

Central Lutheran Church

February 2012



"We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

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Strategic Planning Goals:

Increase attendance and participation in worship by providing welcoming and meaningful worship that is faithful to our Lutheran roots and meets the needs of diverse people with differing needs.

Grow active membership through welcoming fellowship, social connections, and effective communication uniting new and long-time members.

Expand upon life-long faith formation activities; involving more people in Bible study and other learning opportunities.

Increase youth and family involvement in the congregation—worship, learn, serve and play.

From Pastor Franko

Dear Friends in Christ,

On June 12, 2012 I will celebrate the 35th anniversary of my ordination. I am amazed at how fast 35 years have gone and the spiritual adventures the pastoral ministry has taken me. After much consideration Pam and I have decided that we will mark this wonderful occasion with my retirement.

One of the factors leading up to this decision includes my desire to devote more time with the Lutheran Campus Center as they face a defining moment in their ministry. As some of you know, funding for campus ministry from the larger church is being cut drastically requiring steady and sustained local dollars to keep it viable. I want to have the time to do what I can to help build the kind of support it needs to be a vital ministry to Lutheran students into the future.

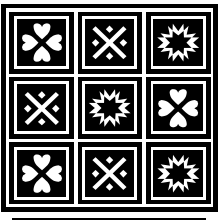
**MARKING 35
YEARS OF
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RETIREMENT**

I believe it is also a good time for Central to move forward under the leadership of a new directing pastor. With all of the transitions and changes happening in the congregation, due to the strategic plan, a new Worship and Music Director, and a new pastoral relationship with Cedar Valley a new directing pastor can take these resources to a new level in the congregation's future for years to come.

As I look back over the nine years I've served as your directing pastor, I feel privileged to have worked with such a good staff and such strong and faithful leaders. I look forward to these next four months as we continue to work together being *the salt of the earth and the light of the world* and celebrating the many blessings God has showered upon us.

Thank you and God bless you.

Pastor Jeff Franko



QUILTS FROM CENTRAL LUTHERAN TO THE WORLD

Just where do the quilts we make at Central end up? We just received a print out from LWR about that very question. First off, all of our quilts are sent to the Minnesota warehouse in St. Paul. There they are assembled into large bales for shipment when they are requested. No items are shipped until requested and there is always a Partner agency to distribute the items. For example a Catholic organization in one country and in another country an Episcopal Agency. It varies with each country.

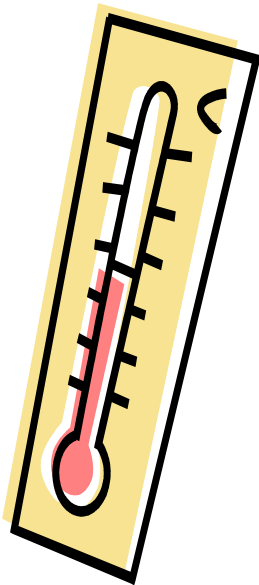
The countries where the Minnesota warehouse quilts and kits were shipped. Alphabetically they are: Burkina Faso, Haiti, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Niger, Serbia, and Thailand. For a complete listing of where Kits and Quilts go check LWR's web site at: lwr.org/beinvolved.

Thanks for your support in helping others thru quilting. We can always use more hands on Tuesday mornings.

Remember you do not need to know how to sew at all, just be willing to help. We meet from 9 AM till noon for some of us and others can only be there for an hour or so, which is fine. It always amazes me how much is accomplished in a very short time.

Hope to see you, Donna Peterson

Acts 2:42 is a group of people who have a desire to understand more thoroughly and increase their knowledge of the Bible. We are two groups that meet once a month. The Saturday group meets in the library at Lutheran Campus Center on Huff Street at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. The Sunday group meets between services at 9:15 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. The meetings last approximately one hour. **All are welcome.** *The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, February 5 at 9:15 a.m. at CLC in the conference room and Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. at LCC (Mugby Junction) on Huff St. (We will be studying John 14:1-16:33).*



Youth News

The youth have raised over \$6000 dollars for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. They still need to raise another \$4000 dollars to pay for the rest of the trip. We thank everyone that has already helped raise that amount and ask that please take an envelope off the narthex well and support the 15 CLC youth going on this once in a life time trip. If you have any questions call or email Matt at 452-5156 ext 122 or clcyouth@hbc.com.

