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## **JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER**

### **FROM THE PASTOR: THE BLESSINGS OF SUMMER**

On June 1, Meteorological Summer begins; on June 20, the summer solstice marks the beginning of Astronomical Summer; both events are generally most gladly welcomed by North Shore dwellers! Or perhaps our season of Summer is best defined by Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend? Whatever the case, this is a favorite time of year for many, even if we do have to adjust to increased tourist traffic. Children are off from school. Work schedules may slow down in many cases—although not for those in the hospitality industry! The warmer weather has a way of inviting us to relax, play, and savor life a little more easily. Within the life of our congregation, summer is in some ways a less busy time. Some, though not all, of our musical ensembles will take time off; the Women's Group and the Quilters take a break, the Confirmation aged students and the younger students, will not be meeting over the summer as they do during the program year from September through May.

On the other hand, the Council, most committees, many musical ensembles, the Men's Group, and Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper, the pop-up dinners, will continue on, unabated. Children's Time for younger children will take the place of Children's Church/Kid's Connect during the summer, so there is still a fun activity for kids during part of the worship time. We will have a Vacation Bible School in June from the 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Our All Church-Community picnics will happen monthly, providing opportunities for fellowship and welcome. Perhaps most significantly, our worship will move outdoors, hopefully in later June, and that always provides a very inviting space for all in the area to join us in worshiping in our beautiful Memorial Garden space. Families with children can sit on blankets if they like; dogs can accompany owners; newcomers can find a casual and welcoming community of worship, and all of us can be blest by communing with our Creator in the context of the Creation.

The last point is really one of the blessings that summer offers us in general: the opportunity to more easily connect with the Lord of Creation within the diverse and awesome Creation which surrounds us on the North Shore. Hopefully we can find the opportunity to watch for Northern Lights, or hike along the Shore, or kayak on Lake Superior, or go fishing, birding, biking, camping-- whatever gives us the chance to breathe deeply and recognize the goodness of God in Creation. This kind of spirituality not only binds us together with other Christians, but with people of other faith traditions as well, who also experience God in Creation. Our souls are nurtured by drawing close to God through nature. Our relationship to the earth and our fellow planet-dwellers can also be enhanced as we relax and savor the Created world around us.

So, whether we are taking advantage of outdoor summer worship or some other church activity, or we are sitting alone on a rocky beach overlooking Lake Superior, summer is a season that can truly be an opportunity for growth in faith and spirit. May God bless us this summer!

In Christ, Pastor Susan Berge

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE IN JUNE**

We will be worshipping in the season of Pentecost throughout the summer and into the fall. Pentecost is the season of growth—both in the Creation around us and in our faith and discipleship. Our Scripture texts and liturgies throughout the summer will reflect that theme. We will be moving to worship and coffee time outdoors, hopefully sometime in June, but the exact date has yet to be set, so be alert for congregational

notifications about our worship shifting into our beautiful Memorial Garden. On the final Sunday of the month, June 30, three of our young people will be confirmed!

**Sunday, June 2- A Sunday after Pentecost.** This traditional service will include Holy Communion at the altar.

**Sunday, June 9 - A Sunday after Pentecost.** This traditional service will include Holy Communion by intinction.

**Sunday, June 16 - A Sunday after Pentecost/ Father's Day.** This service will include Holy Communion by intinction. We will honor the men in our lives! Sticks and Strings will lead the worship.

**Sunday, June 23 - A Sunday after Pentecost.** This traditional service will include Holy Communion by intinction and an opportunity for Healing Prayer. We may worship outdoors, depending on weather.

**Sunday, June 30- A Sunday after Pentecost/ Confirmation Sunday!** . This traditional service will include Holy Communion by intinction. 3 of our young people will affirm their Baptism with the Rite of Confirmation! We may worship outdoors, depending on the weather.

