October 2021

CLC Newsletter

"Gathered in the love of God, we connect and serve."



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Rev. Michael Short

A Message from our Directing Pastor

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This last year has been filled with many conversations about who Central has been over the last 150 years. We continue to give thanks to God for the faithful service of our past members, the past staff and former pastors of Central. More importantly we are looking forward to the new year as members return to in-person activities and to new opportunities for our current and future members to continue the tradition of service, of bringing the Good News to the community in the name of Jesus our Savior.

I am excited as we begin this new chapter in the life and ministry of Central. With the start of the new school year and the beginning of the fall activities have come questions about what is next for Central. There are a few things in process, some will be familiar and others will be new, as

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Romans 10:14-15

we continue to be sent to fulfill the mission of Central.

The FEAST committee is working on restarting the weekly meal on Wednesday nights. This is a great way in which Central lives out its mission and serves the community.

One of the new things that we are working on is a worship setting to reflect a more modern worship style. This is something people have been requesting. Aleah has been working to implement this new modern worship which will be revealed soon. She has more information in her article.

In the distant past, Central has welcomed refugees to Winona. Some members of Central, along with members of other local churches are currently in conversation exploring how we once again become that welcoming community.

With all that is going on and being planned, the reality is we are still missing one important component, that is YOU. We are in need of our volunteers to help these new activities as well as the on-going ministries of the church. In the coming months we will be reaching out, inviting you to let us know which ministry you would like to support with your time, your abilities and your resources. None of them require a long term commitment and many can be completed in an hour once or twice a month. We just need YOU to help us fulfill God's mission in this place.

The mission of Central endures. The ministries of Central remain. Most importantly the sharing of the Good News of Jesus will continue to be proclaimed in word and deed. Thanks be to God.

Pr. Michael



Aleah Harvey

A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director

Worship. What does worship mean to you? The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word as both a verb and a noun. As a verb, "1. to honor or show reverence for as a divine being or supernatural power, 2: to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion." I think that we can all agree that worship requires some form of action on our part whether it is demonstrated through singing, praying, meditating, serving, or simply being still. Personally, I often define it as connecting or attempting to connect to God. As Director of Worship, I view my role as a facilitator of worship.

We all have expectations when we come to worship (noun) services. Some find it easy to worship to the mighty swell of the organ. Others feel more comfortable with piano and guitar. Our unique preferences are demonstrations of our multifaceted God in whose image we are made.

For November & December, Central Lutheran Church will offer a variety of worship services in order to facilitate worship for a broader spectrum of people.

8:00 AM Traditional Service

The music for this service will be predominantly organ-led. It will contain more of the traditional liturgy. Essentially, it is the service that Central Lutheran currently offers.

10:15 AM Modern Service

The music at this service will be led by piano and guitar (additional musicians, if available). It will follow the customary outline of worship: Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending. However, it will contain fewer formalities. Worship leaders will not wear vestments and we will use a contemporary liturgy. Music and liturgy will be scripturally based, have relevance to the readings and theme of the season/day, and must align with ELCA doctrine. I have heard from many of you that Central Lutheran offered similar services in the past and that you are open to holding them once again.

In early December, we will hold a Worship Forum. We want to hear from you. This forum will help us determine how to shape worship services for the remainder of the winter and spring. The date and time of the forum will be announced in the November newsletter.

Gathered in the love of God, we connect and serve.

As stated in our mission statement, as a church body, we strive to connect with God and each other. The variety in worship services is a practical way that we can facilitate meaningful worship and reach our neighbors.



Distribution of Bibles



Children's Sermon

John Bartholow

A Message from our Youth Director

It's October! Time for MEA, Halloween, leaf piles, and the exciting events that make fall so special to us all.

This fall, we will continue to offer Jesus And Me (JAM) time on Wednesdays from 3-5 PM, and "Table Teens" where dinner will be offered from 5-6 PM. Go to our Facebook page or contact me to register. JAM is open to grades K-12, while Table Teens is aimed at Confirmation students.

