

## November, 2017

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### FROM THE PASTOR

### “All About Food”

In the past couple of months, it might appear to an impartial and uninformed observer that we are all about food! We had a magnificent brunch in conjunction with the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our W/ELCA group on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We shared a delicious luncheon at Mabel Anderson’s Memorial Service on September 30<sup>th</sup>. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, there was that wonderful wedding brunch for Dale and Dawn Davidson’s wedding. And of course, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, we served our rightly renowned Fishcake and Meatball Dinner. We love to spend time together over food, and why not? Scripture repeatedly holds up images of the Kingdom of Heaven that portray a feast or a banquet, and Jesus is recorded in the Gospels as spending a lot of time around food: he multiplied loaves and fishes to provide meals for others; he attended dinners in other’s homes; and he prepared a shore lunch of fish and bread for his disciples after his resurrection. Holy Communion is symbolic of sharing a weekly heavenly banquet, “a foretaste of the feast to come”, as our liturgy reminds us. God is no stranger to food, and there’s no need for us to feel apologetic for all the ways that we come together over meals. Whether a holiday meal, like Thanksgiving, soon to be upon us; or a community meal, like the Fishcake Dinner; or a regular family meal shared in homey affection over the kitchen table; all of these remind us of the goodness of God and importance of community.

All of which leads me to the place where our church meals are prepared...our church kitchen. Having paid off our mortgage, our Church Council felt it was appropriate to consider some possible renovations to our kitchen---particularly in regards to ventilation and efficient appliances. Of course, when we consider kitchen updates, most of realize that the “sky is the limit”, as they say. Especially in today’s new homes, kitchens are often downright jaw dropping in their size and quality. When I commented on this to a real estate agent I know, she replied, “Kitchens are the new fireplace”....by which she meant, I believe, that where people used to gather around the fireplace in the living room, they now gather around the remarkable appliances in their perfectly put-together kitchens. If this image is in your mind, the notion of a kitchen update for the church may cause considerable alarm. But let me put those concerns to rest; we are not even considering a state-of-the-art, commercial grade kitchen of any sort! Yet, we are aware that some improvements are needed and would be very useful, given the number of meals and events that make use of our kitchen, one way or another. I can only suspect that such occasions will, if anything, increase in number, as we continue to quietly thrive and are integral to our community.

Here is our process: a task force has been formed (to which all were invited to join or give input) to consider what might be done in the kitchen. This group met with kitchen designers/architects to seek input, as well as checking out other church kitchens in the area. They have come up with an effective, but simple, update scheme which has yet to be fully priced out. Quite possibly they will present more than one option to the Church Council, with levels of renovation and expense. The Council will then consider the work of the task force and may or may not make a recommendation to the congregation based on their work. The congregation would then take up the matter at a congregational meeting, with the usual thorough period of notice and advance information presented beforehand. At any point in the process, we may start again, if we realize new needs or limitations. In this way, our process is deliberate, methodical, inclusive, and—hopefully---effective in providing us with a kitchen that will serve our present needs. Offering hospitality is always a part of the ministry of any congregation, and this kitchen update should help us in that ministry.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the abundance of hospitality that God provides to us; for all the blessings of food, love, and community; and for the goodness of God expressed for us in so many ways.

In Christ,  
Pastor Susan

## **WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

November is one of the richest worship months of the church year. We begin with All Saint's Sunday, on November 5, when we remember those who have died this past year and celebrate our connection with all believers--around the world, and on earth and in heaven. On Nov. 12, we will honor our veterans, remembering those who serve our country. We will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday on Nov. 19, giving us an opportunity to reflect on our abundance and give thanks. Finally, on November 26, we will bring the church year to a conclusion with the observance of Christ the King Sunday.

**Sunday, November 5-All Saint's Sunday.** We will celebrate Holy Communion at the altar, using our traditional service. There will be special music from our choir and hand bells. We will remember and honor those of our community of faith who have died this past year. They will be named in prayer and honored with the tolling of the church bell. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a dear one who has died. *Don't forget to "fall back" for Daylight's Savings Time! Also, remember that this first Sunday of the month is Food Shelf Sunday! Offerings given for Food Shelf today will go towards providing holiday meals for those in need.*

**Sunday, November 12- A Sunday after Pentecost/Veteran's Observance.** We will use our Bread of Life Celebration Service, including the celebration of communion by intinction. A special observance for veterans will be a part of our service.

**Sunday, November 19-Thanksgiving Sunday.** Our traditional worship service will include communion by intinction and a time for healing prayer and anointing. Joyful Noise will sing.

**Sunday, November 26-Christ the King Sunday.** We will finish the church year with a traditionally styled worship service.

## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS: HERE'S WHAT'S COMING!**

**Advent Decorating: "Gild and Graze", Nov. 26 – Following worship.** We will decorate the church while we enjoy some goodies in the gathering area.

**Living Nativity. Sunday, Dec. 3, 11 AM.** Our congregation will sponsor a Living Nativity by the Rec Center as part of the Julebyen. The Free For All Quartet will be caroling during this time.

