

September 2015 VOICE

TO THE MEMBERS OF UNITED REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

FROM PASTOR DICK JORGENSEN

I am writing to thank you for the experience of serving as your pastor for seven months, and—most especially—for your friendship, your honesty, and your shared understanding of what it means to be the Church.

Someone has said that “the Church is not the kingdom of God on earth, but a sinful human institution.” This is most certainly true. But we also want to keep in mind Martin Luther’s more encouraging definition: “Where the people of God are gathered around the word and sacraments, there is the Church.” Every congregation—at one time or another— (like every family) experiences the pain of human brokenness. The gift of grace, as received in the word and the sacraments, also assures that every congregation is a community of forgiveness and new life. “Behold,” Jesus says in Revelation, “I make all things new!”

I have known this graciousness and this sense of new life among you. United Redeemer is a congregation of love, strength, and grounding in the Spirit. On an individual basis, I have met some remarkable Christian disciples, living out your faith with hope and skill and good humor.

Thanks for the warm send-off, for the generous gifts, the kind notes, and for making Caryl feel welcome, too.

As I said to a number of people, if I were fifteen years younger I would have put in for the call to this wonderful congregation, but that honor (and challenge) has gone to Pastor Marggi. What a great team you are going to be! I know you will welcome and support her as you did me.

Caryl and I continue to be with you in the fellowship of Christ, and look forward to popping in from time to time.

Pastor Dick

JOURNEY TO GUATEMALA INFO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT PACE

Information meeting about our upcoming mission trip to Guatemala. Pastor Marggi has traveled to this mission at least twelve previous visits. We will be going to San Lucas Mission for 6 days of work, hiking, walking, education and exploring the village and then will spend three days in the city of Antigua. We will have the opportunity to hike a volcano, shop, site see around the city and watch the Lenten processional through the city on Sunday. The dates of the trip: February 20-29. this trip is open to anyone 12 yrs. and older. Any questions please call Marggi or plan to attend the general information meeting August 30th at 6pm. Guac and chips will be served!!!

UPDATE ON SOME CHURCH LANDSCAPING

I would imagine that some are curious to know what is going to be placed in the signage area just outside the east door. As you can see, shrubs and plants were removed. Now what to put in that area?

Why me? Well, I have taken the Master Gardener class. I don’t claim to be an expert. In reality I prefer “invasive species”! But I volunteered to give it a try.

As with many church projects we do rely on volunteer help. With that in mind, I decided to look at something that would be low maintenance for that area. Why not look at native plants? I am familiar with “Prairie Moon Nursery”. In looking through their catalogue, I found a kit called “Butterfly and Hummingbirds”. The plants are medium to low growing. I started thinking that this might be the way to go and plan to order this for planting next spring. I know that viewing the signage for URLC is important so they will be planted accordingly. Behind the sign it is more shaded, so for that I’m thinking that Hostas will be the plan. If anyone has some they’d like to donate, give Jessica a call at the church office. The area on the left as you drive into the parking lot will also be filled with low maintenance flowers. This then is an update on the plans for that area.

I’m pretty sure that there might be any number of individuals who have ideas. If that be the case, send the info to Jessica and she can forward to me and I will look at them. Thanks so much, Genella Mussell



Kids Count BACK TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

As a congregation we provide \$55.00 and several backpacks to HOPE Coalition/Kids Count to support the children as they start school. These children reside in the Red Wing facility and in safe houses in the region. A collection of donated school clothes was also recently delivered to them.

Thank you!

URLC HOPE Coalition/Kids Count Committee:

Cheryl Beacom, Jane Buck, Dee Knutson,
Barb Madison, Bev O’Connor & Karen Whitaker



MEN’S SIZZLING STEAK NIGHT WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23RD 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 SUPPLIES

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



WELCA is collecting for Zumbrota-Mazepa 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*).

Cindy is collecting for the Sunday school classes:

- paint (washable!!)
- Markers (washable!!)
- colored pencils
- crayons
- White glue
- glue sticks
- youth scissors

Please leave donated items for Sunday school in the "Art Supplies" box by Cindy's office door.