We will be offering MEA programs this year; stay tuned for details! There will also be a movie night with *October Sky* in the Youth Room on October 20th; come for the popcorn-popper, snacks, and beverages; stay for the inspirational story of a kid named Homer (Jake Gyllenhaal) trying to use his God-given talents with science to build a rocket for a science fair, with the help of his teacher, Miss Riley (Laura Dern).

Confirmation/Wednesday Night Workshop classes have been a big success! We have 30 seventh and eighth graders registered. As Pastor Linda Helberg predicted in her opening remarks on orientation day, students love their small groups and working together to figure out clues about the books of the Bible. Many thanks to our volunteers who make this program such a success: Jeremy Johnson, Cheryl Smith, Pam Davick, Heather Loomis, Mikayla Corcoran, and Joshua Goede.

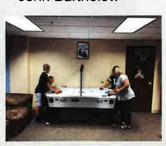
Ninth grade Confirmation classes have also begun, as our confirmands prepare to affirm their baptism and become full members of our congregation. The Night of Honor will occur on October 28th at 6:30 PM for the confirmands and their families (reservations required), and the Confirmation Sunday service will be October 31st at 10:15 AM in the sanctuary (no reservations required). A livestream will be provided, so extended family and friends can watch from home if they choose.

Pastor Short and I are excited to offer two fun summer adventures in 2022: one is a trip to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis on July 24-28, which is open to students currently in grades 8-12; and one is a mission trip (destination and date TBD) for students currently in grades 7-12. Contact me to sign up or express interest.

Finally, high school students, Central Lutheran needs you! Sign up to be a worship volunteer! We need ushers, altar guild, children's sermon givers, bread makers, videographers, and more! Gain some valuable skills, gather volunteer hours, and get a really cool letter of reference from your church. Go to www.centrallutheranchurch.org/get-involved to sign up.

If you have any ideas for programs, want more information, or want to say hi, you are always welcome to contact me at jbartholow@centrallutheranchurch.org, by phone at (507) 452-5156, or on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter... not Tik-Tok, because no one wants to see my dance moves).

Peace, John Bartholow









A Message from our Central Lutheran Child Care



Mission: Provide the building blocks of child care by creating learning opportunities infused with faith while supporting the whole family

When you walk into Central, you may not realize, there is a lot happening behind the scenes!

Children's experiences

The center teachers provide "studies" that offer depth of learning within subjects. There are many interesting studies that the children participate in; October studies include Fire Prevention, Fire Safety, Leaves, Fall, the color orange, Community Helpers and so much more to learn.

Contribution to the Winona Community

We currently are helping 54 families, 65 children enrolled. We work with families part time and full time to have the best experience possible at CLC CCC. We have a few families welcoming little ones that we will be seeing in the future.

The Center's Team

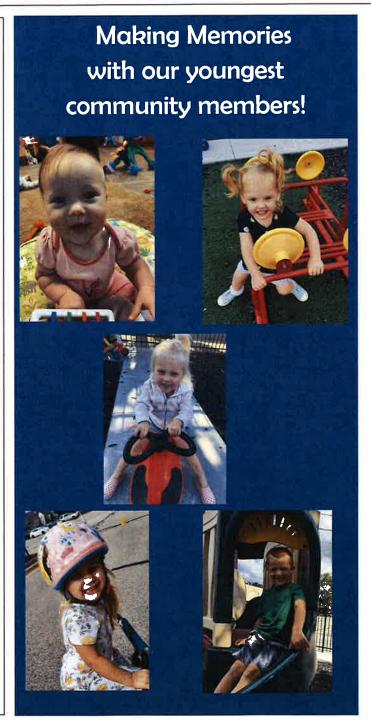
The Center employs 38 staff. This time of the year we have incoming new staff as we say good-bye or see you at Christmas to some of our student employees.

Wednesday Chapel Time is at CLC CCC!!

October will be our first full month of Wednesday Toddlers thru Preschoolers have Chapel. designated times to come to the sanctuary for a chapel time that includes prayers, a story, singing and connecting to God in His space.

We spend time hearing the stories of the Bible. singing songs and learning to talk to God thru prayer. We have prayer with movement, and songs that get the children using all parts of their brain as the move to the songs and we have a listening time when Bible is told. the storv being

And all God's Children said AMEN!!



