

June, 2025

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COUNCIL BUZZ

Greetings to all

What's Happening

- Draft and implement archiving process – ongoing
- Complete committee Structure processes – will require Bylaws change.
- Endowment Committee has submitted Bylaw changes –
- Endowment and Committee structure changes will be presented to Congregation for vote at next congregational meeting. Date to be determined.
- Annual Review of Policies - ongoing
- Review Committees and identify committee liaisons - ongoing

Pastor Transition comments:

- The Worship Committee has arranged for pulpit supply for the month of June.
- The Council has arranged for pastoral care for the month of June.
- The Administrative Support Job Description has been finalized and is posted on the WEB. If you know of interested parties, please direct them to the WEB to view a full job description and the application processes. Steve Berger, Ed Lee and Helene Hedlund and Melanie McMillion make up the task force.
 - **Please note that we learned only the council approves the job description, however, a special Congregation Meeting will be scheduled to review proposed office modifications and to review and discuss budget implications. We will need Congregation approval to move forward.**
 - Post description
 - Conduct interviews
 - Other as determined
- Melanie will be available during orientation and training for the Administrative Assistant. She will remain an active volunteer and resource for KRLC. Thank you for that.
- As questions arise, let the Council know.

Memorial Garden Care

- Linda Grong has provided oversight for the care of the Memorial Garden for several years. Thank you!!
- We are in need of a volunteer to take over that oversight. That doesn't mean you have to do all the work yourself . . . but rather work with other interested volunteers to maintain our beautiful Memorial Garden. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact me. . .
hhedlund.dl@gmail.com

Next Council meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2025. Please note we will be conducting sit down meetings during the transition period.

Thank you for your continued support of the 2025 Council.
Submitted by Helene Hedlund, Council President

WORSHIP IN JUNE

Sunday, June 1- A Sunday of Easter. This traditional service will be led by Ed Lee, with the message by Jillian McCorison.

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost. Wear red to honor the Holy Spirit, as we celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit on the birthday of the Church. Pastor Kris Garey will preside, and we will celebrate Holy Communion at the altar, and the Blessing of the Quilts.

Sunday, June 15 – Holy Trinity Sunday/ Father’s Day. We remember God as three-in-one on this Sunday. This service will be led by Lee Bujold, with the message by Pastor Amanda Simons from Lutheran Social Services. We may celebrate Holy Communion by intinction. We will honor the men in our lives!

Sunday, June 22 - A Sunday after Pentecost. This traditional service will be led by Randi Alreck, with the message by Pastor Anna Madsen. JOYFUL will sing. We will celebrate Holy Communion by intinction. We may worship outdoors, depending on the weather.

Sunday, June 29- A Sunday after Pentecost. This traditional service, with Pastor Kris Garey presiding, will include Holy Communion by intinction and an opportunity for healing prayer and anointing. We may worship outdoors, depending on the weather.

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
<u>Ushers</u>	B. Berg C. Whiting	M. Dent N. Dent	B. Meyer P. Meyer	D. Grong L. Grong	T. Northey L. Bujold
<u>Lector</u>	L. Bujold	N. Dent	P. Meyer	L. Grong	T. Northey
<u>Communion Asst</u>		C. Whiting	K. Bloom	S. Hubbartt A. Hubbartt	D. Grong L. Grong
<u>Altar Preparation</u>	Vi & Eric Hanson-----				
<u>Offering Counters</u>	L. Olson A. Jasperson	S. Jasperson M. Garey	T. Northey A. Jasperson	K. Pollard M. Dent	K. Struve J. Lee
<u>Children’s Time</u>	Dani Mattson -----				
<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	Randi Alreck	Available	Available	Available	Available
<u>Live Streaming</u>	Tech Team	Tech Team	Tech Team	Tech Team	Tech Team