Memorials

FEAST...

In Memory of Wesley W. Eckblad
Given by Margaret B. Eckblad

QUILTERS...

In Memory of Joyce M. Eckblad
Given by Margaret B. Eckblad

YOUTH FUND ...

In Honor of Jean Czaplewski & daughter Becky
Given by Margaret B. Eckblad

SUNDAY SCHOOL ...

In Memory of Jessica Ewing
Given by Mark & Trudi Ewing

The Feast

All are invited to enjoy a delicious home-made meal every Wednesday evening from 5:00 – 6:15 at CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Feb 1:** Pineapple Chicken over Rice, Dinner Rolls, Oriental Slaw, Almond Cookies
- Feb 8:** **Softball Team** – Cheesy Brat Stew, Carrots, Assorted Bars
- Feb 15:** **YOUTH NIGHT** – Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Italian Bread, Valentine Cookies
- Feb 22:** Chicken Dumpling Soup, Whole Wheat Bread, Gingerbread Cake with Whipped Cream
- Feb 29:** Beef Stroganoff over Noodles, Fruit Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream

***“FOOD FOR THE SOUL”** – Join us for worship following the FEAST at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. We offer intimate fellowship, uplifting music, a stirring message, thoughtful liturgy and Holy Communion, all in about a half hour!*

Change For Change 2011

January	Winona Volunteer Services	\$ 59.94	November	Feed the Kids Fund	233.05
February	Lutheran Social Services	156.83	December	Lutheran Campus Center	89.78
March	Int. Health Partners	173.00			
April	ELCA (Buck-a-Chick)	351.65			
May	Peer Support Network	63.03			
June	R.E.A.C.H.	68.04			
July	Habitat for Humanity	124.10			
August	Second Chance Ministry	60.83			
September	Ready Set School	68.83			
October	ELCA Malaria Campaign	113.82			

THANK YOU for your continued support for these various outreach ministries. The grand total amounted to \$1562.90. These contributions are in addition to your support of the food basket with food and money, Winona Gift tags, food contributions for blood drive, Crop Walk pledges, and for the many other ways you support Social Concerns in their outreach.

Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 17th, 2012

Present: Judy Davis, Brant Deppa, Julie Palubicki, Sue Cooper, Mary Parham, Pastor Franko, Pastor Rem, Steve Everson, Jeremy Johnson

1. **Call to Order** – 5:00 p.m. Devotions were led by Brant Deppa based on Exodus 3.

2. **President's Report**—Brant Deppa wants to highlight how the strategic plan fits into our current committees. This was initially discussed at Judy Davis' gathering of council and goal committee chairs on January 10th. This will be discussed further in a separate meeting on January 24th.

3. **Secretary's Report**—Steve Everson December minutes were approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report**—Mary Parham reported that December shows more income than expense and that we ended the year at \$27,689 in the black. This is especially positive because we started the year roughly \$20,000 in the red. Mary's report was approved.

5. **New Business** – Bruce Defries (representing goal committee #2) proposed to put two large, mobile LCD monitors in Grace. Several activities throughout the CLC could benefit from the technology because of their mobility and ability to plug into our current audio/visuals and virtually any other device like a laptop or Blue Ray player. A few of the beneficiaries of this equipment could be (but is not limited to) Wednesday night workshops, wedding and funeral overflow, information parents dropping off and picking up kids at Sunday school, guest speaker presentations, the Wednesday feast, meetings throughout the building, memorial videos during funerals, etc. The council will review the information and report back to Bruce.

