

**July/August, 2017**

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## **FROM LYLE NORTHEY**

Aw, the warm days of summer. Time to get out and exercise. Time to improve our physical fitness. Any thoughts given to our spiritual fitness?

One of my heroes of faith is Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor arrested for conspiring against Hitler in World War II. On a memorial stone in Flossenberg Prison Camp, where Bonhoeffer's life was taken in the last days of war in Europe, there is the simple inscription from 2 Timothy 1:7. Bonhoeffer knew them well: "But God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-control."

On April 9, 1945 --- just days before the Allies liberated the camp --- Bonhoeffer was executed. He knew spiritual toughness and lived and died in the Spirit.

In 1708, eight believers gathered at the Eder River in Germany and baptized each other. They had studied scripture together and decided as a group that they were called to attempt to restore the practices of the first Christians in the early church.

These believers did not do this lightly. The brutal Forty Years War waged by the Christians against one another in Europe ended with a treaty the decreed people had to worship at whichever of three sanctioned churches their local ruling prince had chosen to worship. Those who broke this law were subject to the penalty that was traditional for believer's baptism -- death by drowning.

But this threat did not stop these eight separatists, founders of the Church of the Brethren. They declared: "We must publicly profess that which Christ Jesus taught and did without hesitation or fear. We need not be ashamed and must suffer and endure all things with rejoicing. Joy! Joy! More joy!"

The gift of the Holy Spirit is truly the helper promised by Christ who can guide us and strengthen us as he did with many in the early church that we read about in Luke's account in the Book of Acts.

The work of the Holy Spirit is not articulated simply or so familiar in nature that we just pass it off as a happening or chance. In Gospel of John, Christ gives direct awareness that the Counselor "will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment...But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth." The sense of timing or seasons reminds us that He is faithful, that the promises are sure, and we are heirs to blessings in the Kingdom.

The Holy Spirit is kind of a tricky topic for Lutherans. It conjures images of hand raising, speaking in tongues and (gasp!) people moving around during worship --- things better left to the Pentecostals.

But the Spirit is much more than that. The Spirit keeps us connected with Jesus some 2,000 years after his death. The Spirit gives us the words we pray, and conveys to God what is in our hearts even when we can't find the words. The Spirit is how we come to know right from wrong, and what guides us as we choose between the two.

We Lutherans hesitate to call ourselves people of the Spirit. But we are! Jesus tells his followers that even when he returns to the Father in heaven, we will never be alone. "I am with you always," he says. The Holy Spirit makes it so. While some are using the summer to "tone up" with a physical trainer, consider time given to a spiritual "tune up" with direction from the Holy Spirit.

Enjoy your summer and enjoy the gift of the Holy Spirit. See you in church.

## The Words That Will Build the Church of Zion

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"*

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.")

Come, rest awhile, and let us idly stray  
In glimmering valleys, cool and far away.

Come from the greedy mart, the troubled street,  
And listen to the music, faint and sweet,

That echoes ever to a listening ear,  
Unheard by those who will not pause to hear

The wayward chimes of memory's pensive bells,  
Wind-blown o'er misty hills and curtained dells.

One step aside and dewy buds unclose  
The sweetness of the violet and the rose;

Song and romance still linger in the green,  
Emblossomed ways by you so seldom seen,

And near at hand, would you but see them, lie  
All lovely things beloved in days gone by.

You have forgotten what it is to smile  
In your too busy lifecome, rest awhile.

Lucy Maud Montgomery

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

**Sunday, July 2-A Sunday in the season of Pentecost.** This service will include some patriotic hymns, and we will celebrate Holy Communion at the altar.

**Sunday, July 9-A Sunday in the season of Pentecost.** We will commune by intinction on this Sunday.

**Sermonic note:** From July 16-August 6, the sermons will be based on a series of lessons that follow the life and times of Jacob—saint and sinner; hero and scoundrel; the man who wrestled with God and lived to tell the tale!

**Sunday, July 16-A Sunday in the season of Pentecost.** On Pastor's first Sunday back from Sabbatical, we will use the Bread of Life Celebration service and commune by intinction. A time for healing prayer and anointing will be included.