JUNE BIRTHDAYS		JUNE BIRTHDAYS		JUNE ANNIVERSARIES	
2	Lawrence Burkhard	13	Nancy Hong	11	Sue & Del Hubbartt
5	David Grong	14	Carmen Smith	11	Ross & Tami Magnuson
6	Scott Shelerud	19	Mercedez Gorman	15	Noel & Karen Walter
7	Pat Hanson	21	Marissa Jackson	26	Bud & Vicky Gorman
7	Kathryn Hubbartt	22	Amanda Zimmer		
8	Tim Anderson	22	Lillian Hanson		
10	Sam Black	23	Linda Hedin		
11	LeAllan Estrem	25	Audrey Hanson		
12	Rocky Stewart	29	Bill Berg		

CHURCH MOUSE

A THANK YOU FROM PASTOR SUSAN:

I can only offer my most heart-felt thanks for the amazing send-off I was given by the Knife River Lutheran Congregation! The worship, the program, and the brunch on May 25 will remain a treasured memory and affirmation of my ministry for the rest of my life! Everything was so meaningful and done up with such enthusiasm and love. The Celebration Planning Team and everyone involved deserves so much gratitude and credit! I will deeply miss all of you and the ministry we've shared, but I will always cherish the blessings we shared among us all during my time with you.

With gratitude and love, Pastor Susan Berge

THANK YOU TO THE MEN'S GROUP:

Thank you for the wonderful send off! I have enjoyed our Thursday morning gatherings and will miss all of you. And, the gift of the lens for my camera was perfect! Blessings to you all! ~Phil Berge

LSS BETHANY CRISIS SHELTER THANK YOU:

A thank you letter was received from Jesse Stemcha at LSS, thanking our church for the contribution of \$1,310 received in April. The monetary donation was in addition to the many, many items selected and contributed from the "Giving Tree" set up in the narthex by Anne Jaspersen and Randi Alreck. The contributions were greatly appreciated and put to good use!

VBS NEWS!

The exact VBS dates have yet to be determined, however, there will be VBS happening in August! It will be in the evening, likely 4:30-7 with dinner being served. Jillian McCorison will be leading VBS. If you would like to help in any way, crafts, games, provide a meal, please reach out to Jillian at mccorisonjillian@gmail.com

CHURCH MOUSE (continued)

WHAT A CELEBRATION IT WAS!

As head of the planning team for the Celebration of Retirement for Pastor Susan held on Sunday, May 25, I'd like to offer a very special thank you to each of you involved in any way. Extra "huzzahs!" to team leaders Ed & Joanie Lee who coordinated all of the details of musical involvement in both worship and the program (a huge undertaking) and Steve & Carol Carlson who planned, put together and recruited help for the incredibly beautiful and delicious "fancy" brunch and Jim Allert who was instrumental in program planning and gift book creation! This was a monumental undertaking and without such great team leaders it could not have been done! And so many volunteers!! I am so very pleased with the level of individual involvement by so many who happily stepped forward to help. It was inspiring! Our love for Pastor Susan was evident in so many ways, but especially by the eagerness of all to step up to make this celebration as unforgettable as she will be to us! Melanie McMillion

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE!


The Knife River Lutheran Church Endowment Fund has some limited Educational Grant monies available. If you are interested in applying for an Educational Grant, please contact the Endowment Committee by mail at: Knife River Lutheran Church, Endowment Committee, PO Box 218, Knife River, MN 55609, or by email to Lawrence Burkhard, Endowment Committee Chair lawrenceburkhard@yahoo.com or Melanie McMillion, Endowment Committee Secretary melanie.1000000@gmail.com.


Each request needs to contain a formal written letter requesting the Educational Grant and your intended use for the grant. The letter should also include a description of your involvement in the Knife River Lutheran Church congregation, and/or your involvement in the Knife River community. (Note, if applying by e-mail, the letter should be sent as an attachment in either docx or pdf format). The deadline for submitting requests is June 15, 2025. Requests received after the deadline will be considered on the basis of available remaining funds. We would like to utilize this marvelous resource, so please apply!