Team Reports

Worship & Music

Worship attendance was up overall in 2011, especially throughout December and Christmas.

Youth Report - Matthew W. Schmidt

Sunday School: The new Sunday school program is going well. There were a few bumps in the road to begin with, like finding teachers and having college kids show up on a regular basis. But we now have everything running smoothly with just enough teachers and helpers. We can always use more helpers and parent helpers especially in the pre-school room where there is a large amount of kids each week. Our average attendance for the year including the preschoolers and kindergarteners is 67. I have gotten a number of responses from parents saying that their kids are really enjoying Sunday school this year. The teachers have also said that they really enjoy teaching the different lessons that go with the themes that we are using. So far we have used David and Goliath, Daniel and the lion's den,

Advent to Christmas and we are now using Women at the well.

Youth: Middle school youth group nights are getting bigger and bigger each month. I promised them that if it would get to a certain size I would move it to every other week instead of once a month. High school youth group is going well. We have around 6 to 8 kids a week and we will be taking 15 kids to the National Youth Gathering. We have raised a good portion of our trip so far and still need to raise \$4500 more dollars to pay for the rest of it.

Elders Report – Sue Cooper

The Thrivent Habitat for Humanity house, on which several crews from Central worked, was dedicated just before Christmas. The recent Red Cross blood drive collected 49 units, just short of the 55 unit goal. Volunteers helped with registration, the canteen, and provided food for the donors and the Red Cross workers. The Social Concerns Board will assist with Lenten lunches, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Proceeds from the lunches will benefit the youth program. Participation in the Gifts for Winona program was successful again this year, with 80 tags taken, and gifts returned for all the tags. The food basket collected 1991 pounds of food, and \$2,836.82, with a total of 7,663 pounds when the cash is converted into food. The goal for 2012 will be announced.

Central will participate in the Food for Thought backpack program coordinated by Winona Volunteer Services. Each Friday, volunteers get food items from Winona Volunteer Services, pack backpacks, and deliver to a local school, where students needing food over the weekend would take them home. There is no financial cost to the church for participating in this program, only volunteer time. Our school will be Goodview Elementary. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Bev Spande. The Change for Change Jar for February will be 2nd Chance Jail Ministry, while March will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

6. Pastors' Reports

Pastor Michelle Rem

Lutheran Campus Ministry: I have been invited to chair the Personnel Committee for the Lutheran Campus Center.

Anyone who would like to join me in supporting this ministry is welcome. I will be preaching February 12 for the Lutheran Campus Center's Sunday evening worship service.

Childcare Ministry: The Center had a deficit of \$12,654 for 2011. Childcare Fund Balance and fundraiser dollars make up \$8,735.73 of this. The Childcare Center will need to make a profit of \$3,908 in 2012 to cover the losses from

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2011. To keep this in perspective, please be aware that we only needed 1.7 additional children to break even in 2011. We have done an analysis of 2012 (attached) and roughly estimate that we need to have 5 more children enroll before April to break even in 2012. An additional .6 children would be needed to replace the deficit funds from 2011.

Judy already has 1 child beginning in January with another potential child beginning in February. She also has another visit lined up for another child (however this child isn't born yet so the start date is undecided). Our goal of 5 children by April seems plausible. We are currently doing a 360 degree analysis of the childcare center and staff.

Feedback forms (from staff and parents) are due by January 24 and will be analyzed at the February 7 Advisory Team Meeting. The Center children's Christmas program was delightful. Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work.

Wednesday Night Workshop: We have had several calendar transitions this year. The most recent calendar did not take Wed. evening Lenten services into account. Pastor Franko asked to have the WNW schedule adjusted so that youth and families can attend Lenten Worship. This has been done. During Lent youth will attend Lenten worship and then meet with their small group leaders following worship.

Senior Extended Care Communion Worship Services: We have added a monthly worship service at Watkins to the schedule. This will take place the 2nd Wed. of each month at 9:30 am.