**Sunday, July 23-Gospel Sunday.** This will be a Sunday of lively, old time music, as we also celebrate Holy Communion by intinction.

**Sunday, July 30-Garden Service.** We will worship in the beauty of God's creation in our lovely Memorial Garden.

**Sunday, August 6-A Sunday in the season of Pentecost.** We will celebrate Holy Communion at the altar, as we worship using a traditional style service.

**August 13-A Sunday in the season of Pentecost.** We will worship using our Bread of Life service and commune by intinction. We will also return to our regular lectionary.

**August 20-A Sunday in the season of Pentecost.** Our traditionally styled service will include Holy Communion by intinction and a time for healing and anointing prayer.

**August 27-Garden Sunday.** We will worship in our Memorial Garden for the final time this summer. There will be no Holy Communion.

## FROM YOUR CREATION CARE TEAM

The Creative Care Team Mission Statement is: We recognize creation as a gift from God entrusted to our care. As a congregation, we will incorporate creation care into our worship life, educational program, the maintenance of building and grounds, our personal discipleship at home and work, and in our public witness. We seek to make caring for God's creation an integral part of the identity and mission of our life together.

The Creation Care Team has started the project of converting the incandescent light bulbs in the narthex and sanctuary to LED bulbs. Two of the 5-bulb fixtures in the sanctuary have been changed to LED bulbs, and the removed incandescent bulbs have been placed into the Church's spare supply. After the Church has exhausted the spare supply of incandescent bulbs, the Church will restock with LED bulbs going forwards. The LED bulbs have a 15,000-hour lifetime and if used 4 hours per day, the bulbs should last more than 10 years.

A few Green Lawn and Garden Tips:

- Water gardens and lawns early in the morning, before 10:00 a.m., when there is less wind to blow the water away and less sunlight to evaporate it. Watering at night seems like a good idea, but it can lead to mold and fungus on the grass and plants.

- Landscape for water quality by avoiding the use of phosphorus and pesticides on lawns, pointing down spouts away from paved surfaces, and if possible, installing on-site storm water retention. Replace outdoor hard surface paving with permeable surfaces to prevent water run-off into storm sewers and wetlands. Collect rainwater from gutters to water plants, build rain gardens, and plant native drought-resistant plants.

## MAKER FUN FACTORY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 17 - 20, 2017

**Vacation Bible School** will be held from **5:00 -7:00 pm** at Knife River Lutheran Church on Mon., July 17 through Thurs., July 20. It will be a hands on creative time for children (pre-school through grade 4) to explore the science of food prep, crafting, music, experiments, games and play through the lens of our Creator. It will be a busy two hours! Children may attend any, and, all evenings that fit your family's schedule. On Thursday evening, the annual church picnic will be held and the children will demonstrate some things they have learned at VBS. There is no charge. An estimate of the number of children who may be attending is helpful to ensure an adequate amount of supplies. If you think that your child will attend, contact Randi Alreck at 218-349-3788 or [randi.alreck@gamil.com](mailto:randi.alreck@gamil.com).

### GIFTS RECEIVED:

Gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of Terry Berg were received from Noel & Karen Walter, Steve & Cindy Betzler, and Jim & Lee Bujold.

Gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of Martha Nelson were received from Rich & Nancy Ojard and Carolyn Johnson (Altar Fund).

A special gift to the Capital Improvement Fund for the church kitchen was received from Susanne Schuler.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1 - Clayton Anderson  
3 - Greta Ojard  
6 - Kathy Stinnett  
9 - Trish Northey  
10 - Mabel Anderson  
13 - Karen Johnson  
16 - Gary Ojard  
23 - Mary von Goertz  
24 - Larry Antonich  
26 - Christina Stuberud  
27 - Sheri Lieffring

### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

6 - Tim and Beth Anderson  
8 - Pastors Susan and Philip Berge  
18 - Sheri & Thomas Gray  
20 - Nancy and Rich Ojard  
21 - Mabel and Robert Anderson  
23 - Diane and Joe Friebe

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD (cont.)

