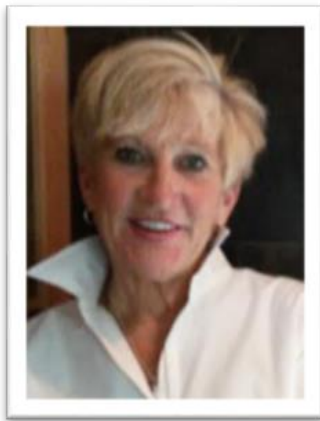


PASTOR MARGGI IS HERE!

REV. DR. MARGARET J. PLEISS-SIPPOLA (OR PASTOR MARGGI)

REFLECTIONS ON MINISTRY (FROM PASTOR MARGGI'S PASTORAL PROFILE):



I live with a great deal of passion in all areas of my life. I begin each day eager for the events of the day, whatever the day will offer. I enter life with a passion to serve. I have an honest and deep passion for people and creation.

I have a very open and personable approach to others. I try to treat people as equals and be very inclusive. I pay keen attention to children. I look out for someone who may be feeling left out. I try to be affirming and encouraging to all people. I enjoy working in a team and enjoy the successes and gifts of others.

I understand my call to be no greater than anyone else's call in life. My call just happens to be ordained ministry. I want people to view me as someone living out her passion and call in life, as a pastor, no better, no less. I hope people see me as "just one of them" and we are all in this together.

PERSONAL MINISTRY STATEMENT:

To live my life doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with my God.

- Micah 6:8

If I can do this by living the best life I can for my family and my congregation. Through my example and passion, I hope I can encourage and affirm others to do this in their lives.

WELCOME TO URLC PASTOR MARGGI SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TRANSITION TEAMS!

We have been going through our transition to find our new pastor ever since Pastor Ike announced his retirement in November 2013. It is no small task to find a great Pastor and we went through many other transitions along the way. On behalf of the congregations and staff we extend a dutiful 'Thanks' to everyone who has been involved in the transition process and a special thanks to those on the Church Council & Transition teams.

2013-15 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rene Arendt, Mike Brengman, Shirley Buck, Mary Goplen, Anna Haugen, Jess Hoepfer, Dick Jorgensen, Dennis Larson, Tim Quam, Landon Rauen, Chuck Rohe, Roger Rueckert, Jana Scholl, Ruth Kempf, Kathy Roberts, Jerry Torvund, Susan Baker, Rozie Born, Paul Dahlen, Stephan Jennebach, Allan Falk, Charlie Nelson & Dick Whitaker.

DISCOVERY TEAM: Laura Haugen, Ken Magnuson, Genella Mussell, Charlie Nelson, Ken Olson, Lori Rauen, Seth Tupper, Leah Wichmann-Hinz & Debra Wilkinson.

CALL COMMITTEE: Bailey Berg, Debra Berg, Kelli Buck, Dave Dahlen, Ron Gabrielson, Mary Goplen, Fred Roberson, Kristi Rosenquist & John Wilkinson.

WELCOME TEAM: Jim Berg, Anne Dahlen, Evelyn Korsten, Pam Langley & Martha Schaefer.

We also need to thank Pastor Dick, our many pulpit supply & guest preachers, lay staff, office staff, custodians, and everyone in the congregation for their help during this journey. God Bless!



Kids Count BACK TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The purpose of HOPE COALITION is to provide a safe place for children, families and individuals experiencing child

abuse, family violence or homelessness. This year we are asking for cash donations to be applied toward school supplies. If you are able, please place your check in the offering plate written to URLC with a memo to "HOPE COALITION/school supplies". Checks may also be mailed or delivered to the church office. We will be accepting donations through Sunday August 9th.

The HOPE COALITION advocates tell us that backpacks are needed for the kids as they return to school. A box will be placed outside the church office to collect backpacks which we will deliver.

Thank you for your generous support of this Goodhue County program. Twice, since February, several large bags of clothes, bedding, toys and personal care items have been delivered to HOPE COALITION/Kids Count.

URLC HOPE COALITION team: Barb Madison, Dee Knutson, Jane Buck, Karen Whitaker, Bev O'Connor, & Cheryl Beacom



MEN'S SIZZLING STEAK NIGHT WEDNESDAY, AUG 19TH AT 6PM

Here comes another grilling extravaganza! Sign-up outside the office. Anyone interested in helping should contact Dan Wilson or Dennis Larson!