### June VOLUNTEERS

	<b>Jun 2</b>	<b>Jun 9</b>	<b>Jun 16</b>	<b>Jun 23</b>	<b>Jun 30</b>
<u>Ushers</u>	B. Berg C. Whiting	M. Dent N. Dent	B. Meyer P. Meyer	D. Grong L. Grong	T. Northey D. Jackson
<u>Lector</u>	L. Bujold	C. Smith	P. Meyer	L. Grong	T. Northey
<u>Communion Asst</u>	V. Gorman	N. Dent	K. Bloom	M. McMillion	O. Smith
<u>Altar Preparation</u>	Vicky Gorman & Sue Hubbartt-----				
<u>Offering Counters</u>	M. Garey S. Jasperson	L. Olson M. von Goertz	K. Struve J. Lee	K. Pollard M. Dent	M. McMillion A. Jasperson
<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	Jan Swanson	Available	Kris Garey	Available	Available
<u>Live Streaming</u>	Tech Team	Tech Team	Tech Team	Tech Team	Tech Team

**GIFTS RECEIVED:**

A gift to God's Barnyard in memory of Burton Berge was received from Melanie McMillion.

A gift to God's Barnyard in honor of grandson Kieren Gill's confirmation was received from Delores Jackson.

A gift designated to the Food Shelf was received in memory of DeWayne Rubedor from Melanie McMillion.

DeWayne & Maurine Rubedor, who were long-time beloved members of KRRLC, have left a portion of their Estate as a memorial gift to our church. Their foresight and generosity should be commended and is greatly appreciated. The total gift amounts to \$13,577.13 and the funds have been received. Thank you for this generous gift!

At the 5-19-24 Church Council meeting the decision was made to set this money aside for future use, keeping it available for any needs that may arise. It will be placed in a Money Market fund currently paying 5.3%. DeWayne had a heart for anything relating to the building and property so the funds will show up under the Building and Property Fund going forward. If the funds are needed, they can be used for anything in the church budget by Council approval.

It was also decided to earn interest on the money in the Building and Property fund as well as the Memorial Fund. You should see this transaction show up on the next financial report. We could expect to earn between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in interest without risking any of our principal. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Lee or any other Council member.

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

2 - Larry Burkhard  
5 - David Grong  
6 - Scott Shelerud  
7 - Pat Hanson  
    Kathryn Hubbartt  
8 - Tim Anderson  
10 - Sam Black  
11 - Dave Haselbauer  
    LeAllan Estrem  
12 - Rocky Stewart  
    Shellene Rue  
14 - Carmen Smith  
21 - Marissa Jackson  
22 - Amanda Anderson Campos  
    Lillian Hanson  
23 - Linda Hedin  
29 - Bill Berg

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

2 - DeWayne & Maurine Rubedor  
11 - Sue & Del Hubbartt  
    Ross & Tami Magnuson  
16- Rich & Shellene Rue  
    26 - Bud & Vicky Gorman

## **COMMUNITY CHOIR by Patti Stoddard**

Hello from JOYFUL, a worship and community choir. Our mission is to spread the joy of God in worship and out in the community. Thank you to everyone singing and everyone listening!

We are looking for three more tenors and will be even more joyful when they arrive!

We look forward to participating in worship on Sunday, May 26.

## **HYMNAL PROJECT by Craig Whiting**

The project has been very successful. 40 new hymnals are on order thanks to 17 donors. Thanks also to Nancy Dent and Ed Lee for assisting in accounting and bookplate printing.

## **Outreach News**

### **2023 Holy Cow Award**

Congratulation KRLC, you did it again! Each year, the Northeastern Minnesota ELCA Synod recognizes the congregation that has the highest per person giving to Lutheran Charities that feed the hungry. KRLC has been recognized as one of the top congregations in this endeavor and, as you know, we have taken home the trophy a number of years and did so again in 2023. Great work by all of you! Please consider including **ELCA World Hunger** or **God's Barnyard** in your giving plans for 2024. They both qualify for the Holy Cow Award and more importantly, they do a tremendous job of feeding people in need throughout the world.

**“LITTLE GIRL PASSING THROUGH ON WAGON TRAIN.”** By Paul von Goertz

In April, KRLC church members participated in the celebration of three baptisms and witnessed children being brought into a relationship with God through Christ.