Continuing Education: I have contracted with Diane Amundson for spiritual direction/leadership formation coaching. She has interviewed 6 individuals regarding my strengths and growth points and I will be meeting with her on January 18 to hear their feedback and develop coaching goals.

Pastor Jeff Franko

I am pleased to note the positive signs of increased worship

attendance and ending the year, financially, in the black as markers that suggest we are rebounding after a period of economic recession and conflict over the direction of the ELCA. Ash Wednesday is February 22, sparking off the season of Lent. Pastor Rem will be preaching most of the weekend services and I will be preaching a sermon series on Wednesdays entitled, "Fresh Bread and the Gift of Spiritual Nourishment." Over the weekend we conducted a pre marriage retreat, "Life After 'I Do'", with Pastor Dumke from Faith. We had 15 couples in attendance from both congregations. I think this is the largest group we have had in the years that we have been offering this.

I will be on vacation Feb 3-10.

I have announced my retirement for June 12 of this year. It will represent my 35 year anniversary of ordination.

7. Old Business

Call Committee Report - David Dux

Both Central and Cedar Valley have submitted our Congregational Mission Profiles to the synod office. Cedar Valley agreed to change their profile in consideration of years of experience; both profiles now list candidates of 3 years or less in experience. At the present time we are now waiting for the synod office to offer us some possible candidates to review.

Director of Music Call Committee - Pastor Michelle Rem
I have appreciated being welcomed to attend the interviews for the Director of Music position. Thank you to Pastor Franko and the Call Committee for this opportunity.

Report from Joint Pastor Call Committee - Pastor Jeff Franko

Jeff gave an update on the call committee process; we will receive "strong consideration" from the synod office when the new graduates are released.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 5:00 p.m.
Devotions will be led by Julie Palubicki

Hannah Circle Bake Sale

The Hannah circle bake sale will be on the weekend of March 31st and April 1st.

The proceeds will go to The Lutheran Campus Center.



Easter Flowers



Easter Sunday is April 8th. Help the Hannah circle decorate the church.

They will be taking flower orders between services beginning on March 18th.

There will be order forms available in the office and at the information center.

The last day to order will be April 1st. Call Nancy Hauschildt at 452-1764 if you have any questions.

	<u>5:30 Altar Guild</u>	<u>5:30 Asst. Comm</u>	<u>5:30 Usher</u>	<u>5:30 Acolyte</u>
Feb. 4/5	Rose Buege	Cindy Welke Michael Bauer	Fred Welke Brian Hjelmeland	Joey Jacobson Sami Hjelmeland
Feb. 11/12	Chuck Hanson Rita Hanson	Kathy Benke Dian Biesanz	David Erickson	Emma Cone Taylor Pagendopf
Feb. 18/19	Carol Kramer	Kim Renk Steve Renk	Phil Larson Carolyn Larson	Ben Renk
Feb. 25/26	Karen Lukaszewski	Betsy Byom Liz Paulson	Brian Nisbit Gary Langerud	Brianna Nisbit Carey Paulson
	<u>8 Altar Guild</u>	<u>8 Assist Comm</u>	<u>8 Usher</u>	<u>8 Acolyte</u>
Feb. 4/5	Grace Schueler Denise Bernatz Bev Spande	Bruce Defries Kerri Defries Holly Fratzke	Mike Kolstad Tim Ambuhl Jeff Boelter Jonah Boelter	Kale Milek Jared Boelter
Feb. 11/12	Deb Lince Helen Williams Candice Kauffman	LaVern Hauschildt Deb Hjelmeland Mark Jungerberg	Mike Kolstad Jeff Boelter Jonah Boelter Neil Hjelmeland	Jared Boelter Spencer Rudnik
Feb. 18/19	Judy Schiedegger Blanche Peters Myrna Olson	Julie Palubicki Carla Laber Larry Laber	Mike Kolstad Jeff Boelter Jonah Boelter Curt Peters	Kale Milek Jared Boelter
Feb. 25/26	Chuck Hanson Rita Hanson Nancy Hauschildt	Ed Littlejohn Karen Littlejohn Karen McNally	Mike Kolstad Dave Heise Mary Heise Dale Klabo	Joey Jacobson Sami Hjelmeland
	<u>10:30 Altar Guild</u>	<u>10:30 Asst Comm</u>	<u>10:30 Usher</u>	<u>10:30 Acolyte</u>
Feb. 4/5	Sherry Maier Blanche Wuerflein Greta Bernatz 4	Shirley Barsness Mary Reeck Bruce Morken Traci Morken	Jerry Paulson Brian Paulson Steve Seltz Liz Seltz	Zach Wenzel Taylor Pegenkopf
Feb. 11/12	Shelley Milek Donna Anderson Susan Peterson 4	Jim Hurley Mary Lou Hurley Jerry Polson Nancy Polson	Bob Quinlan Donald Peterson Jerry Paulson Brian Paulson	Kale Milek Jayce Overton
Feb. 18/19	Donna Anderson Sandy Weatherhead Barb Kompelien 4	Jan Blomsness Mary Reeck Hayley Martin Kristi Deppa	Matt Lamberson Bjorn Deppa Brant Deppa Brady Lamberson	Brandon Lamberson Ericka Lamberson
Feb. 25/26	Sue Gilman Mary Parham Jan Nietzsche 4	Autumn Herber Donna Peterson Jack Richter Judy Richter	Donald Peterson Mia Martin John Martin Steve Scharlau	Griffin Schwichtenberg Brandon Boelter Alexa Moreski