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLY

It's time to pull together and start gathering some much needed school supplies for the coming school year.



WELCA is collecting for Zumbrota-Mazeppa Elementary:

- box of tissue
- large glue sticks
- bottle of liquid glue
- tub of Clorox wipes
- basic colored markers
- pencil boxes/bags
- youth scissors
- box of pencils
- Ziploc bags (*gallon, sandwich, or snack*)
- highlighters
- colored pencils (*12*)
- crayons (*24*)
- dry erase markers

Please leave donated items for WELCA in the "School Supplies" box by the elevator (*downstairs*).

FLOWER & ALTAR CARE

Aug: Judy Blakstad & Dee Knutson
Sept: Volunteers Needed



DELORES IS VERY GRATEFUL

A special thank you to a handful of our members who volunteered to help when they were called upon. Delores Steege contacted the office looking for help with some yardwork. Lo, and behold, the mission was accomplished (*and with tons of praise from Dolores*) thanks to our coordinator Judy Blakstad, and the teamwork of Ken Olson, with Chuck & Mary Rohe.



JULY 9TH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Treasurer's report and bills were approved. Financial report: Included no money has been borrowed yet for 2015. Property Management report: update included: Men's restroom, roofs, painting projects, carpet cleaning and garden project. Welcome committee for Marggi on Aug. 2 requested one service. Council approved one Service at 9 AM outside. Update was given in regards to the "Thank you time" for Pastor Jorgenson after the first service on July 12. So far 17 children had signed up for Vacation Bible School in August.

PRAYER CHAIN

PLEASE PRAY FOR Adrienne Nodland, Debra Rinn (*Bartlett's daughter*), Joyce Oimoen, Paul Reppe, Carmen (*Bernice's Niece*)

***Sympathies** to the family and friends of Herman Von Knobelsdorff.

***Please note** that Alicia Lee Ellingson is at the Zumbrota care center and welcomes visitor.

We continue to pray for our members & friends with long-term illnesses, those recovering, and those in our hearts and thoughts. Also please keep praying for the families of all military personnel and world peace. Pray for our pastors, staff, church council, transition committees and congregation as we work together to accomplish God's will and purpose.

The prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network (*by phone or email*), and will pray immediately for each request.

Names submitted to the Prayer Chain will stay on the list for three weeks (*unless informed otherwise*), if you would like a name to stay on the list please contact the office or Bernice 732-5318.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Attendance numbers are from the Usher head count.

DATE	1 ST SERVICE	2 ND SERVICE	SUNDAY OFFERING
07/05/15	90	50	\$3,333
07/12/15	100	No count	\$2,983
07/19/15	68	58	\$2,856
07/26/15	63	44	\$2,952

Youth & Family Director's Page - August 2015

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY AUGUST 3RD - 6TH FROM 6 TO 8PM

NEW THIS YEAR VBS IS FREE AND IN THE EVENING!

We begin with supper for the kids & family, then bust out the fun with camp Songs, arts & crafts, outside activities, Bible stories & more!

There is still time to sign up, or just show up!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Heads up: We plan on seeing the youth & parents on **Wed. Sept. 16th** to kick off of another year of Confirmation. On **Sunday, October 25th** at the 10:30am service our 10th graders will be confirmed!

"CBC" CHRISTIAN BREAKFAST CLUB

The Christian Breakfast Club will begin again on Wednesday Sept. 16th. I'll start looking for some new breakfast recipe's soon!

MISSION TRIP 2016

We are in the works of finding the perfect work area for our next Mission Trip 2016! Stay tuned for the information. Sign Up for the next trip will be in September for Youth & Chaperones!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We'll begin Sunday school again on Sept. 13th "Rally Day" at 9:30 -10:10am! This is a special time for our pre-registration day. The class time past Rally Day is set for 9:15-10:15am. We are in NEED of teachers/shepherds for our new year of Sunday school! We can't wait to greet Pastor Marggi, & include her in some fun songs & classes through the year! Sunday school can't run without all our volunteers, so please think about helping in a small or big way. We would love any kind of time you can spend with our youth at Sunday school here at URLC!

