present again at the September meeting.

Christian Education - Jesse Nelson

The board met with Pastor Tim and we have a confirmation schedule set. Grades 6-8 will meet at 6 pm, gr. 9-10 at 7 pm and gr. 11 at 8 pm. An informational meeting with families and mentors will be set.

New Sunday School curriculum has been ordered and classes will be split into four age groups. Eight teachers (4 teams of 2) will be needed to fill teaching spots.

The board will be issuing bibles to KLC youth to get us caught up from last year.

Rally Sunday will be Sept. 12th.

Stewardship and Finance - no members present.

Property and Grounds - no members present.

WELCA - no members present.

Ted Alem shared a request that the board hold a vote to have the library used as a storage area for the quilters. WELCA provided several valid reasons for the space to be designated. Discussion followed on how the room has also been used by other groups and was tabled until more information on the use of the space could be gathered.

Loretta Falk will head up table fair this fall.

Pastor's report - Not present

Ted Almen shared the pastor's report with the board.

Pastor worked in partnership with the ministerial to hold the community service in the park.

Confirmation schedule is complete.

Communion has been given to those unable to attend church service.

Encourages the board to fix missing information on the church profile, pass and submit so we are able to continue with the call process.

Pastor will be gone during January, February and March.

Old Business

1. Offering income is doing well and we have paid bills and have money in the checking account.
2. 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.

New Business

1. The board reviewed the church site profile and a motion was made to accept the profile and submit it to the Synod (Scott Mitteness/Sue Nelson). Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Ross Carlson/Scott Mitteness

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Beth Carlson, KLC Council Secretary

Present:

Ted Almen, Ann Hanson, Scott Mitteness, Alison Nelson, Beth Carlson, Jesse Nelson, Eric Rudningen, Christy Nystrom, Ross Carlson, Susan Nelson



KERKHOVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA 24TH ANNUAL TABLE FAIR

TOGETHER AGAIN!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

1. Cost is **\$12.00** per person.
2. All proceeds, after expenses will go to Safe Avenues.
3. All are welcome to come and enjoy apple cider and **view** the tables from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** even if you don't have a place at the tables.
4. **Silent Auction items** are needed for the Table Fair. Bring to church by Sunday, November 14th. If bringing baked goods, bring on November 19th. Silent auction will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
5. If you would like to sit at a table and have not been asked by a hostess, please sign up by the church office.
6. No Friday night viewing of the Table Fair.

We need **four volunteers** to help serve in the kitchen. Contact **Loretta Falk at 320-979-**

Women ^{of the} ELCA

OTHER WELCA NEWS:

WELCA Quilting: WELCA has suspended quilting at the church until later in the year due to the increase in Covid cases in our area.

UNIT MEETING: Saturday, September 11, 2021, 9:30 am is the next scheduled WELCA Unit Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.



Seems as though it has been years since we were enjoying Luther League activities and coffee hour together. Wait, it has been! Well, since the last time we were together, Loretta Falk has retired her responsibilities as Luther League coordinator and passed along the job to us: Jesse & Alison Nelson and Eric & Mariah Rudningen. We are so grateful for Loretta's years of service and dedication to the Luther League, and we look forward to carrying on the traditions and fun that she had pioneered over the years. We also look forward to making new memories as we serve others and further our faith together!

We have attached a calendar/schedule for the upcoming year regarding serving at coffee hour. As a reminder, this is our responsibility and the funds raised go directly towards covering the fun activities we plan throughout the year. We thank you all for your willingness to take your turn when it's time. If a scheduling conflict is to occur, it is your responsibility to make sure your shifts are covered. Please let any one of us (Alison/Jesse/Eric/Mariah) know if you are having trouble finding someone to cover, we are happy to help you figure it out if needed. As a reminder, expectations (how many treats to bring, job responsibilities, etc.) are outlined at the top of the schedule.

Also attached is an invitation to our Rally Sunday kick-off. We would love to get a kickball game going at Centennial Park (the ballfield south of church) and do some grilling together as we do some planning of the year ahead, activity-wise. We want to hear what you would like to see the Luther League doing – after all, this is your program! We have some ideas, but we'd love to hear yours also! Families, feel free to join us for this fun lunch and time of fellowship!

Looking forward to a fun year ahead!

Jesse & Alison Nelson
Eric & Mariah Rudningen

Luther League Sunday Morning Coffee/Fellowship Schedule (2021-22)

The Luther League families take turns serving coffee and treats each Sunday after church. A free will donation is collected, which is part of the fundraising for LL activities and events.