So many times at a baptism I am reminded of the words inscribed on a head stone in an old cemetery in Elmore, in central Minnesota within eyesight of the Minnesota/Iowa border. The words are “LITTLE GIRL PASSING THROUGH ON WAGON TRAIN.”

Mary and I were with my cousin, a farmer, when after visiting the cemetery where my mother's family is buried, he offered to show me the former cemetery, now closed. With my interest in history, I find I can learn a lot about the people and times of a community from the words on a headstone.

The words on this little girl's headstone saddened me and left me with many questions. Why wasn't she named? She apparently was not stillborn as she was referred to as "little girl." How did she die? Why no date of birth or death? Where was her family going? I can only conclude the grief-stricken family wanted their daughter to be buried in a Christian cemetery. It may have been the wagon train could/would not stop, so they lovingly gave their little girl to townspeople of Elmore for a Christian burial. Somehow her name was lost - but known only unto God.

How comforting the verses of the hymn we often sing after a baptism:

1. Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Tho' He giveth or He taketh;  
God his children ne're forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely,  
To preserve them pure and holy.

### **CHURCH MOUSE by Lee Bujold**

#### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & WELCOME!**

Four new members were welcomed into the Knife River Lutheran congregation on Sunday, May 26. Here's a little snapshot of our new members!

**Pat and Steve Berger** both grew up in Minnesota. Pat in Two Harbors, Steve in Brainerd. They met in college and both have degrees in microbiology. After getting married in TH, they lived and worked in several states in the midwest and southeast. Pat and Steve have two children who currently live in CO and DC and have two grandchildren. Seven years ago they decided to return to MN and start a small veggie farm. Thus was born Boreal Bounty Farm. Pat currently sells at the TH Farmers Market, directly from the farm, is part of the Clover Valley Farm Trail, the Twin Ports Reko Ring and the North Shore Farmers Collective. Steve retired in 2023. They enjoy growing veggies together, curling, hiking, snowmobiling and hosting family gatherings on the farm. Steve has joined the KRLC choir, is learning how to make stained glass and golfing this summer. Pat is tending to the gardens, enjoying Master Gardener activities and birding with her sisters.

Sioux Falls, SD, is **Nancy Hong's** hometown, but Nancy also grew up spending summers at her grandparents cabin on the North Shore. Nancy moved here in 2020. She enjoys BBC dramas, cooking & baking, ballet & yoga, walking her dog River, singing in the choir, and camping out West. Currently she is doing pulpit supply in area churches, and teaching a

weekly yoga class on Friday mornings at the KRRC. River, her fluffy, white dog, played an angel in the nativity pageant and is looking forward to outdoor worship.

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

#### **HOLY COW! HOLY WOW!**

Yep, this sweet little congregation with a big mission did it once again! Pastor Susan brought home the “*Holy Cow Award*” from the NE Minnesota Synod gathering. In a not so humble declaration, it was noted that we “blew the other contenders out of the water” once again! Thank you to all that contribute to the Holy Cow mission outreach conducted by our Children’s Church annually! We are indeed proud title holders and we retain the trophy to prove it!

#### **THANK YOU TO.....**

+*Jillian McCarrison* for “Setting Sail” for VBS on Monday, June 10-Wednesday, June 12! Two dinner leaders are still needed and please save your gallon milk jugs for a craft project!

+*Craig Whiting* for leading the charge to purchase 40 new hymnals and all donors to make it happen!

+*Patti Stoddard* for leading “JOYFUL”...a mixed choir! Three more tenors needed please!

+*Joanie Lee* for being the “Church Librarian”!

+The *Men’s Group* for organizing the Community Picnics taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month through September! All are welcome! Bring a friend!