7TH GRADE CLASS

Now that you have finished the Nursery – 6th grade Sunday school program, you have graduated to the Youth Room! Ping Pong, Foosball, Pool, & listening to God's word! Plan on coming to your new classroom on Rally Sunday, September 13th!

WELCA News - August 2015

WOW! The summer is going very fast! Even though it is summer the women's group has been busy making changes. In May a delegation of board members made a trip to Corningware-Corelle outlet store in Egan.

300 plates and 300 cups of white Corelle dishes were purchased. The following Monday our old dishes were gathered and put into boxes. New dishes were washed and put into the proper places. (New took ½ the space).

Thanks to Pat & Harlan, JoAnn, Julie & Denny, Mary & Howard, Carolyn, Evie, Eileen, Dee, and myself.

I am sure you have heard the congregation of Henrytown Lutheran of Canton lost their church building, to fire, in April. Lynn Werth had the very good idea to offer our old dishes to that congregation. After many phone calls to contact the correct person—I talked to their WELCA president. They came a couple days later to accept them with much excitement and gratitude. A promise was made to us for an invite to their first celebration when the new church is built. Thanks to Lynn for thinking of the idea!

Cheryl Steege has resigned from the WELCA Board.

She served the board for several years and shared her talents & time. We thank her and will miss her ideas and selfless sharing of time.

Eileen Bjorngard has joined the board and accepted the position of Co-treasurer. Her knowledge of keeping the "books" will be a great asset to the board. Welcome Eileen and thanks.

Sat. Sept. 19, 2015 will mark the SE Mn. Synodical Women's Organization Convention. The theme is Building Bridges to Peace. The convention will be at Christ Lutheran Church, 509 Kansas St. NW, Preston, Mn. 55965. If anyone is interested in attending—give me a call (732-7297) for more details. A poster is on the bulletin board by the office.

On Aug. 13, all 3 circles (Rebekah, Naomi, and Ruth) will meet at 9am, Linda Pahl's home. We have extended an invitation to Pastor Marggi to join us. We are all anxious to meet her. If you are interested in a circle, please feel very welcome. We always welcome new members.

Happy Summer,

Leah Wichmann-Hinz [WELCA President]

**WELCA BOARD MEETING 6PM AUG. 5TH, AT URLC
CIRCLES AUG 13, 2015 LINDA PAHL'S HOME 9AM.**

THANK YOU URLC!

The Isaacson family wishes to say 'Thank you' to everyone at URLC for the lovely flowers that were sent as a memorial gift for Pastor Ike's Mother. Her service was on Saturday June 20th in Grand Rapids. And 'Thank you' to everyone with the Isaacson's in their thoughts & prayers.

REMAINING GROUNDED

NOW ACCEPTING GROUND COFFEE DONATIONS

We are Lutheran & Lutherans love coffee. With good humor, some even call it our third sacrament. Here at United Redeemer we serve coffee between summer services, at P.A.C.E., at special events/meetings/gathering, following funeral services, and many times in-between.

Needless to say, we go through a lot of coffee. We go through coffee, like we go through paper... when we requested paper donations, we were blown away by the positive response. So, let's talk coffee!

Help stock our shelves by bringing in a donation of ground coffee. Please put the coffee on the kitchen counter so we can keep brewing strong all year long.



RUTH CIRCLE'S PLANT PROJECT PRAISE

Let us love
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action
1 John 3:18

A few lines of 'Thanks' to the members of WELCA's Ruth Circle for their meaningful work: Dolf Bezoier is so happy with the plant, he said his daisy smiles at

him every day. And Ann Jossens sent a thank you card noting that her plant's pretty color brightens up the whole room and lead her to believe Summer is finally here! Thank you to the Ruth Circle as they brought beauty, color, smiles, & light into so many of our members lives this spring.

THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL CCW'S 23RD ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

The Church of St. Paul Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will hold their 23rd Annual Salad Luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be delicious assorted salads, meat and cheese trays, deviled eggs, French bread and beverages. Adults, \$8; children 6-12, \$4; 5 and under, free. Takeouts are available, please call 732-5347. We hope to see you there!

GARDEN LANDSCAPING

Special thanks go out to our garden landscaping crew Chuck & Mary Rohe, Al & Jaycee Nielsen, and Sonja Stehr! Thank you for staining the garden boxes, putting down new black mesh & spreading new mulch in the walkways, then laying patio blocks around the outside areas of the garden boxes. Like framing your art!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

GOODHUE COUNTY CHAPTER

FALL NEWS & EVENTS - 2015!!