Serving duties include setting out and replenishing treats, filling coffee pots, washing dishes, counting money, etc. Specific details will be posted in the kitchen. Luther Leaguers and parents should plan to serve during the coffee hour.

A few notes about the schedule:

- Lead for the week indicated with a * next to the name; lead contacts partner for the week to coordinate. If unable to serve on scheduled day, you are responsible for finding a replacement (swap with someone?). Contact information is listed.
- Servers will provide (for around 130 people):
 - o Treats/baked goods.
 - o Lemonade or juice. Coffee is provided and will be started for you.

<u>September</u>	
<u>September 12</u>	<u>September 26</u>
Axel Nelson 894-6386/905-5730 Wyatt Rudningen 905-5796/894-1872	*Grace Collins 979-0624/979-0457 Isaac & Logan Rudningen 905-0919/212-5886 Jay Harkema 444-2116
<u>September 19</u>	
*Matthew & Ella Molenaar 599-5113/815-9458 Masyn & Jett Olson 444-4157/444-0858 Brady Guse 295-3051	
<u>October</u>	
<u>October 3</u>	<u>October 17</u>
*Hayden Larson 366-3848/905-0949 Jacob Walsh 760-5164/760-6716 Junior Hauge 348-8492/262-6156	*Lauren Anderson 264-5535/905-6533 Addison Grothe 264-0300/905-4583 Isaac & Izzy Wirth 612-670-6719/763-416-2794
<u>October 10</u>	<u>October 24</u>
*Wylee & Quinn Lottman 212-0858/220-7858 Boyd Doering 295-6762/295-6745 Christian Ziehl 905-6103/905/6102	*Bailey & Savannah Peterson 220-1678/220-1610 Abby & Jake Holtkamp 264-5795/894-8751
	<u>October 31</u>
	*Julia Carlson 894-0220/894-7588 Jaiden Henjum, Keagan & Avery Miller 264-1244/905-4495
<u>November</u>	
<u>November 7</u>	<u>November 21</u>
*Emily & Leah Wagner 264-5863/894-9270 Wyatt Rudningen 905-5796/894-1872 Brady Guse 295-3051	*Emily & Alex Zurn 220-2429/981-1566 Matthew & Ella Molenaar 599-5113/815-9458
<u>November 14</u>	<u>November 28</u>
*Wenisch/Klaphake 249-7668/248-6277 Lily Winter 905-4922/905-0190	*Masyn & Jett Olson 444-4157/444-0858 Jared & Kelsey Cortez 278-3028/333-9451
<u>December</u>	
<u>December 5</u>	<u>December 19</u>
*Isaac & Logan Rudningen 905-0919/212-5886 Elyse VandenEinde 979-7148/212-4473 Jay Harkema 444-2116	*Isaac & Izzy Wirth 612-670-6719/763-416-2794 Wenisch/Klaphake 249-7668/248-6277
<u>December 12</u>	<u>December 26</u>
*Jacob Walsh 760-5164/760-6716 Waylon, Lindsey, & Landon Henry 264-3579/815-8304	*Abby & Jake Holtkamp 264-5795/894-8751 Christian Ziehl 905-6103/905-6102 Lauren Anderson 264-5535/905-6533