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

10 - Melanie McMillion  
Terri Stuberud  
11 - Alice Berry Johnson  
13 - John Johnson  
- Patricia Meyer  
16 - Laurie Jackson  
17 - Steven Harris  
19 - Nancy Ojard  
26 - Julie Stewart  
27 - Pastor Phil Berge  
28 - Bjorn Ojard  
Anne Skadberg  
29 - Joanne Lind  
30 - AJ Mattson  
31 - Alex Bailey  
- Darci Stiff

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Scott & Sharon Shelerud  
2 - Joe & Dian Cappuccino  
9 - Jim and Lee Bujold  
- Karen and Glenn Johnson  
13 - Chris and Sara Cuypers  
- Bjorn and Nicole Ojard  
17 - Jim and Jerri Swardstrom  
18 - Steve and Karin Harris  
23 - Marv and Sandy Holt  
24 - Gary and Vicky Ojard  
28 - Jim and Debbie Allert

### JULY/AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

#### SUNDAY

July 2  
July 9  
July 16  
July 23  
July 30

#### GREETERS/USHERS

Pat & Bill Meyer  
Rich & Nancy Ojard  
Rich & Nancy Ojard  
Bill & Pat Meyer  
Bud & Vicky Gorman

#### LECTOR

Pat Meyer  
Nancy Ojard  
Jim Allert  
Debbie Allert  
Steve Carlson

#### OFFERING COUNTERS

Tami Magnuson & Melanie McMillion  
Scott & Sharon Shelerud  
Kay & Paul Struve  
Darci Stiff & Carmen Smith  
Scott & Anne Jasperson (Garden)

August 6  
August 13  
August 20  
August 27

Scott & Anne Jasperson  
Scott & Anne Jasperson  
Jim & Lee Bujold  
Jim & Lee Bujold

Lyle Northey  
Lyle Northey  
Dawn & Dale  
Dawn & Dale

Melanie McMillion & Carmen Smith  
Lisa Anderson & Tami Magnuson  
Scott & Sharon Shelerud  
Kay & Paul Struve (Garden)

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANT FOR JULY - Dale Davidson

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANT FOR AUGUST - Mike Stiff

#### SUNDAY

July 2  
July 9  
July 16  
July 23  
July 30

#### FLOWERS

Dale & Dawn  
Chris & Anne  
Scott & Sharon

#### COFFEE

Vicky Gorman  
Steve & Sandra Bjorum

#### ALTAR GUILD

Delores Jackson  
Sharon Shelerud  
Lisa Anderson  
Audrey Carlson  
Delores Jackson

August 6  
August 13  
August 20  
August 27

Kay & Paul  
Pat Meyer Family  
Lee & Jim  
Audrey

Mary von Goertz  
Sue Hubbart  
Anne Jasperson & Sharon Shelerud  
Mary von Goertz

KRLC Treasurer's Report	YTD thru May 31, 2017
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Actual vs Budget Summary	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	48,247.82	44,618.64	3,629.18
Expenses	36,976.23	45,024.03	-8,047.80
Mortgage Principal Paid	6,398.56	4,019.78	2,378.78
Net Income	4,873.03	-4,425.17	9,298.20

Fund Balances and Activity	Balance	In --- Activity	---- Out
General Operations Fund	12,990.39	42,866.82	40,823.78
Capital Improvement Fund	14,456.83	3,276.00	0.00
Mortgage Fund	0.00	485.00	2,781.70
Memorial Restricted Fund	2,275.28	0.00	0.00
Memorial Unrestricted Fund	4,376.49	1,620.00	0.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	39,098.99	48,247.82	43,605.48

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

## JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> MORTGAGE BURNING EVENT

Following the worship service on June 4, 2017, there was a brunch and special gathering to celebrate the burning of the mortgage for the church. Sandy and I were very pleased to be able to be there and take part in this celebration.

Sandy and I joined KRLC in January, 1996. We didn't realize what a remarkable congregation this is until Lyle Northey found out that I had served as a church treasurer in other churches and he then arranged for Sandy and I to be formally welcomed into KRLC on a Sunday morning so that during the Annual Meeting later that day I would be eligible as a member of KRLC to be elected as Treasurer. When this congregation sets its mind on an objective, whatever that objective is, it gets done!