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEWAYNE RUBEDORE**

Maureen & DeWayne Rubedor were longtime members of KRRC and organized many fellowship opportunities for their church family. In 2019 they moved to the metro area to be closer to family and we’ve missed them a lot! DeWayne was our grill master for many church events and had the roasters of meat, or the soup pots full for every potluck at church. Maureen was at the ready as his assistant (whether she liked it or not)! They hosted mean games of poker at their Riverside home and together, always held court for breakfast after church. Recall the grilling at the Huskie’s tailgate parties? That was the Rubedors, too! They are the reason we have community picnics today. In fact, they donated the grill so we could continue offering fellowship in this way! DeWayne was a fishing partner to Phil Berge and Paul Struve, an adventurer in RV’ing, motorcycling and a veteran. Dewayne will be honored at a memorial service at Knife River Lutheran on Saturday, June 8 at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow.

If DeWayne was extraordinary, so was his wife Mitzi! The things you learn at breakfast with the Rubedors.....**BILLBOARD MAGAZINE: JULY 18, 1942**

**NORRIS CITY, ILL., Despite much rain and cool weather, Zarlington Comedians has been experiencing exceptionally good business on its established Illinois-Iowa territory. Show goes into week stands next week for the remainder of the season in Illinois. In the roster this season are Ray Zarlington, Bernice Zarlington, Flossie Evans and Mitzi.....**

Mitzi is our own Maureen Rubedor! In 1936, Mitzi Evans was the fourth generation born into a circle repertory performing family known as the ZARLINGTON COMEDIANS! Home-based in Iowa with a winter home in Florida during WWII, Ray & Bernice and their daughters Flossie and Mitzi were part of a circle repertory group that made up early Chautauqua performers, traveling by rail, truck and auto to bring their talents to mostly rural audiences far and wide. They often performed on Chautauqua grounds in tents that could seat 1,000 people! Zarlington Comedians were one of roughly 2,000 “circle rep” performing troupes that made the circuit east and west until modern conveniences like drive-in movie theaters reduced demand for this kind of entertainment. Ray was a comedian, soft shoed and played any musical instrument he could lay his hands on. Bernice sang and acted. Flossie played trumpet and the baby of the family, Mitzi played trumpet and was a character actor.

Maureen and DeWayne shared this story over breakfast one Sunday following church! What’s your story? Contact your Church Mouse with your tidbits!

### **EVERY STITCH A PRAYER.....**

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> during worship, the quilts made from September-May by our quilters will be dedicated. This is an important outreach mission of the church and we thank Kay Struve, Sue Hubbartt, Vicky Gorman, LeeAnn Olson and Nancy Dent for their generosity of spirit and skill in providing quilts to those in need.

**SPEAKING OF QUILTING....**Quilters and quilt appreciators get ready for the MN Quilt show that will be hosted at the DECC from 13-15 June 2024 by the Minnesota Quilt Guild. Not only will there be quilts on display at the show but a few special events are taking place outside of the show itself.

\* June 11th at 5pm - Quilting walk/parade in Canal Park close to the Lift Bridge. Bring your quilt to join the parade or come provide some cheer.

\* June 13th 10am-4pm - Lake Walk across from Hannah Johnsons fabrics - Community quilt display on the fence.

\* June 15th 10am-5pm - Outdoor Modern Quilt show at McTavish Quilting Studio

Anne-Lù Hovis will have quilts on display at all the events above including a fibre art piece at the SAQA special exhibit of the MN Quilt show and at the SAQA booth. She will be there, go say hi!

### **“DARN GOOD KID”**

You’ve likely seen a handsome young man named *Anthony Hubbartt* helping out with Children’s Church, serving as a communion assistant or contributing to our music at church! Well, Anthony also excels in school. Congratulations on being named to the Honor Role and for your special recognition received from the Two Harbors as follows: In recognition of outstanding achievement in instrumental music during Anthony’s junior high years, as demonstrated through superior musicianship, leadership, and dedication to the band.” Congratulations Anthony and thanks for all you do! We agree with your grandma Sue Hubbartt...you are a darn good kid!

### **FOR THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY**

VBS: Set Sail - Monday, June 10 – Wednesday, June 12 - 4:[30-7.pm](#). A dinner will be served.