January	
January 2	January 23
*Jared & Kelsey Cortez 278-3028/333-9451 Grace Collins 979-0624/979-0457 Junior Hauge 348-8492/262-6156	*Boyd Doering 295-6762/295-6745 Bailey & Savannah Peterson 220-1678/220-1610 Emily & Alex Zurn 220-2429/981-1566
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*Hayden Larson 366-3848/905-0949 Axel Nelson 894-6386/905-5730 Jaiden Henjum, Keagan & Avery Miller 264-1244/905-4495	*Lily Winter 905-4922/905-0190 Julia Carlson 894-0220/894-7588 Addison Grothe 264-0300/905-4583
January 16	
*Wylee & Quinn Lottman 212-0858/220-7858 Elyse VandenEinde 979-7148/212-4473 Matthew & Ella Molenaar 599-5113/815-9458	
February	
February 9	February 20
*Waylon, Lindsey & Landon Henry 264-3579/815-8304 Wenisch/Klaphake 249-7668/248-6277	*Jaiden Henjum, Keagan & Avery Miller 264-1244/905-4495 Isaac & Logan Rudningen 905-0919/212-5886
February 13	February 27
*Axel Nelson 894-6386/905-5730 Abby & Jake Holtkamp 264-5795/894-8751	*Emily & Leah Wagner 264-5863/894-9270 Lauren Anderson 264-5535/905-6533 Wylee & Quinn Lottman 212-0858/220-7858
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*Lily Winter 905-4922/905-0190 Kelsey & Jared Cortez 278-3028/333-9451 Axel Nelson 894-6386/905-5730	*Isaac & Izzy Wirth 612-670-6719/763-416-2794 Junior Hauge 348-8492/262-6156 Boyd Doering 295-6762/295-6745
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April	
April 3	April 17
*Jay Harkema 444-2116 Jacob Walsh 760-5164/760-6716 Jaiden Henjum, Keagan & Avery Miller 264-1244/905-4495	Easter – Everyone serves
April 10	April 24
*Lauren Anderson 264-5535/905-6533 Christian Ziehl 905-6103/905-6102 Waylon, Lindsey, & Landon Henry 264-3579/815-8304	*Grace Collins 979-0624/979-0457 Wyatt Rudningen 905-5796/894-1872 Masyn & Jett Olson 444-4157/444-0858
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May 8	May 22 – Grad?
*Bailey & Savannah Peterson 220-1678/220-1610 Elyse VandenEinde 979-7148/212-4473 Abby & Jake Holtkamp 264-5795/894-8751	*Emily & Leah Wagner 264-5863/894-9270 Jared & Kelsey Cortez 278-3028/333-9451



SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

We remember people's birthdays, but we also need to remember the day of our spiritual birth, our baptismal day. Please take note of who was baptized during this month and wish them a happy baptismal day.

Jeff Holtkamp – 2nd
 Laura Worden – 2nd
 Barb Tomlinson – 2nd
 Jared Krieger – 3rd
 Brendan Hjelle -4th
 Dean Mellgren – 4th
 Casey Krieger -5th
 Eden Norton – 6th
 Mary Jeseritz – 7th
 Trevor Kelm – 7th
 Micah Reinke – 9th
 Chase Norton = 10th
 Sharyl Syverson – 11th
 Melissa Petersen – 12th

Michael Jahn – 12th
 Ashley Torkelson – 12th
 James Just – 13th
 Barney Lilly – 13th
 Kent Baker – 14th
 Kayla Kelm – 15th
 Lane Carlson – 15th
 Jolynn Larson – 16th
 Gary Shaw – 16th
 Quinn Lottman – 17th
 Scott Mitteness – 17th
 Ryan Carlson – 19th
 Gen Berger – 20th
 Sydney Walsh – 20th

Gretchen Hauge – 20th
 Jake Holtkamp – 21st
 Kalli Forsell – 21st
 Mona Just – 22nd
 Becky Carlson – 23rd
 Alexandra Walsh – 24th
 Jared Carlson – 24th
 Alex Baker – 24th
 Waylon Henry – 25th
 Cameron Kelm – 26th
 Bob Schoen – 26th
 Leah Wagner – 27th
 Savanah Petersen – 30th



Cynthia Krieger – 3rd
 Kevin Anderson – 4th
 Lauren Chan – 7th
 Jed Muller – 8th
 Jeff Lindquist – 9th
 Robert Schoen – 10th
 Luke Hoefler – 10th
 Avery Miller – 11th
 Ron Molenaar – 12th
 Matthew Just – 14th
 Tom Baker – 15th

Gary Shaw – 16th
 Grace Collins – 16th
 Novalee Miller – 18th
 Brady Guse – 19th
 Sarah Holtkamp – 19th
 Eldon Hauge – 19th
 Addilyn Hennes – 20th
 Tyler Dick – 20th
 Scott Doering – 20th
 Sadie Cortez – 22nd
 Roger Helms – 23rd

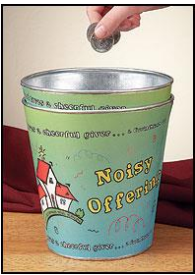
Michael Norton – 24th
 MaKenna Kelly – 25th
 Keith Collins – 25th
 Amy Ruka – 25th
 Dillon Hauge – 26th
 Jewels Schreiner – 26th
 Arlene Freetly – 27th
 Georgia Doering – 28th
 Harper Forsell – 30th
 Briana Ferguson – 30th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL! If we missed your birthday, please let Ann Hanson know.



NOISY OFFERING

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



The noisy offering for September will be gathered on Sunday, September 12, during the worship service. This offering is designated for the KMS Backpack project.



Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress” (Psalm 71:3).