In the year 2000, we began discussing the idea of adding on to the church. We looked at several options, analyzed estimated costs and held many discussions about whether or not we could afford to take on this project. At that time our annual budget was in the \$40,000 - \$50,000 range, we didn't have a dedicated Pastor – both Pastor Susan and Pastor Phil were on staff at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Two Harbors and came to KRLC on alternate Sundays to lead our worship services, and we didn't know if we could take on a project that would cost us approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000 per month. So it was decided to start an appeal to collect \$150,000 in gifts and pledges to get the project underway. On May 6, 2001, we hired the James Company to manage this appeal. By the end of the year we had pledges for the \$150,000.

The architecture firm of Wayne Dahlberg was hired to design the addition so it would complement the existing church building. They did an excellent job with the design.

On April 28, 2002, we hired the Donald Holm Construction Co. to build the addition to the church. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, we held a ground breaking ceremony. Holm Construction did an excellent job for us. Every Friday afternoon during the time of construction, they would clean up the sawdust and make sure the church was available for our regular Sunday morning worship services. When Holm opened up the wall of the church they found an empty whiskey bottle wrapped in an April 12, 1912 newspaper. Pastor Phil noted that the Presbyterians built the original church. By August of that year the project was ahead of schedule.

## **JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> MORTGAGE BURNING EVENT (cont.)**

Many members of the congregation put in a lot of “Sweat Equity” into this project. This helped us stay ahead of schedule and keep our construction costs down. By the end of 2002 Holm Construction finished their work. Members of the congregation did all of the interior painting, stained all of the new wood trim in the new addition and installed the new tile floor in the lower level. Our pledge drive grew to \$160,000 and we received over 85% of that pledge amount by the end of the year.

In 2004 Pastor Phil and Pastor Susan met with the councils of both Bethlehem and KRLC to discuss staffing for the two churches. It was decided that Pastor Phil would stay with Bethlehem and Pastor Susan would become the half-time Pastor for KRLC. We also started a building fund appeal to pay off the mortgage.

In 2005 KRLC received a gift of two small lots adjacent to the church on the south side of the church. This enabled us to develop the Memorial Garden.

On September 26, 2010 the congregation voted to purchase and install an elevator. During the construction of the addition, an elevator shaft had been built so we had a place to install the new elevator. Early in December, 2010 our new elevator – LULA (Limited Use Limited Application) arrived in pieces. Thanks to the help of many volunteers, LULA was installed and was operational by Christmas. I had contacted Thrivent earlier in the year to make arrangements for adding \$45,000 to our mortgage to cover the cost of the new elevator. Thrivent told me that they would lower our mortgage interest rate, decrease our monthly payment and provide us with the additional funds. A welcome surprise!

On February 26, 2012, at a special meeting of the congregation we voted to purchase four additional lots adjacent to the church for \$28,000. Again, when I contacted Thrivent they offered to lower our interest rate, lower our monthly payments and provide these additional funds. By this time Thrivent was used to the fact that we were accelerating our payments on the mortgage loan and we had an excellent credit rating.

At the end of 2016 we had collected enough from the building fund appeal to completely pay off the mortgage. So, a thirty year mortgage process that started in 2002 with some construction loans and led to several updates to a Thrivent loan was completely paid off by the end of 2016 – 16 years ahead of schedule. We saved a lot of money in interest payments.

And, during all of this time we continued our commitment to outreach to our surrounding community and the world at large by giving over 20% of our income to help others.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Marv Holt

## **CHURCH MOUSE**

### **Mission Outreach Continues**

**QUILTING REPORT:** The KRLC quilters were very busy from September-May making quilts on Wednesday mornings from 9-noon weekly! Forty-seven quilts were made. Forty quilts were donated to Lutheran World Relief as part of a 500,000-quilt effort for ELCA missions worldwide. Two quilts were donated to LSS Center for Changing Lives in Duluth. Quilts will be donated to the Julebyen and the Fishcake Dinner. One quilt will be used as a fundraiser to buy material to stock the quilting supply closet. Two quilts are kept in case of need throughout the year. Thank you to the community of quilters that participate in this great mission effort, and for making each Wednesday fun and so productive! Quilting resumes in September. All interested quilters are welcome whether new to quilting or a pro!

**NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR YOUTH CENTER:** To date KRLC has collected \$448 in donations for the *Neighbor-to-Neighbor Youth Windows Project*, which the church council matched. Responding to a community need in Two Harbors for youth activities and a space to recreate, area churches are partnering to raise money to renovate the upper story of the thrift store building to house a youth center. If you would like to contribute, or would like more information, please see Pastor Susan!

**FARMERS MARKET IN TWO HARBORS** has relocated to Cedar Café/Spoken Gear! Beginning Saturday, July 1 the market offers fresh produce, baked goods, local crafts, maple syrup, honey, vinegars and eggs. Ride your bike, drive your car! Grab a cup of coffee, eat breakfast and shop for the week! It is THE place to be each Saturday! Tami Magnuson also has eggs available each Sunday at church for \$3/dozen!

**UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Our population swells with seasonal residents, extended family visits, boaters, campers and other visitors during these beautiful summer months! KRLC, “The Heart of the Community” promotes these fellowship opportunities in addition to Sunday worship. All are welcome-don’t be shy! Join in one or all of the following events:

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Spiritual meditations and scripture with response. 8:45 am *every Tuesday* this summer with Randi Alreck. 45 minute time frame. Meet in the Memorial Garden!

**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY KIDS PARADE & COMMUNITY PICNIC:** The Community Potluck gets underway at the Rec Center at Noon. Brats and Ice Cream are provided. Bring a dish to pass! The kid’s parade lineup starts at 3 pm on Skiff Landing Road and proceeds to Great! Lakes Candy where the kids get treats! Sponsored by the Knife River Rec Center! All are welcome! The more the merrier!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):** Free to all children! Vacation Bible School will be held *July 17 - 20 from 5 - 7 pm*. Dinner will be included. Please contact Randi Alreck if you are able to provide a dinner, or assist during VBS in any way. Keep your eyes open for further details!

**CHURCH PICNIC:** *Thursday July 20!* This is a joyful *potluck* to conclude VBS! All are welcome! 6:00 PM! Bring a dish to pass! Watch for the sign-up sheet!

**DULUTH HUSKIES BASEBALL & TAILGATE PARTY!** This has become an annual tradition! What’s says summer more than tailgating, baseball and fireworks on a Friday night? *August 11, 5PM Tailgate, 6:35 game against the Rochester Hornets at Wade Stadium!* Giveaways every inning! Dramatic fireworks display at the conclusion of the game! It is spectacular! Reserved, covered seating with seat backs. \$9 PP. As we say in Minnesota, “It’s a hoot”! Signup available starting at the Church Picnic!

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** following the garden church service on Sunday, August 27!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!** Sponsored by the KNIFE RIVER REC CENTER, the picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29 at 5 PM at the Rec Center. Brats, corn on the cob, homemade pies and ice cream are served! Come & meet your friends and neighbors. Free! All are welcome!

**HOW THE HECK DO YOU FIND OUT WHAT’S GOING ON IN LIL’ OL’ KNIFE RIVER?** The lovable Marcie Wallace posed this question to the Church Mouse!

- 1) The KRLC newsletter is one option! Whether you are a member of the church or not, we are happy to send you our newsletter monthly! “LIKE” our page on Facebook!
- 2) Check the window at the post office for notices of upcoming community events!
- 3) The Knife River Recreation Council also publishes a newsletter in addition to sponsoring the Julebyen, maintaining the beach and the Knife River segment of the Superior Hiking Trail. Children’s and community interest programs are offered throughout the year and the aforementioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic/parade & National Night Out events are sponsored by the Rec Center Board. The Church Mouse strongly encourages all residents (seasonal & year-round) to join the Rec Center! Family memberships are a bargain at \$25/year. Individual memberships are \$15/year. Additional donations to support programming are welcome. Checks may be mailed to KRRC, PO BOX 266, Knife River, MN 55609. Join the Rec Center! You will be added to the mailing list AND you will be supporting much of what builds community in Knife River!

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT LEE BUJOLD FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE OPPORTUNITES**  
**218-393-8795**