**Christmas Candlelight Celebration of Music, 4:30 PM, Sunday, Dec. 3.** (Note time change from previous years!) This concert of local musicians will have a buoyant beginning and a reverent and candle-lit atmosphere at the end, as we share Christmas music. A Scandinavian Cake reception will follow after downstairs.

**Christmas Morning Communion Worship, Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>-9:30 AM.** This is a joyful and festive service of celebration! Note the later time, just for this one worship service a year!

## **EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR HOLIDAY SHARING**

**GIFT TAGS FOR ELDER CARE GIFTS** - The Two Harbors Ministerium aims to see that every resident of nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the area receives a Christmas gift; many are without families. Gift tags for specific requests and further details will be available in the gathering area by mid November, as they are due back by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A \$25 *maximum* is suggested and two or more people may go together on one gift. These gifts are due back December 3<sup>rd</sup> to the church and *may* be gift wrapped!

**GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD: CHILDREN CHOOSING ANIMALS** - On the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 19<sup>th</sup>) during the Children's Church time, the children will be choosing animals for ELCA's God's Global Barnyard using their offerings for the year. For those who have God's Global Barnyard coin banks, now is the time to bring them forwards so that those funds can be included. If you would like to contribute to the children's efforts, you can do so by using your offering envelopes.

**GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD: GIFT GIVING DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON** - In the Advent season (coming very soon), an Advent tree decorated with ornaments representing different items in ELCA's Good Gifts catalog for ending world hunger will be set up. For those choosing to support ELCA's world hunger efforts, ornaments could be taken with a donation to the church for that item and given to someone as a gift. Additionally, donations for a Barnyard animal could also be done without taking the ornament, and the person, for whom the gift was intended, could receive a God's Global Barnyard Notecard stating "A gift have been given in your honor". These cards will be available.

## **GIFTS RECEIVED**

Gifts to the memorial fund in memory of Mabel Anderson were received from Paul & Kay Struve, John & Gail Safstrom, Bill Berg, Glenn & Karen Johnson, Jim & Pat Hanson, Carol Christensen, Jan Bergman, and Randi Alreck.

Gifts to the memorial garden fund in memory of Mabel Anderson were received from Del & Sue Hubbartt.

A gift to the hurricane relief effort was given in celebration of the wedding of Dale & Dawn Davidson by Audrey Carlson.

A gift to the music fund was given in celebration of the wedding of Dale & Dawn Davidson by Steve & Carol Carlson.

A gift to the general fund was given in celebration of the wedding of Dale & Dawn Davidson by Delores Jackson.

A gift to God's Barnyard was given in celebration of the wedding of Dale & Dawn Davidson by Paul & Mary von Goertz.

A gift to the general fund was given in celebration of the wedding of Dale & Dawn Davidson by Michael & Nancy Dent.

## **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1 - Norton Johnson	24 - Austin Magnuson
8 - Sophia Carlson	25 - Jan Bergman
9 - Chris Skadberg	27 - David Jackson
10 - Susanne Schuler	29 - Callyn Bailey
12 - Bobbie Mattson	30 - Samantha Anderson
14 - Lyle Jackson	
18 - Randy Ellestad	
21 - Dorothy Peterson	

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

1 - Melanie & John McMillion  
 4 - Kathy & Sam Black  
 8 - Ella & Lyle Jackson

### **NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>GREETERS/USHERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b>
Nov. 5	Ed & Joanie Lee	Randi Alreck	Lisa Anderson & Carmen Smith
Nov. 12	Ed & Joanie Lee	Randi Alreck	Scott & Anne Jasperson
Nov. 19	Pat & Bill Meyer	Jim Allert	Scott & Anne Jasperson
Nov. 26	Pat & Bill Meyer	Debbie Allert	Kay & Paul Struve

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT FOR NOVEMBER – Steve Carlson**

**ALTAR GUILD FOR NOVEMBER – Anne Jasperson & Sharon Shelerud**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>HILDREN'S CHURCH</b>
Nov. 5	John & Melanie McMillion		Susan Hubbartt & Andi Magnuson
Nov. 12	Randi Alreck		Anne Jasperson & Sheri Gray
Nov. 19	Lee & Jim Bujold		Randi Alreck & Sharon Shelerud
Nov. 26	Joe & Diane Friebe	Joe & Diane Friebe	Carmen Beardsley & Nancy Ojard

KRLC Treasurer's Report	YTD thru September 30, 2017
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Actual vs Budget Summary	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	91,175.32	80,668.13	10,507.19
Expenses	80,988.86	81,401.06	-412.20
Mortgage Principal Paid	6,398.56	7,267.55	-868.99
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,787.90</b>	<b>-8,000.48</b>	<b>11,788.38</b>

Fund Balances and Activity	Balance	In --- Activity	---- Out
General Operations Fund	15,638.65	83,154.32	78,463.02
Capital Improvement Fund	14,967.15	5,881.00	2,094.68
Mortgage Fund	0.00	485.00	2,781.70
Memorial Restricted Fund	2,275.28	0.00	0.00
Memorial Unrestricted Fund	411.49	1,655.00	4,000.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38,292.57</b>	<b>91,175.32</b>	<b>87,339.40</b>