Dear friends,

The headlines are filled with the devastation from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 30 — exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida’s 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi. Homes are flooded and residents are awaiting rescue, which is hampered by the high waters and debris-clogged roads. Strong winds knocked out power lines and electrical substations, leaving more than 1 million people without power, including the entirety of New Orleans. In some areas, electricity is not expected to be restored for weeks. Ida weakened into a tropical storm as it moved inland and will likely cause heavy flooding in Mississippi, Alabama, and the Tennessee and Upper Ohio valleys.

The impact of Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. With extensive experience in accompanying communities throughout the relief and long-term recovery phases, Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Immediate needs will include food, basic necessities and temporary housing. Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives.

[Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Ida. Gifts to "U.S. Hurricanes" will be used in full \(100%\) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete.](#)

We pray that God’s presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors that they are not alone.



Sunday School: The Board of Christian Education is actively seeking teachers for this year's Sunday School classes, which will begin on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Teachers will work in teams, have reasonably sized classes of combined grade levels, and teach with user-friendly, printed curriculum. You do not need to be a Bible expert, parent, or classroom teacher to get involved! All teachers will be invited to a teacher meeting prior to the start of Sunday School. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact any board member to learn more.

Confirmation Information: Plans are in place for the beginning of Confirmation. Letters were mailed to parents of all confirmands on our current membership list. If you did not receive a letter or are interested in having your child attend KLC confirmation please contact the church office.

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild is in need of 2 additional people to work with another team member to prepare the sanctuary for worship each week. For more information contact Barb Norton: barb@theinwell.com or 320-894-2128. Thank you.

Thank You: Thank you to the people who delivered the Meals on Wheels during August: Kay Brendemuehl, Jean Lilly, Sandy Rothers and Ann Hanson. We will next be responsible for the delivery of these meals in December.

Let Us Know: If you have a prayer request to be **added or removed** from the KLC prayer list, please notify the church office. kerkhovenlutheran@gmail.com or 320-264-2823.

Stay In Touch: If you have not been receiving bulletins, newsletters or prayer requests and would like to, please contact the church office with your information. kerkhovenlutheran@gmail.com or 320-264-2823

KLC Website: We again have a website. It can be found at <https://www.kerkhovenlutheranchurch.com/>

On-Line Giving: It is now possible to give your offering or a donation to KLC on-line at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YNJM> This link will now be available on our Kerkhoven Lutheran Facebook page and is available on our new website (see link above).

Opportunity for Textile Recycling: A new opportunity to recycle items that would normally be thrown into a landfill is now available in our area. The following items can be either brought to Cornerstone Construction, 1020 N Hwy 71, across from the Flags of Honor, on Wednesdays, anytime from around 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Bring to North overhead door, box is to the immediate left. Textile items (fabric material) includes clothing, bedding, towels, pillows, curtain, tablecloths etc. Items need to be laundered, but can be stained, or torn. They should not have been used with chemicals such as gasoline or kerosene. No purses, belts or shoes (shoes can be donated to the Lions). These items can also be dropped off with Bonnie Kluver (blkluver@tds.net).

Community Announcements

Hope Pregnancy Center: Hope Pregnancy Center invites you to our Annual Celebration of Life Fundraising Banquet that will be held at the Willmar Convention Center on Monday, September 13, 2021. Our keynote speakers, Dr. Tony Levatino and his wife, Ceil will share their inspiring story of transformation.

Doors open at 5:15 pm with a Social Hour and Silent Auction starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner, Live Auction and Program will begin at 6:30 pm. No tickets are required, but an RSVP is necessary! To reserve YOUR place at a table, call 320-235-7619 or register at findhopepc.com/donors & follow the prompts.

Food and Fun: Thursday Food and Fun will be having Coffee and Cookies on Thursday, Sept 9 at the Kerkhoven Civic Center. Feel free to bring some bars or quick bread to pass. Don't forget to tell your neighbors, bring a friend and see you there!



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

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Gene Halverson

Wally Loven

Brad Welberg

Andrea Rath

Kaehlen Fernholz

Cami Fernholz

Gladys Arends

Henry Arends

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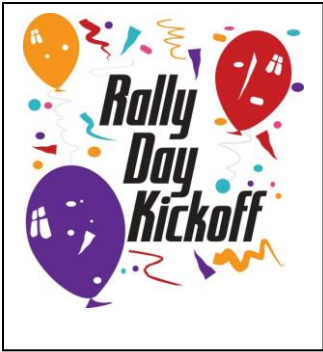
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