FEBRUARY SERVICE GROUP

Feb. 22	12:10 pm ASH WEDNESDAY			
	Altar Guild	Assist Comm	Usher	
	Pam Franko	Connie Larson Chris Wilmot	Tom Wilmot 2	
Feb. 22	6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY			
	Altar Guild	Asst. Com	Usher	Acolyte
	1	Angela Thompson	1	Sommer Thompson
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**Thank
you!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Central Lutheran Church 259 West Wabasha St. Winona, MN 55987 Phone: 452-5156 E-mail: centluth@hbc.com</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"> February 2012 </div>			7:00 Communion 1 5:00 The Feast 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Worship Wed. Night Wkshp	6:45 Men's Ec Bible St 2 Communion Day 2:00 Luth. Woman Today 3:00 Martha, Lois, Priscilla, Circles 5:30 Outreach & Comm 6:00 Worship Choir Divorce Care	3	4	5:30 Worship
5 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee/Nursery 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Nursery 1:00 Hmong Congr.	6 10:00 Sons of Norway Planning 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Sr. High Yth Group	7 9:00 Staff/Quilters 5:00 G Scout 5:00 Worship & Music	8 7:00 Communion 9:30 Watkins Communion 10:30 LW Manor Comm 5:00 The Feast 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Worship Wed. Night Wkshp	9 6:45 Men's Ec Bible St Noon Social Concerns 5:30 CCC Parent Ed 6:00 Worship Choir	10	11	5:30 Worship
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Lent Begins

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Services at 12:10 & 6:30 pm (Lunch 11:15, Feast 5-6:15)

Lenten Worship Wed. 12:10 & 6:30 pm (Lunch 11:15 & Feast 5:00)

VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP for THE FEAST.

Feb. 19th at 9:15 in Grace Hall

We are looking for key leaders, particularly people interested in cooking a FEAST meal so that we can continue to serve this important ministry to the community on a weekly basis. Come to this roundup, enjoy a delicious cinnamon roll, and learn more about what is involved from people who have made it happen. After eating a sweet roll and discovering how much help will be given to see you succeed, you can give it your prayerful consideration.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

coming up on Feb 26, 11:30-3:00pm.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Central Lutheran Church we ask that you make plans to attend this session. New members will be received the follow weekend, at the March 3 and 4 worship services. Lunch and child care are provided. Please let us know if you wish to attend so we can plan accordingly.