Email: childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

Questions, please contact us...

Phone 507.452.5493

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WELCA Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 30,2021, 2-3 PM, Grace Hall

This meeting is important because this is when we fill any officer vacancies for the next calendar year. This year it involves voting for a President Elect (becomes president in 2023) and a Secretary for 2022. All women of Central Lutheran are members of WELCA.

Guest Speaker Pastor Corrine from Lutheran Campus.

Donation Envelopes 2022

In 2022, we will be mailing out donation envelopes quarterly to your home. If you received envelopes in 2021, you will be automatically added to the list to receive envelopes by mail in 2022. Anyone wanting to be added to the mailing list should contact the church with your name and address.

Ministry Milestones

On Sunday, October 31st, we will mark the milestone of Confirmation at the 10:15 service, the Welcome and Worship committee will host a reception to celebrate the 2021 Confirmands! Please join us in Grace Hall for cake and refreshments.

On Sunday, November 7, we will remember and honor those from our community who have passed away in the last year. Additionally, the *Book of Names* will be set out during the month of November. Write the name of loved ones you would like remembered publicly during the prayers.

Get to know Shayna Rinn-Administrative Assistant

I was born and raised in Winona. I have 3 sisters, 1 brother, 2 nephews, and 1 niece all of whom I love spending time with. I am 21 years old. I love spending my free time with friends, family, and two dogs Tenny and Teagan. I enjoy playing volleyball, indoor and outdoor. In the future I would love to travel more. My favorite color is purple and my favorite food is any type of pasta or soup! I am so grateful to be working for the wonderful community of CLC. Thank you to everyone for being so kind in welcoming me into your community!



Baptism/Confirmation Reunion Service

Sunday, October 24, Worship Services

Were you baptized and/or confirmed at Central Lutheran? As the final event marking Central Lutheran's 150th Anniversary, we will recognize all in attendance who have been baptized or confirmed at Central Lutheran over the years. You will be asked to stand, come forward for a group photo, and receive a special gift. Please invite any friends who might like to be included!

Family Area

We are hoping to redesign the Family Area in the sanctuary in October. The Family Area is meant to be a space for families with young children to sit with quiet activities so that parents and children are freed to engage more easily in worship services. If you have ideas or input regarding this space, please contact Aleah Harvey or Pastor Short.

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History Booklet

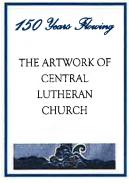
Central Lutheran Publications available!

River of Grace: Our History of Central Lutheran Church, Winona, MN, 1996-2021

Beautifully written by Christine Wilmot, this booklet offers history of the last 25 years at Central Lutheran. Purchase your copy for \$10.

150 Years Flowing: The Artwork of Central Lutheran Church

This booklet contains photos and descriptions of incredible works of art at Central Lutheran including the needlepoint stoles and altar cushions, stained glass windows, and Resurrection Painting. Purchase your copy for \$12.



Artwork Booklet



CLC Fall Rummage Sale

In 2 weeks-October 16th– Grace Hall will be full of great used items donated by you! These items will raise money for the youth in our church and provide quality items at reasonable prices for people within the community. If you have something large you want to donate, please contact us so we can plan space. If you need assistance in getting your items to the church, please let us know by October 9th so we can make arrangements.

Items not accepted: microwave ovens, construction material, used light fixtures, cribs, car seats, high chairs, entertainment centers, hide a beds, mattresses, anything with a cord that does not work. If you are unsure about something, please call us and we can talk about it.

Volunteers Needed: Thursday October 14th, 5 PM-9 PM; Friday October 15th, 3 hour shifts, between 8 AM –8 PM; Saturday October 16th, 3 hour shifts, 8 AM-5 PM, or until done with clean up. We need at least 4 people for each shift. Duties range from check out, bagging, helping bring in donations, sorting donations, stocking tables with donations, restocking tables, answering questions. Signing up to volunteer will begin on October 1st when you can sign up at the church, online (Sign-up Genius), or by calling one of us. We need approximately 40 people to help so you are welcome to sign up more than once. Just to let you know—it will be fun!

