

St. John's Lutheran Church



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was held August 5 – 10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. More than 900 voting members gathered for the the assembly, which is the chief legislative authority of the church. Some of the highlights of the gathering include:

- ◆ Reelecting on the first ballot the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton to a six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop.
- ◆ Electing Deacon Sue Rothmeyer to a six-year term as ELCA secretary. Rothmeyer currently serves as executive for administration with the Office of the Secretary, and will begin her term on November 1.
- ◆ Approving the social statement “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action” and its implementing resolutions. The social statement calls the church to action on a range of actions including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.
- ◆ Adopting “A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment,” which will serve as church policy for inter-religious relations. 39 ecumenical and inter-religious guests were in attendance.
- ◆ Approving the triennium budget for 2020 – 2022. The budget for the churchwide organization includes \$68,378,325 for 2020, \$68,442,034 for 2021, and \$68,507,018 for 2022. \$21.5 million was authorized for ELCA World Hunger.
- ◆ Adopting a memorial that affirms the ELCA’s long-standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declaring the ELCA a sanctuary church body.
- ◆ Adopting a memorial to encourage all synods and congregations to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ELCA’s ordination of women in 2020, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color in the Lutheran tradition and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA’s decision to remove barriers to ordination for people in same-gender relationships.
- ◆ Adopting a resolution that commits the ELCA to support the World Council of Church’s campaign toward a world without rape and violence.
- ◆ Adopting a resolution to to condemn white supremacy, calling ELCA congregations to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God.

We can be thankful to all those who traveled to Milwaukee to take part in our churchwide assembly. It is a good reminder that the church is much larger than our own individual congregations, as well as the fact that together we can do so much more than we can do alone. Please continue to keep our churchwide and synod leaders in your thoughts and prayers.

Peace,
Pastor Dan



Usher : Rick Torkelson
Reader : Kathy Torkelson

Happy Birthday

Paige Clark– 3rd
Tag Ruter– 4th
Mary Lindquist– 19th
Melody Clark– 22nd

Happy Anniversary



Loree & Robert Moller
on the 14th

Council Meeting on the 15th

Lefse Making Day

Saturday, September 28th






Autumn Bazaar

October 5th

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

If you are going to be able to be at the bazaar to work please let Nancy know.

Need everyone to:

-  make items for bake sale
-  one pan of bars for our bar bar
-  promote event!

Fliers in the basement

September Comes

In summer, you were stunned by green things blooming, bronzed by heat released from every inch of sky, carried across blue thresholds by random winds. Oh, how you felt this is the season of Forever!

'Come hither, ' urged bright morning and you complied without a care. 'Don't move, ' cautioned the sun and you sat still another hour. 'Open your arms, ' cried the winds and you embraced their sudden heat.

September comes, and Nature falls silent. She has the work of harvest to perform. You're on your own now to map the sun, to touch a green leaf turning yellow, to hold a golden moment before it fades into winter light.

The days grow shorter, the nights colder. Oh, Misery! you think. And yet... Those sumac bushes, abundant along the river bank, half-green, half-red, seem poised in time, as if Autumn will never say- 'Farewell'

By Daniel Brick