PRAYER CHAIN

PLEASE PRAY FOR Evelyn Hoven, Linda Hundt (*Laura Haugen's Aunt*), Marlys (*Carol Hansen's cousin*), Sonia Gunhus, Paul Reppe, Carmen (*Bernice's Niece*)

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.

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

UPDATED MILITARY ADDRESSES

Please let Howard & Mary Ayen know if you have a family member or loved one in the military. They would like current addresses so they can send out cards from United Redeemer Lutheran Church before the holidays.

FLOWER & ALTAR CARE

Sept: Volunteers Needed

Oct: Diane Matthees & Cindy Sand



ACTIVITY REPORT

Attendance numbers are from the Usher head count.

DATE	1 ST SERVICE	2 ND SERVICE	SUNDAY OFFERING
07/26/15	63	44	\$2,952
08/02/15	9:00 service = 162		\$5,432
08/09/15	90	71	\$3,432
08/16/15	98	52	\$3,326

JULY 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.

PACE SCHEDULE!

ADULT EDUCATION + COFFEE & COOKIES!

COMING UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

September 20 – Pastor Marggi's Installation Day:

WELCA will serve muffins and beverages during PACE time in her honor.

September 27 – Pastor Marggi shares her experiences about "Journey to Guatemala - Mission trips past & future"

October 4 – Youth and chaperones to present slide show and discussion of their 2015 summer trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit

HAZEL BAILEY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

On September 27th come to the Fellowship Hall to join Hazel Bailey and her family as they celebrate her 100th birthday with coffee and cake!

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Dolph & Ursula Bezoier on their October 6th wedding anniversary they will have 70 years of marriage together. The Bezoier's would like to share this wonderful event with coffee and cake at PACE on October 4th!

HEGRE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

FALL SWEDISH MEATBALL SUPPER

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD

Hegre WELCA will be hosting their Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper from 4 - 7 PM at Hegre Lutheran Church (*51939 Hwy 56 Blvd*) in Kenyon. The menu is amazing and costs \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, free for preschoolers. There will also be a quilt Raffle with tickets for sale at 1\$ per ticket or \$5 for 6.

All are invited to attend the
Second Annual

Bishop's 5K

September 26, 9:00AM
Soldier's Field, Rochester

Online registration & information at:
<http://www.semnsynod.org/bishops5k>



SANCTUARY CHOIR

Choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday **Sept 2nd** in the church library at 7 p.m. All former and new (*Anyone wishing to join our group is very welcome*) singers are encouraged to be there!

JUBILEE BELLS

It is nearly time to start ringing our "Jubilee Bells" – handbells and chimes. We will have a couple of open spots in treble or bass clef, so think about ringing with us. If you are interested, come and join our fun! [We will help you learn to ring if you don't know how.]

We will be starting practice right after Labor Day, on Wednesday Sept. 9. Meet in the Sanctuary at 6pm.

Contact Maryann for information if you are interested!
urbanma@hcinet.net or 732-7028

67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Kermit & Ruth Bjorlie on their August 30th wedding anniversary. The Bjorlie's family and friends want them know how cherished they are, and how wonderful it is to see them together for their 67th year of marriage. We look forward to your 68th year with love!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in mind that when requesting an announcement be printed in the Sunday bulletin it must be submitted to the office before 8am Wednesday mornings! Please also note that announcements will only be repeated for two consecutive weeks.

SAVE THE DATE

THE GOOD GIFTS GALA: IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Mark your calendar for October 29th! Good Earth Village will be presenting the "Good Gifts Gala"

VOLUNTEER RIDE SERVICE

On occasion we hear from our members, that they need a ride to an appointment or to church services. If you feel called to help in this important ministry please contact the office and let someone know, you would like your name added to the list of volunteer drivers. Someone may call you at some point to ask if your schedule is open to providing a ride, and that is all we ask.