Needed: Plastic or paper bags, hangers, clothes racks- Let us know if you are able to provide any of these!

Sale is on October 16th from 9 AM-3 PM. At 1 PM we plan to have a \$1 a bag sale. Midtown has donated paper bags for this.

As we live out Jesus' commandment to Love One Another, masks will be required in the church.

The "us" we are referring to is— Karen Lukaszewski (715)-470-1261, Pam Davick (507)-452-0622, Gayle Garrity (507)-961-0465). We are doing our best to think of everything to make this sale a great experience for all. If you have any ideas we are open to suggestions.

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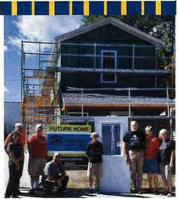


Central Travel Group

Tuesday, November 16th
Join the CLC travel group for a bus tour to Wisconsin Dells to see
A Christmas Carol: The Musical, an adaption of the Charles Dicken's
well-known story. We need your commitment and payment by Friday,
October 15th. The bus departs from Winona at 9:00 AM and will return
by 5:30 PM. \$95 per person includes lunch, admittance to the show, and
transportation. For more information, contact Karen Lukaszewski at
715-470-1261. This is a great opportunity to have fun and to know others
from CLC!

Central Lutheran Supports Habitat for Humanity

A special thank you is extended to all who supported Central Lutheran Church as a Faith Partner with Habitat for Humanity Winona County. Our congregation participated in 40 days of Prayer for the project, made generous cash contributions, rode bikes in the virtual bike ride, provided man power (and womanpower) as a build team and baked sweet treats as a fundraiser. Our efforts raised almost \$3,000 providing funds for the purchase of excellent quality and attractive front and rear doors for the Skappel home. Those serving as Central Lutheran's Habitat Team included Steve Hacken, Ben Leger, Marie Holmquist, Gayle Garrity, Bev Spande, Pastor Short, Kathy Benke, Judy Davis, Chris Nisbit, Pam Davick, Rich Moe and Judy Inman.



Food Shelf Donations

During August 2021 Central Lutheran donated 557 pounds of food and \$175.00, which converts to 907 pounds of food. This brings our grand total to 10,002 pounds of food donated this year. Thank you to everyone who participates in this very important mission. Would you have believed that we would donate over 10,000 pounds of food by the end of August?— WOW!! Sensational job to everyone at Central Lutheran; keep up the great participation for all the hungry in Winona!

Prayer shawls available

Do you know someone who has health issues? Lost a loved one? Away from home? Serving in the military? College student? There are many reasons to want to comfort someone or let them know you're thinking of them. You want to do something for them. What can you do? You can give them a prayer shawl. Prayer shawls are handmade hugs to let them know God loves them.

Questions: contact Sheri Maier 507-458-5574



Luren Singers

Sunday, October 10 at 3 PM

In commemoration of its 150th anniversary, the Winona Sons of Norway Nor-Win Lodge will sponsor a concert of the Luren Singers from Decorah, lowa. They will perform in the church Sanctuary on Sunday, October 10 at 3 p.m. The concert is free to the public with a free-will offering.

The Luren Singing Society began in 1868 in Decorah, Iowa, and is now the oldest on-going men's chorus in the U.S. devoted to keeping Norwegian music and heritage in the forefront.

(Event subject to cancellation if Covid situation dictates.)

October 2021

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Church Council

PAST PRESIDENT
Scott Mlynczak

PRESIDENT
Chris Nisbit

PRESIDENT ELECT

Jeremy Johnson

TREASURER
Paul Ness

SECRETARY
Geri Quinlan

AT LARGE Myrna Olson

AT-LARGE

Tammy Swenson-Lepper

Council Report: August 17, 2021

Present: Pastor Short, Scott Mlynczak, Chris Nisbit, Paul Ness, Tammy Swenson Lepper, Myrna Olson, Geri Quinlan

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Scott opened with devotions. Tammy moved, Myrna seconded, carried to approve the agenda.

Scott moved, Paul seconded, carried to approve June and July minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul gave summary of budget.