APPRECIATION FROM TWO HARBORS FOOD SHELF

A letter of appreciation was received from the Two Harbors Area Food Shelf in response to the \$2,000 donation from Knife River Lutheran Church during the recent 5-week long Food Shelf campaign. Those funds were matched proportionally through the MN FoodShare program, making the support at that time even more valuable!

KRLC Treasurer's Report	4/30/2025
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General Operations Summary	2025	2024		Budget
Income from donations	\$ 43,353.10	\$ 45,686.27	Under budget	\$ 54,754.40
Expenses	\$ 50,122.43	\$ 48,394.65	Under budget	\$ 54,754.40
Donations vs expenses	\$ (6,769.33)	\$ (2,708.38)		

Designated Account Summary	2025	2024	
Designated Donations or revenue	\$ 15,025.75	\$ 18,278.72	
Expenses from designated areas	\$ 11,081.25	\$ 9,170.25	
Donations vs expenses	\$ 3,944.50	\$ 9,108.47	

The Bottom Line	2025	2024	
Total Income	\$ 58,378.85	\$ 63,964.99	
Total expenses	\$ 61,203.68	\$ 57,564.90	
Fund Balance change	\$ (2,824.83)	\$ 6,400.09	

Fund Balances	Balance
General Operations fund	\$ 3,230.67
Outreach	\$ -
Building and property fund	\$ (250.85)
Building and property fund- Money Market	\$ 87,861.13
Memorial	\$ 9,527.58
Passthru	\$ 615.84
Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Primary account total	\$ 105,984.37
Increase over last year	\$ (31.99)

Total of all cash assets	\$ 203,292.57
Total of all debt/NO DEBT!	\$ -
Increase over last year	\$ 8,212.20



Other Fund Balances	Amount
Columbarium fund	\$ 22,472.20
Reserve required by State Law	\$ 4,500.00
Available after required reserve	\$ 17,972.20
Columbarium debt is fully paid	\$ -
Endowment fund	\$ 74,836.00
Principal amount	\$ 50,000.00

Color Key	
Income	Green
Expense/Debt	Red
Total	Blue
Change	Yellow
Balance	Lt Blue

APRIL

The YTD donations are down \$2,333 from last year and expenses are up by \$1,728. Both of these are below the budgeted amounts, which means bad news/good news. We are still in the hole \$6,793 for the year in our operating report. Let's get caught up with our donations and focus on what is really important, instead. Over the next month let's celebrate Pastor Susan's 20+ years of ministry here at KRLC and enjoy the many talents that she shares with us every day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee fellowship	2 9 am Bone Strengthening Class 6:30 PM JOYFUL	3 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper	4	5 8:30 Men Meet 8:30 Sweet Chaos Dulcimers 5 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	6	7
8 9 am Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee fellowship 10 am Sit Down Council PENTECOST SUNDAY	9 9 am Bone Strengthening Class 6:30 PM JOYFUL	10 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper	11	12 8:30 Men Meet 8:30 Sweet Chaos Dulcimers 5 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	13	14
15 9 am Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee fellowship FATHER'S DAY	16 9 am Bone Strengthening Class 6:30 PM JOYFUL	17 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper 10 am Planning Team 10 am Worship Comm.	18 5 pm Community/ Church Picnic	19 8:30 Men Meet 8:30 Sweet Chaos Dulcimers 5 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	20	21
22 9 am Worship in the Garden Children's Time 10 am Coffee fellowship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 9 am Bone Strengthening Class 6:30 PM JOYFUL	24 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper	25	26 8:30 Men Meet 8:30 Sweet Chaos Dulcimers 5 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	27	28
29 9 am Worship in the Garden Children's Time 10 am Coffee fellowship	30 9 am Bone Strengthening Class 6:30 PM JOYFUL					

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