Come Set Sail with us on a three day adventure! At Set Sail VBS kids will develop a deeper understanding of how to follow Jesus when they learn God shows us how to love others, gives us gifts to serve others, prepares us to share the good news, and loves spending time with us! We will learn through Bible stories, crafts, games and music!

Please email Jillian if your child, grandchild, friend, etc. would like to attend! All are welcome!

If you would like to volunteer, extra hands would be appreciated to help with crafts and games! VBS is a great opportunity for high school students and confirmation students to obtain service hours. If you would like to volunteer please email Jillian.

Jillian's email - [mccorisonjillian@gmail.com](mailto:mccorisonjillian@gmail.com)

### **TWO HARBORS FOOD SHELF**

A thank you note has been received from the Two Harbors Food Shelf for the monetary donations provided by Knife River Lutheran Church.



**KRLC Treasurer's Report 4/30/2024**

General Operations Summary	2024	2023
Income from donations	\$ 45,686.27	\$ 38,162.70
Expenses	\$ 48,394.65	\$ 40,757.15
Donations vs expenses	\$ (2,708.38)	\$ (2,594.45)

Under budget  
Under budget

Budget
\$ 48,745.00
\$ 48,745.00



Designated Account Summary	2024	2023
Designated Donations or revenue	\$ 18,278.72	\$ 7,754.71
Expenses from designated areas	\$ 9,170.25	\$ 10,341.36
Donations vs expenses	\$ 9,108.47	\$ (2,586.65)

The Bottom Line	2024	2023
Total Income	\$ 63,964.99	\$ 45,917.41
Total expenses	\$ 57,564.90	\$ 51,098.51
Fund Balance change	\$ 6,400.09	\$ (5,181.10)



Fund Balances	Balance
General Operations fund	\$ 7,291.62
Outreach	\$ (1,077.79)
Building and property fund	\$ 70,552.58
Memorial	\$ 24,353.44
Passthru	\$ (103.49)
Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Primary account total	\$ 106,016.36



Other Fund Balances	Amount
Columbarium fund	\$ 20,074.20
Reserve required by State Law	\$ 4,500.00
Available after required reserve	\$ 15,574.20
Columbarium debt is fully paid	\$ -
Endowment fund	\$ 68,989.81
Principal amount	\$ 50,000.00

Total of all cash assets	\$ 195,080.37
Total of all debt/NO DEBT!	\$ -



Color Key

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

**April Highlights**

Thank you for your generous spirit! We continue to improve our finances for 2024. Donations are up nicely in comparison to 2023. Thank you so much! Our expenses are right in line with our planned budget but they are up from last year. This increase in expenses was expected and we are mostly keeping up with donations. It takes \$12,186 per month average to to keep everything running at KRLC. Thank you all for your continued financial support of KRLC!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9 am Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee Fellowship	3 6:30 pm Choir Practice	4 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper	5	6 8:30 am Men Meet 8:30 am Dulcimers 5:00 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	7	8 11 am DeWayne Rubedor Memorial followed by luncheon
9 9 am Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Stand Up Council	10 VBS 4:30 - 7 pm 6:30 pm Choir Practice	11 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper VBS 4:30 - 7 pm	12 VBS 4:30 - 7 pm 6:30 Confirmation	13 8:30 am Men Meet 8:30 am Dulcimers 5:00 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	14	15
16 9 am Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee Fellowship FATHER'S DAY	17 6:30 pm Choir Practice	18 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper 10 am Planning Mtg	19 5 pm Church/ Community Picnic	20 8:30 am Men Meet 8:30 am Dulcimers 5:00 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	21	22
23 9 am Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee Fellowship 2 pm Newsletter Deadline	24 6:30 pm Choir Practice	25 9 am Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper	26	27 8:30 am Men Meet 8:30 am Dulcimers 5:00 pm Pop-Up Dinner at Earthwood Inn	28	29
30 9 am Garden Worship Children's Time 10 am Coffee Fellowship CONFIRMATION SUNDAY						

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