Merna moved, Scott seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

150th Anniversary Celebration Committee: Planning continues for the celebration. Projects on track: Coffee mugs, cookbook, booklets, and Chicken Q. Talent show has been postponed. Winona Post will be featuring CLC 's 150th Anniversary.

Security Plan: Evacuation maps are posted in every room. First aid Emergency

Response Training has been postponed due to mask mandate.

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Mask Mandate: Masks are required at all times inside CLC. Central will continue to follow CDC and MDH guidelines on physical distancing and procedures should anyone test positive while attending a CLC function.

Projects: House that God Built: Fellowship Hall -motion was made to hire a painter to paint the ceiling (\$2,200), and also convert lights over to LED's (\$2,000) Scott moved to approve and Tammy seconded; motion carried. Sound Upgrade: Work is being completed.

Organ: Would like Aleah to form a subcommittee and get estimates on cost for the upgrades and repairs.

Prayer Garden: Property committee waiting on visual design and budget.

Admin Assistant: New hire Shayna Rinn to join the office staff.

Refugee Sponsorship: Meetings will continue with local churches and synod about group sponsorship.

NEW BUSINESS

Lengthy discussion on the future of CLC, relating to worship services and how to attract new members.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Feast: The feast has been delayed until November.

Committee reports were reviewed. Myrna moved and Scott seconded, carried to approve the Staff and Committee Reports.

Devotions for next meeting: Chris

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sept 21st at 6:30p.m.

Closed with the Lords Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Geri Quinlan

Council Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUND - August, 2021

Total Income:

\$38,665.46

Total Expenses:

\$46,405.87

Offering Goal:

September

\$40,269.77

Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.

MORTGAGE

Monthly payments for interest and

principal August:

\$3.146.00

Gifts for Building Fund August: \$1,333.00

Gifts for additional mortgage

\$575.00

—Principal reduction August:

Gifts in memory or honor of someone

MEMORIALS

August 17, 2021 through September 14, 2021

UNDESIGNATED

In Memory of Marjorie Flatness

Given by Phyllis Flick, Dennis & Karen Cleveland, Loretta Lanz, Geraldine Williams, Conway & Elizabeth Elton, Kristen & David Schultz, Michael & Rosalie Lill, Tim & June Fox, Peggy & Tim Dalton, Steve & Renne Grossell, Charles & Kathleen Nagle, Bruce Brandt, Bev & Jim Hansen, Scott & Suzanne Roberts, Tom & Cindy Bell, Donna Sauers, Glen & Carol Olson, Dewayne & Marie Exe, Joyce Bead

MEMORY OF NEIL HESTER

Given by Doris Laska

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

In Memory of Wade Davick

Given by Pam Davick, Paul Ness

PEACE GARDEN

Memory of Marjorie Flatness

Given by Bob and Sandy Olson

HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT

Given by Gary Olson, Rich & Eugenia Moe

HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT TECHNOLOGY

Given by Gary Olson

Designated Gifts in August

Capital Campaign Water-Damage

Technology \$140

Peace Garden.....\$25.00

Lutheran Campus Center......\$20.00

WVS Food Shelf.....\$175.00

Habitat.....\$1,870.00

Youth Fund......\$155.00

Music.....\$100.00

Memorials.....\$470.00

WELCA.....\$520.00

Missions......\$12.00

World Hunger......\$100.00

Sunday School.....\$92.00

FEAST.....\$10.00

CONVENIENT GIVING

You can make an automatic gift to Central Lutheran Church from your savings or checking account once a week, once a month or twice a month. To request a form you can call the church or check out automatic giving options on Central's website.



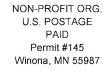
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have any Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to Central Lutheran Church.



Connecting faith & finances for good.*

Support Us With Your Thrivent Choice Dollars





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Return Service Requested

What's coming up?

Sunday, Oct. 3rd — Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 24th — Baptism/Confirmation Reunion Service

Sunday, Oct. 31st— 8 AM Reformation service, 10:15 AM Confirmation service

Sunday, Nov. 7th — All Saints Sunday

Fall Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 AM - Indoor

9:10 AM - Sunday School

10:15 AM - Indoor & Live-Stream

(Live-Stream services remain available

On Facebook for you to view at anytime)