Thrivent Mortgage Balance	0.00	Payoff in 0 Months
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	Income Over Budget
	Expenses Under Budget
	Net Income Over Budget

## CHURCH MOUSE

### Congratulations And Blessings To:

- +Dale and Dawn Davidson, married in our church on Oct. 8th;
- +to three young girls who received their First Communion on Oct. 29: *Sadie Pollard, Olivia Smith, and Anja Ojard.*;
- +to *Emma Anderson*, daughter of Clayton Anderson and Haley Krull, baptized in our church on October 28.
- +to *Bill Berg*, who recently accepted the "HAMMERSTROM AWARD" on behalf of the Prairie Grouse Technical Council of which he was a founding member.
- +to *Diane Friebe*, who is cast as "Julia" in the production of LEND ME A TENOR, presented by the Duluth Playhouse and Norshore Theater, April 5-15, 2018! Mark your calendars! This could be a springtime congregational outing!
- +to *John & Gail Safstrom* on their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!
- +to *Jim & Pat Hanson* on their 59th wedding anniversary!

### Thank You!

What a great 90th celebration of WELCA (Ladies Aid)! Thank you for your kind words and your gift certificate. I appreciate it so much, as I do our wonderful friendly, caring congregation. *Audrey Carlson*

Thank you to *Pat Hanson*-President and *Sue Hubbart*-Treasurer for their years of service to WELCA. Congratulations to *Sandra Bjorum* as she assumes the presidency, and to *Beth Anderson*, Treasurer.

A big thank you to the men of the church who put on the wonderful brunch to celebrate the anniversary of WELCA! It was so nice to be remembered that way. We look forward to another 80 years of serving the Lord together.

### Fishcake Dinner Thanks

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Fishcake Dinner such a great success. A warm not of appreciation especially to Kay Struve and Steve Carlson as co-leaders and to all of our congregation members that work so hard to make this annual fundraiser a success!

### Food Shelf Donations For Holiday Meals

Thank you for remembering the Food Shelf in your offering. All gifts given at this time will be directed towards holiday meals for those in need.

## CHURCH MOUSE (cont.)

### WELCA

November 14

1:00 PM/Church

Vicky Gorman

January 9

6:00 PM/Dawn B.

Potluck/White Elephant

All women are welcome!

### Introduction To Centering Prayer

**Saturday, November 18 @ 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**McCabe Renewal Center - 2125 Abbotsford Ave., Duluth, MN 55803**

This is a beginning session to use the gift of contemplative prayer as a grounding force in a chaotic world. In this ancient Christian form of prayer, participants practice its transformative power, learning to open themselves to God's extraordinary love in ordinary, daily life.

Facilitator: Lezlie Oachs is a practitioner of centering prayer since 1996 and retired St. Scholastica faculty member.

\$45 (*bring your own lunch, snacks and beverages provided*)

### Many Hands Make Light Work!

If this fall season has given you a moment to catch your breath and you have some extra time to volunteer, consider the following:

#### +Let Them Eat Cake?

Could you help provide cakes for *the Julebyen Scandinavian Cake reception* on Friday, December 3rd (recipes provided)? Assemble and/or cut cakes? Set up? Clean up? Make coffee or punch, serve punch? The sign-up sheet is in the gathering area . . . or see Melanie!

#### +Bell Ringers Needed!

Our church has agreed to provide bell ringers for *the Salvation Army* at the Super One in Two Harbors on Tuesday, December 12. Available slots are 11 am - 1 pm and 3 pm - 5 pm. It's always fun to have a friend ring with you . . . and if two hours seems too long, perhaps you and a friend could find another couple of people to split your slot?? Please let Melanie know if you would like to help out!

Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night; and thus he would never know the rhythms that are at the heart of life.

~Hal Borland

## JULEBYEN FESTIVAL ADDS 'TROLL VILLAGE'

The Knife River, MN, Julebyen, a Scandinavian-themed Christmas festival, has added a "Troll Village" to the three-day event Friday, December 1 through Sunday, Dec. 3.

Carol Carlson, Festival chair, said the Troll Village is family focused on winter outdoor sports gear, books for all ages represented by their local authors and illustrators, a large vintage model railroad display, a Finnish "Whip Sled," and much more. It will be held next to Festival grounds at the site of the Knife River Campground. Carlson warned visitors to the Village should be aware of mischievous trolls.

Also new this year will be an expansion of Festival Marketplace hours. The colorful Julebyen vendor huts, a signature of the Festival, will open at 4:30 PM Friday for the Julefest dinner and silent auction in the Gnome Dome, and through Festival hours Sunday.

The Troll Train that takes festivalgoers to Troll Canyon Saturday in search of trolls will make three trips this year. Last year nearly 400 adventurers rode the train. The North Shore Scenic Railroad provides the Troll Trail as well as round trip service to Julebyen from The Depot in Duluth. Sunday is highlighted by a Live Nativity sponsored by the Knife River Lutheran Church at 11:30 AM Sunday, and capped by a Celebration of Music at 4:30 PM at the church.

Julebyen is free to the public. For complete information, go to [Julebyen.us](http://Julebyen.us)