



Messenger

**October
2019**

Pastor Al's Message

“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.” (Ephesians 4:1)

Many of us have been through fall stewardship processes and education for many years, but what is it really all about?

This year, we will celebrate our Consecration Sunday on October 20th. We will have one worship service that morning, at which, Karen Melang will be our preacher. Besides being a member of Sinai, Karen is also a Deacon in the ELCA. I have enjoyed working with her, listening to her present in public, and have enjoyed reflections and devotions that she has written in the past. I look forward to the insights she will share on our Consecration Sunday.

Karen will also lead us, so that at the end of that service, we will have the opportunity to bring forward our “intent to give” cards for 2020 as an act of worship. Following worship, we will head over to Midland’s dining hall for our Celebration Lunch.

Our Consecration Sunday Worship and Celebration Lunch have truly been a very meaningful culmination of our stewardship education for years now. At times though, I believe we can get caught up in patterns, and we might miss out on opportunities to be inspired, grow, and be made new again. So what might we intentionally do in the next few weeks?

Last Sunday, we had a bulletin insert, “Consecration Sunday Is Coming.” At the heart of what is written, is this statement, “The Consecration Sunday process is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for her or his own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.”

I suggested that in the next few weeks we each might reflect on this insert and on a couple of questions: 1) What is our own personal identity? What are our gifts, talents and passions? 2) What are the ways that we are a part of something so much bigger than ourselves because of this community faith; caring for people within in our walls, but also, beyond our walls and around the world?

Knowing who we are as an individual, and then, reflecting on who we are as a congregation, as a community faith, and as a part of the larger church’s ministry and mission, can help to see how we can use who we are in a powerful way. Seeing our own particular gifts, talents and passions within the larger picture can move us to act differently. I do believe this is a powerful truth when it moves from our head to our heart.

I believe it is one thing to be able to say that we agree that our generosity is a healthy part of our spiritual development, but it is another thing, to take the time to slow down, look back at your life, and prayerfully consider how you have been given unique gifts and to see how using them for ministry and mission allow us to taste God’s presence. I believe this can truly set us free to be generous.

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It's Coming October 20th!

One Consecration worship will be held on **Sunday, October 20th at 10:00am**. After worship, your whole family is invited to a luncheon at Midland Dining Hall after the service. We welcome Deacon Karen Melang as our Consecration speaker during this worship. More information is on page 6 titled *Stewardship at Sinai*.

New member classes will **skip October 6th and continue on October 13** from 11:30-1:30pm. We will welcome new members in worship on **Sunday, October 13th** at their regular worship time of **8:00am**. An insert introducing them will be available that day.



The Sinai office will be **CLOSED** for the following hours:

Noon-3 on Monday, November 11
9-noon Tuesday, November 12

9-noon Wednesday, November 13

The office will be open from noon-3 on that Tuesday and Wednesday. Emily will be headed to her residency of the Seeking the Spirit Within program.



Trunk n' Treat and All Halls-o-ween will be held at **Sinai and Midland University on Thursday, October 24 from 6-7:30pm**—candy or cash is being collected for Sinai's distribution that evening. There will be a container in the narthex for collecting candy and monetary donations may be put in the offering or dropped by the office noting Trunk or Treat. Sinai will have treats and a place to take photos of any little ones too!

Social Ministry has scheduled a **LWR School** supply packing event on **Sunday, October 20 at 9:15am**. Over 150 kits will be packed to support Lutheran World Relief and some will be kept locally. No Sunday school or forums will be held this day (one Consecration Worship at 10am). All ages are welcome to join us!



Confirmation 2019

Ethan Bogenreif, Chris Brokenicky, Kolby Radford, Jessa Seely & Elijah Teri will

affirm their faith and be confirmed on **Sunday, November 3rd during 10:30am worship**. They will also be recognized at a reception between services where you can welcome them and enjoy fellowship. We will celebrate them in a milestone dinner prior to that as they complete their studies and begin new chapters in their faith lives.



FIND YOUR WALKING SHOES!!

It is that time of year again and hopefully you are planning to participate in the **CROP Walk on Sunday, October 13 at 1:30** at St. Timothy Lutheran Church (16th & Nye). To sign up or make a donation, *Julie Kavan* will be available in the narthex on Oct 6 and 13. Confirmation students will also have packets.



Set clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2 to end Daylight Savings Time.



There are flower chart openings on **Sundays, October 20, 27 and November 3 coming up**. \$40 for two bouquets. Would you consider filling in one of those dates?