We are also attempting to use a website called Volunteer Spot, a site designed to help churches and non-profits coordinate their volunteers. Add your name to our list on our website under "Giving" —> "Time & Talent"

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Our United Redeemer Prayer Shawl ministry was started in 2007 to extend a symbol of comfort to those who are sick. The shawl or lap robe is "God's Hug" for the person facing sickness or adversity. It is meant to enfold, give hope, solace, peace, healing, strength, and comfort from God to the person who receives it. The knitter prays as she works, blessing the shawl, and praying for the person that will be receiving the shawl or lap robe.

Our Pastors have given over 65 shawls and lap robes since the Prayer Shawl Ministry began. Anyone is welcome to join us in this ministry. If you wish to knit a shawl or crochet a lap robe, call (507) 732-7028 [Maryann Urban] for a pattern. Leave the shawl or robe at the church office to have a label sewn in before the Pastor gives it to someone.

Here is the prayer that is sewn into the corner of the shawl/lap robe:

This Shawl was knit with Hope & Love;
And many Prayers sent up Above.
And when it keeps you warm each day;
Remember it's for You we pray.

From the Caring Hands of United Redeemer Lutheran Church.

THE GIVING GARDEN-GAVE & GAVE!

Special thanks to all of those who helped with the Giving Garden this year. At one point Judy Blakstad, Jaycee Nilson & Mary Rohe delivered 60 pounds of produce to the Food Shelf! Thank you for all the time and energy!

Youth & Family Info - September 2015

YOUTH CALENDAR

SEPT. 2ND: Agape concert at Zta State Theatre 7:30pm

SEPT. 13TH: Rally Day! Preview Registration day at Sunday school 9:30am

SEPT. 16TH: Parent/Youth confirmation meeting 6:45-7:20 = 8th-9th gr. 7:20-7:45 = 10th gr.

SEPT. 16TH: "CBC" begins at 7:15am "Christian Breakfast club

SEPT. 27TH: 10th gr. youth class/pizza party at 5-6pm

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!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We have a meeting set up for the youth & parent on Wed. Sept. 16th at 6:45pm. The meeting will be broke into two meetings: 6:45-7:20pm for 8th-9th gr. students, & then 7:20-7:45pm for the 10th gr. Confirming students. The Confirmation service for the 10th gr. youth is set for Sun. Oct. 25th during the 10:30am service.

"CBC" CHRISTIAN BREAKFAST CLUB

The Christian Breakfast Club will begin again on Wednesday Sept. 16th. This is for all Confirmation age students & above! Invite friends from the community, we are a welcoming group of CBC'rs! Please bring a couple \$ for the breakfast provided.

MISSION TRIP 2016

The Mission Trip 2016 is set for July 17th- July 22nd in Nashville, TN through YouthWorks. You can sign up with Cindy for this fun trip. If you would like to hear more information about this mission trip, please ask Cindy anytime: youth@urlchurch.org

Check it out: www.youthworks.com/trips/nashville/

WELCA News - September 2015

As much as we don't want to think of it—fall is just around the corner. Then you know what comes next! WELCA is looking forward. Some new, interesting plans are being considered.

Did you receive your purple WELCA booklet? Keep it handy. There are many opportunities to join in fellowship with other women of faith. If you didn't receive one—Jessica has more in the church office or outside of the office on the table.

Soon it will be time to make lefse for the Holiday Festival. If you are a "wan-a-be lefse maker or a experienced one, think about it. Anyone can join in the fun. Men, women, teenagers, and kids are welcome. Watch for the schedule coming soon. Consider learning to make it. Help to continue the tradition.

Have you looked in the kitchen? Our new stove and oven are installed! What a wonderful improvement,

thanks to the Property Management team and the Trust Fund committee.

September is our time to re-group. Consider ways you can help with the ministries of WELCA, large or small amount of time. You will be glad you did!