MARY POPPINS AT CHANHASSEN: For a mere \$55/ person you can enjoy "Mary Poppins" at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. Cost includes dinner, show and bus transportation. We have Awesome Front Row Seats!!! Bus leaves Zumbrota at 2pm for the 4:30 seating. Call 507-732-5205 ASAP - as Chanhassen's reservation deadline is mid-August.

\$11 MILLION DOLLAR MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE: A very limited number of tickets are still available to join our Thrivent group at the Mantorville Theatre Company's All Hallows Feast production of "\$11 Million Dollar Murder" on Sunday, October 4th. All Hallows Feast is now in its fifth year of bringing fine dining and excellent murder-mystery-theatre together. Enjoy an entree of Breast of Chicken Scallopini created by Omar's Kitchen while trying to solve the murder-mystery all in the Opera House of Mantorville. Thrivent members and their guests \$15 per person - 12:30 seating. Regular ticket price is \$35. Call 507-732-5205 asap.

MINNESOTA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL: What a deal we have for you! Enjoy the Minnesota Renaissance with your Thrivent Goodhue Chapter members (and their guests) without the hassle of driving and parking - We are providing free transportation to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival on Saturday, September 19th, PLUS a reduced ticket admission price of only \$15.00!!! Bus leaves Zumbrota at 8:00 am. and will return early evening. Call 507-732-5205 to reserve your seat today! Don't Wait - Come Enjoy Shamrocks & Shenanigans Weekend at the Renaissance with us!

CARE ABOUNDS IN COMMUNITY FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE: We have received great news! The Goodhue County Chapter will again be receiving Care Abounds in Communities funding in 2016!!! We do not know the amount that will be allocated to our Chapter, but we are happy to hear we will be able to support some of your medical needs and/or fund raising efforts again next year. Be sure to mail your request application for 2015 Care Abounds in Communities to: Sharon Pagel, 41567 County 42 Blvd., Mazeppa MN 55956. There are still funds available this year - don't wait until they are all gone!!!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS: Be sure to check out Thrivent.com/ActionTeam - It starts with an idea powered by your passion! - Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about! - Benefit Thrivent member can apply for two (2) different activities per calendar year and Associate member can apply for 1 activity per calendar year. Once your idea is approved, watch your mail for the Thrivent Action Kit to arrive. It comes complete with promotional signage, T-shirts and other resources to make your project a success. It even comes with a Community Impact Card with \$250 in seed money to help cover some of the project costs like promotional, material and rental expenses. Get Your

United Redeemer Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 11, 2015

Minutes prepared by Mary Goplen

Present: Dennis Larson, Roger Rueckert, Mary Goplen, Pastor Jorgensen, Shirley Buck, Jessica Hoepfer, Jana Scholl, Tim Quam, Anna Haugen, Chuck Rohe, **Absent:** Mike Brengman, Rene Arendt, Landon Rauen

Call to Order by Dennis Larson, (President)

- Devotions led by Roger Rueckert
- Public Comments; none
- Agenda Approval; motion to approve by Roger Rueckert, second by Tim Quam. All in favor, motion passed.
- Announcements; none
- May minutes correction: 1. Youth Ed correction. 2. Events of church. 3. Property Management.
- May Minutes: motion to approve with corrections by Chuck Rohe, second by Jana Scholl. All in favor, motion passed.

Finance (Roger Rueckert)

- Senior High Report was presented. Clarification requested for the actual age for Senior High. What programs serve the middle school age group?

Finance Report presented.

- Approval of bills; motion to approve by Tim Quam, second by Shirley Buck. All in favor, motion passed
- Trust Fund Report Presented. 2015 Request Final Distribution List presented and reviewed. Trust Fund Meeting May 18th 2015 reviewed. Contract for the Use of Equipment/Facilities Presented.

Property Management (Chuck Rohe)

- Property Management minutes presented. Work to be done: roof, exit signs, cigarette stand for outside ordered; kitchen stove to be ordered; and painting of offices.
- Bids for the roof will be coming in shortly.
- Request the committee make a list of all the work that the building needs done and prioritize that work. New member on committee: Fran Kempf.