October Flowers

- 10/6 P. Peterson
- 10/13 L. Ostransky
- 10/20 OPEN**
- 10/27 OPEN**

Financial Giving Statements through August were mailed if not picked up. Any questions you have about your statement, you may contact Financial Secretary, Kathy Overfield at gandkoverfield@gmail.com or 402-317-2723. Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date!

Six of the **old fellowship hall 6' tables** are available for anyone to own! Council has recommended a \$50.00 donation be accepted that will go towards the building's major maintenance fund and can be picked up anytime from the ones along the South wall of the fellowship hall. Your donation can be dropped off in the offering plate or given to the office when you make arrangements to pick up the table.

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RUTH CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, October 17 at 1:30pm**. Please contact Carolyn Nordstrom, 402-721-4372 for location.



CHARITY CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, October 17 at 1:30pm** at Nye Square with Shirley Calta as host and Eldene Thomsen will lead the Bible Study.



PRUDENCE-NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Monday, October 28 at 7:00pm** at the home of Gloria Breithaupt. Lu Ann Ehmcke will lead the lesson on the Ache of Grief—selections of Old Testament poetry that draw from the experiences of these ancient writers as they look to God for help in stewarding deep emotions, finding hope and grace along the way. Visitors are always welcome. Gloria Breithaupt can answer any questions at 402-727-4533.

Deepest Sympathy

We pray for the family and friends of:

Kaison Neill
son to Savannah Neill
died September 20, 2019

Lauren Roucka
great niece to Karen Gay
died September, 2019

Norman Freund
friend to Sinai members
died September 24, 2019

Joy Schmitz
spouse to former Sinai Pastor
Conrad Schmitz
died September 21, 2019

Leroy Watson
brother to Paul Watson
died October 3, 2019

"So you have pain now: but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" John 16:22



The Fremont Family YMCA has scheduled 6 days of fun/activities for the **active older adult on weekdays from Friday, October 11-18**. Potlucks, flower decorations, lawn games, card & board games, Pumpkin patch, CPR class and more! You do not have to be a YMCA member to participate. Only the Pumpkin patch requires an RSVP. A flyer is on the bulletin board with details.

Check out the lost and found at the top of the stairs under the mailboxes for umbrellas and other items that may have been left at Sinai.



Upcoming Carol Joy Holling Adult Faith Formation
October 19, 9-3pm Evangelism How are we called to share the Good News? What do we say? During this course, we will dive into what evangelism is and how to make it a natural part of our lives. **Additional dates on January 25 and March 21 are on the flyer on the bulletin board. Register at www.cjhcenter.org/aff**

WE WELCOME ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO BRING A TREAT FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR THIS FALL!
Sign up on bulletin board

FELLOWSHIP AND FORUMS-- A sign up to provide treats and/or make coffee for fellowship is posted on the North bulletin board. Please join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday after first service as a new season of adult forums begin. Coffee and snacks are available as we pursue various topics including Bible studies, community groups and Synod topics. It is a casual atmosphere where little ones are welcome. **Sunday, October 6—Property Committee** is working with council on a couple of projects for the building. A congregational meeting has been set by the council for **November 10** for the congregation to consider the proposals. One project is to maintain the exterior of the building and the other project will address accessibility so all feel welcome. Please join us to ask questions and learn more.

Sunday, October 13—Stewardship: What is it Really All About? — Many of us have been through fall stewardship processes and education for many years, but what is it really all about? **Pastor Al** will lead us to seek to take a fresh look how each of us can intentionally slow down and take advantage of times of reflection so that our lives can be full of meaning, purpose and joy.

Sunday, October 20—No Forum, but join Social Ministry as all ages **pack School kits for Lutheran World Relief** prior to the one worship service at 10:00am.

Sunday, October 27—The Long Term Flood Recovery team with United Way, LFS & Habitat will give us and update on the recovery efforts after the flooding.