Leah Wichmann-Hinz [WELCA President]

WELCA BOARD MEETING

The WELCA Board members will meet at 6pm Wednesday Sept. 9th, at URLC

WELCA CIRCLE'S

Ruth Circle meets at 8am on Wednesday

September 2nd & October 7th at Bridget's Café.

Naomi Circle: 9am Thurs, Sept 10th at Leah Hinz's

Rebekah Circle: 1:30pm Thurs, Sept 10th at Evie Korsten's house

Worship Assistants for September

IF YOU CAN'T BE AN ASSISTANT ON THE DAY YOU ARE LISTED PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A REPLACEMENT.

09/06/2015 8:00 AM

Ushers: Fred and Judy Roberson, Kathy Roberts & Genella Mussell

9:30 AM

AV: JoAnn Ring

Ushers: Dick and Karen Whittaker

09/13/2015 10:30 AM

Reader: Dawn Guse

Ushers: Chuck and Mary Rohe, Dan and Ranae Johnson

09/20/2015 8:00 AM

Communion: John & Deb Wilkinson

Reader: John Wilkinson

Acolytes: Madisen Enger & Lauren Miller

Ushers: Carl and Nancy Potratz, Darren and Linda Pahl

10:30 AM AV: Deb Bradt

Communion: Bob & Kristi Rosenquist

Reader: Bob Rosenquist

Acolytes: Anthony Cylkowski & Vincent Herges

Ushers: Roger and Barb Madison, Rene Arendt, Dolly Ylvisaker

09/27/2015 8:00 AM

Reader: Paula McDonald

Ushers: John and Liz Quast, Roger and Leah Hinz

Acolytes: Ben Knowlton & Hayden Stensland

10:30 AM AV: Steve Lodermeier

Acolytes: Luke Dahlen & Caden Steffen

Reader: Dorothy Nygren

Ushers: Cylkowski's, Julie Benrud-Luhman, Janice Olson

10/04/2015 8:00 AM

Acolytes: Summer Gruhlke & Brandi Weiland

Ushers: Dave and Ann Dahlen, Jeff and Joline Brault

10:30 AM AV: Greg Korsten

Acolytes: Luke Tupper & Conner Heitman

Ushers: Steve and Jana Scholl, Keith and Lisa Swanson

MAYO CLINIC SUPPORT AND BEREAVEMENT GROUPS

Defining support and bereavement groups: Support groups are for people with a disease or the ill person's relatives who want to share their concerns with others and learn how to address disease-specific problems. Bereavement groups allow those who have lost a loved one to share their struggles with others who have experienced a similar loss.

Most support groups are "peer" groups, made up of people who have the same or a similar disease. A lay person or health professional may lead the group and, often, the moderator is a disease survivor. Some groups meet in a hospital setting, within a community agency, at a person's home, over the telephone or in online chat rooms. Bereavement groups also are peer-oriented, with those participating having lost a loved one.

Benefits of support groups: Some people who have participated in support and bereavement groups say the experience gave them an emotional connection when they felt isolated from friends and family. A group can provide and share information ranging from disease research and new medications to how a bereaved person can cope during the first year after a loved one's death. People involved say this exchange of information is one of the most valuable elements of participating in a support or bereavement group. Moreover, support and bereavement groups offer people the opportunity to release powerful emotions they may otherwise keep to themselves.

The groups are free and open to any adult who has experienced:

- the death of a spouse or significant other
- the death of a parent or grandparent
- the death of a child or grandchild.

Contact Mayo Clinic Hospice at 507-284-4002 or 800-679-9084 (toll-free).

THRIVENT FINANCIAL GOODHUE COUNTY CHAPTER FALL NEWS & EVENTS - 2015

Our Goodhue County Thrivent Chapter will still be acting in 2016 - we welcome anyone interested in becoming part of the decision process in supporting our community projects. Contact us and we will be glad to explain how simple it is to Live Generously!!!

Visit Thrivent.com/action team to find out how you can take advantage of Thrivent Action Teams, and stay tuned for our region's transition to the Thrivent Member Network!



"MINNESOTA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL" SEPT 19TH

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!