Pastor Report (Pastor Jorgensen)

- Visited the confirmation camp kids today.
- Suggests Council Retreat at Good Earth as some point.
- Pastoral Acts: 3 Baptisms, Multiple Nursing Home and Hospital visits.
- Time for new church directory. Volunteers will be sought out.
- Pastor Jorgensen timeline for departure reviewed. Pastor Jorgensen will preach June 21, his full time contract will end June 21. Pulpit supply will preach in his absence. Emergent Pastor Coverage will be arranged during his absence. He will preach pulpit supply 2 weekends after returning from his trip. Pastor Marggi's first Sunday is August 2.
- Various models for staffing church with Pastors and Youth Directors/Pastor reviewed. Ideas to be review with Pastor Marggi as she settles in.
- Pastor Jorgensen shared his opinion on Pastoral Load Duties for URLC. This is Pastor Jorgensen's last council meeting. Our thanks for all his help and guidance.

President Report (Dennis Larson)

- Update on Pastor Marggi; working on getting her contract signed. She is working with Teri in arranging her salary and benefits within the \$102,000 package.
- Plan to recognize Teri for all her extra work on this.
- Welcome committee, Pam Langley is organizing their first meeting.
- Pastor Jorgensen "Thank you". A. Coffee and cake between services on July 12. Pace will provide the cake, juice, etc. B. Gift Card will be presented Jorgensen.
- July Council meeting is needed. Will be held on July 9, 6:30 pm.

Worship (Mike Brengman) (No report) - **Mission Support (Mary Goplen)** (No report) - **Adult Education (Mary Goplen)** (No report) - **Staff Support (Mike Brengman)** (No report) - **Evangelism (Tim Quam)** (No report) - **Social Ministry (Rene Arendt)** (No report) - **Old Business** (None)

Youth Education (Jessica)

- Committee meeting in June, investigating new curriculums

Youth and Family Ministry (Shirley)

- Car Hop hosted by kids going to Detroit. June 19th.
- Confirmation camp 5 attendees.

New Business: Dennis plans to meet with all church staff prior to Pastor Marggi's arrival.

Devotions will be given by Jessica Hoepfer in July. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting Adjourned.

AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Pastor Kevin Homstad Leading Worship 8:00 AM Outdoor Worship-Rev Homstad 8:00 AM Ushers: Alan and Arlys Sikkink 9:30 AM AV: Deb Bradt 9:30 AM Ushers: Ron Gabrielson & Judy Blakstad 9:30 AM Worship-Rev Homstad	27	28 5:30 PM Welcome Team Meeting 6:30 PM UR Singing Sisters Rehearsal 7:30 PM A.A.	29 9:00 AM Pastor Marggi's Start Date	30	31	1
2 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship-Pastor Marggi 9:00 AM Ushers: Don & Sue Baker, Mary Goplen & Sonja Stehr, and Lary & Sheri Evert 9:50 AM Service of Welcome & Meet-n-Greet Ps Marggi	3 2:00 PM Food Shelf Open 6:00 PM VBS	4 6:00 PM VBS 7:30 PM A.A.	5 8:00 AM Ruth Circle 6:00 PM VBS 6:00 PM WELCA Meeting	6 8:00 AM W.I.C. 6:00 PM VBS	7	8
9 8:00 AM Outdoor Worship 8:00 AM Ushers: Darrell & Suzanne Klevan, Carol Hansen, Evelyn Korsten 9:30 AM AV: Greg Korsten 9:30 AM Ushers: Brian & Laura Haugen Family 9:30 AM Worship	10	11 7:30 PM A.A.	12 7:00 PM Property Mgmt.	13 9:00 AM WELCA Brunch at Linda Pahl's 6:00 PM Finance Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Food Shelf Open	14 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	15 3:00 PM Wedding: Buck-Hundorf
16 8:00 AM Outdoor Worship 8:00 AM Ushers: Jim & Sandy Lohman 9:30 AM AV: Nolan Biorn 9:30 AM Ushers: Jim & Sharmie Huston 9:30 AM Worship	17 2:00 PM Food Shelf Open	18 7:30 PM A.A.	19 10:00 AM Food Shelf Open 6:00 PM Men's Steak Night	20 VOICE Deadline	21	22
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