Sunday, November 3—no Forum, but join us for a **reception for our five confirmands, Ethan Bogenreif, Chris Brokenicky, Kolby Radford, Jessa Seely & Elijah Teri**

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October 2019 Serving in Worship

October 6, 2019	8:00	10:30 Midland Homecoming
Presiding Minister	Pr. Al Duminy	Pr. Al Duminy
Assisting Minister	-----	Helmut Yurk, Midland '73
Prayer Minister	-----	Karen Gay
Organist	Claire Bushong	Claire Bushong-former Midland faculty
Lector	Doug Lynch	Bryce Exstrom, Jody Horner, MU President
Worship Hosts	Bill & Judy Vieth	Ann Hull, Karen Gay
Acolyte	Mark Ostransky	Kolby Radford
Altar Guild	-----	Richard & Joyce Myers
Communion Asst.	Mark Ostransky	Joyce Myers, Stacy Radford
Communion Helper	Madison Ostransky	Rachel Wageman & Acolyte
Children's Word	Pr. Al Duminy	-----
Choir	-----	Midland University Choir
Cantor	Scott Flanagan	Scott Flanagan- Midland '07
Eucharist Bread	-----	Sandy Reimnitz
Ushers	Doug Lynch, Shannon Ostransky	Gary Overfield- Midland '74 Eldene Thomsen

October 13, 2019	8:00	10:30
Presiding Minister	Pr. Al Duminy	Pr. Al Duminy
Assisting Minister	-----	Jim Melang
Prayer Minister	-----	Diane Harpster
Organist	Claire Bushong	Claire Bushong
Lector	David Bentley	Jim Melang
Worship Hosts	Mike & Rebecca Winterfeld	Margaret Arp, Ron Johnson
Acolyte	Leroy Ostransky	Eli Teri
Altar Guild	-----	Gary & Kathy Overfield
Communion Asst.	Jim Grasmick	Gary & Kathy Overfield
Communion Helper	Leroy Ostransky	Nathan Leetsch & Acolyte
Children's Word	Kari Harris	Kari Harris
Choirs	-----	Adult Choir, Bell Choir
Cantor	Paul Peterson	Paul Peterson
Eucharist Bread	-----	Carolyn Grasmick
Ushers	Mark Ostransky, Jan Ostransky	Joyce Myers, Eldene Thomsen

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October 20, 2019	10:00am Consecration
Presiding Minister	Pr. Al Duminy
Preaching Minister	Deacon Karen Melang
Assisting Minister	Wyatt Gore
Prayer Minister	Joyce Myers
Organist	Claire Bushong
Lector	Steve Navarrette
Worship Hosts	Julie Kavan, Kerstin O'Connor
Acolyte	Kevin Kavan

Altar Guild	Ron & Diane Harpster
Comm. Asst.	Emily Wageman, Aaron Wulf
Comm. Helper	Sebastian Drake, Acolyte
Children's Word	Pastor Al
Choir/Cantor	Sinai Singers
Eucharist Bread	Laura Wray
Ushers	Ted & Rita Pratt

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Midland Homecoming worship 8 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:15 am SS, Forums Property committee 11:30am Recorders	7 Pr. at TheoCon 10:00am Organ practice	8 Pr. at TheoCon AM/PM Organ practice 4:00 pm Bell Choir	9 Pr. at TheoCon 4:00pm Organ practice/lessons 5:00pm LifeHouse Shelter-soc. min. 6:00pm Sinai Singers 7:30 pm Adult Choir	10	11 8:30am Bulletin assbly 8:30am Financials AM/PM Organ practice 10:00 am Pastor Bible study Nye	12 9:00am Quilters unfinished projects 10:30am Confirmation retreat
13 Receive new members in worship 8 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:15 am SS, Forums Stewardship 11:30 am New member class 11:30 am WM mtg 1:30 pm Crop Walk 7:00 pm Consecration leaders	14 8:00 am Michael Bauer recording 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	15 8:00 am Michael Bauer recording 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Bell Choir	16 Committee Reports Due 4:00pm Organ practice/lessons 6:00pm Sinai Singers 7:30 pm Adult Choir	17 9:00 am Music staff meeting 1:30 pm Charity & Ruth Circle 2:00 pm Staff meet	18 Committee Budget requests due 8:30am Bulletin assbly AM/PM Organ practice	19
20 9:15 am SS, no adult forum--Pack LWR kits 10:00amConsecration Worship 11:00am Consecration meal Prep for Carpet cleaning	21 Clean carpets upstairs 10:00 am Organ practice	22 Clean carpets upstairs AM/PM Organ practice 12:30 pm Habitat faith relations mtg 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Council Meet	23 4:00pm Organ practice/lessons 6:00pm Sinai Singers 7:30 pm Adult Choir	24 9:00 am Tune pianos 6:00 pm Trunk or treat	25 8:30am Bulletin assbly AM/PM Organ practice	26
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October Birthdays

1 Kevin Kavan	21 Paul Watson
4 Wyatt Hansen	21 Clay Skurdahl
6 Margaret Arp	22 Carolyn Rasmuson
9 Dennis Rix	23 Mariah Gay
10 Evaline Way	24 Elaine Wiseman
10 Jim Holtam	24 Nancy Adcock
10 Julie Kavan	25 Alcyone Scott
11 Deb McCord	25 Kevin Coates
12 Nancy Strong	27 Armond Bartsch
12 Diane Naughton	28 Kari Harris
19 Jan Guilliat	29 Brenda Brokenicky
20 Brian Harris	29 Keith Baughman
	31 Sophia Cattlett

October Anniversaries

- 2 Oliver & Kristen Drake
- 10 Justin & Tarah Huberty
- 16 Derek & Carrie Paper
- 17 Don & Deb McCord
- 17 Brent & Jami Ruether



Stewardship at Sinai

**Consecration Sunday Is Coming
Please join us!**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and church council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

So we may all join together for this special worship service and celebration on **Sunday, October 2 we will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.** with a catered meal following. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Kevin Kavan, Council President

Caring for and Helping Others



A selection of items are on a shelf in the narthex with chocolate and coffee and will be available at any time. Please make your donation in the office or with Ann K, Deb M or Sandy R. Additional products will be displayed quarterly or for special occasions.



LifeHouse Food Pantry donations of canned goods or monetary donations will be collected and offered on the **first Sunday of each month**. We will take donations any time of the month, but offer it on the first Sunday. The next offerings will be **October 6 & November 3**.



If you are able to provide food for the LifeHouse **shelter meal on November 13** and/or help serve please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the north entrance bulletin board and you will receive a phone call or email with details. The menu will remain the same each month for ease of scheduling. Thanks to Social Ministry for serving in October!



Long Term Recovery team is really in need of a few good men/women... with some construction experience or remodel experience--just enough to help supervise a crew of those not skilled in those areas. We have lots of teams wanting to volunteer, but with only 1 construction manager, we can't operate more than 1 site at a time....**Limited experience, is all we need.** Terry could meet with them prior to lay out work needing done and then the day of the work (usually a Saturday) the Crew Chief can lead the team through the work! We could use some help for sure on these dates. **October 12, 13, 19, 26 from 8am-2 or 3pm.** Please contact **Jacki Trujillo, United Way, LTR volunteer coordinator at 402-721-4157**

GREATER DODGE COUNTY LONG TERM FLOOD RECOVERY:

For Flood related assistance, please call Disaster Case Managers at 402-941-0075. This help is for everyone. No household or family will be left alone in their struggle. Don't hesitate to call if you are affected by the flood. Also, help is needed if you can volunteer your time to the effort on rebuilding. It would be great to have a cadre of volunteers that could be called upon as volunteer opportunities arise. If you have construction skills or not, just call Jacki at the United Way, 402-721-4157.



The Nebraska Synod's Disaster Response Team needs assistance to continue to do the recovery work that will be ongoing for the next 4-5 years. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in a role or inviting you to share with someone you know. Roles include: **Disaster Website Communications Coordinator, Recovery Cash Grant Follow**

Up, Preparedness Coordinator, Coordinator of New Team members/project leaders, Long Term Recovery Group Liaison or Team ELCA Ambassador to Sinai. Duties, time commitment and other information are available in the office and posted on the bulletin boards.

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Lives Under Construction....

Thank you Thanks to everyone for the prayers, good wishes, cards, and flowers. Thanks to Pastor Al for his hospital visit. All the support means so much as I recover from my surgeries.
Renee Coates

A big thank you to everyone who made food for and served at the LifeHouse evening meal in September. You are all so appreciated as evidenced by all the thank you's received from those whom we served. Thanks.
Diane Skurdahl

We wish to thank our Sinai family for the prayers, hugs, kind words, and support we have received since my mom's stroke and eventual death. At 95 years old she led a great life and was loved by many. Though we will miss her we know she is in a much better place and has, after 20 years, been reunited with my dad! Who couldn't be happy about that!
Jim and Annette Holtam
Linda and Gene Shaw (sister and brother-in-law)
Tom and Patti Holtam (brother and sister-in-law)

Pastor's Message *cont'd from pg 1*

On **Sunday, October 13th**, during adult forum, we will seek to consider what our identity is and how we can see, in new ways, how our community of faith inspires us to act out that identity; so that our lives can be full of meaning, purpose and joy.

I hope that you will consider coming out so that we all might take advantage of opportunities that God gives us each and every day: to be inspired, to grow, to see our place right beside God in the world and to be able to take it.

Peace,
Pastor Al

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Note

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