

November 2021

# CLC Newsletter

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



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150 Years Flowing



Rev. Michael Short

## ***A Message from our Directing Pastor***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Psalm 100 is one of my favorite psalms; it is joyous, a reminder of whose we are in the world. Not us alone, but all of creation, were wonderfully and beautifully made. With so much dissension and discord surrounding us every day, it is good to be reminded that the Lord our God is good and we are God's and we give thanks to God for this gift of life.

Here in this month of Thanksgiving, I have much to be thankful for. I give thanks for healthcare and first responders who have helped to keep us healthy and well in these months of illness and uncertainty. I give thanks for Debbie and for our families. For the opportunity to travel later this month for my niece's wedding in California. To be able to gather with family we have not seen in more than two years.

I am also thankful for my calling as the Directing Pastor here at Central. This is a great place in which to serve God and to live out the Gospel in the world. You the members continue to amaze me in the creative ways you support your church and each other.

It has been your continued support that has allowed Central to continue to be a driving presence within the community. As we went online to broadcast our services, to your continued support of the many agencies in Winona who help those most in need. We continue to expand what it means to welcome and love our neighbors. Soon we will be welcoming a family to Winona, walking alongside them as they come to understand what it means to live in a new and inviting culture.

This month we will be experimenting with a new 'modern' worship style as we seek to welcome new members in to the Central family. Our hope is to continue to expand our outreach so that all will feel welcomed, inspired and connected to the Lord our God in worship and praise.

Lastly, I want you all to know I give thanks to God for each of you. Without your support of the ministries of Central the staff could do nothing. You are a blessing to me, to the staff and to the community of Winona. So let us continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Pr. Michael

### **Psalm 100 – A Psalm of Thanksgiving.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.







Aleah Harvey

## ***A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director***

In October, we concluded our scheduled events and services commemorating and celebrating Central Lutheran's monumental 150th Anniversary Celebration. On October 24th, we took a group photo of all present who have been baptized or confirmed at Central Lutheran over the years. Can you imagine the crowd, if everyone, over the last 150 years, were able to be present?!

November 7th, marks All Saints' Sunday. We will take time in our services to remember all those whom we have lost over the last year. Throughout services in November, we will pause to remember the names of our loved ones. My favorite "All Saints" hymn is *Shall We Gather At the River*.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

I think the reason that this hymn resonates so strongly with me, is that, in spirit, we do gather with all the saints. What a beautiful gift, to know and feel the unity and love that transcends time and space.

### All Saints' Sunday, November 7

During both services we will honor those who have passed over the last year. The Book of Names will be available for you to write the names of your loved ones to be remembered in the prayers throughout November.

This is also the first Sunday of our Modern Service, @ 10:15 am.

### Christ the King Sunday, November 21

Advent Series, *Heaven and Nature Sing*, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, starting Dec. 1

These services will be virtual only, available on both our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



## A Message from our *Youth Director*

Happy Halloween & Happy Almost Thanksgiving from the Central Lutheran Youth Ministry! We are excited for the adventures ahead this month!

First, a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the rummage sale, bought items, or donated funds. Thanks to you, our mission trip to Niagara Falls and the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis are more accessible for all teens in our congregation. If you could not make it to the rummage sale, but would still like to donate money, you can send a check or cash to Central Lutheran Church, and write "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo line (this also goes towards the National Youth Gathering costs). There will be more fundraisers in the weeks ahead. The Niagara Falls mission trip runs from July 9-16, 2022; and the National Youth Gathering is July 24-28, 2022.

Our Central Lutheran Youth Room is getting lots of love on Sundays during Teen Time. Remember, we have a snack bar, Bloedow's donuts, beverage fridge, and games with adult supervision (incidentally, we also are looking for adult volunteers to run Teen Time!). Teen Time runs from 9:00-10:00 AM on Sundays in the Youth Room (Room 5 downstairs).

Programs this next month include a movie night on Tuesday, November 2nd featuring Disney's *Coco* from 7-9 PM; an *Honoring Veterans Day* activity on Tuesday, November 9th from 3-5 PM, where we will make cards and a craft; and we will be volunteering at Winona's Habitat for Humanity Re-Store on Sunday, November 13th at 4:30 PM (contact me to register to help!).

Finally, we want to recognize our 9th graders who were confirmed on October 31st. Cale Bratland, Lenora Leger, Jackson Loomis, Reese Nissalke, Allison Quimby, Jackson Starzecki, and Hailey Stoltzman made the customary affirmation of baptism that day, and I know I speak for all of the Confirmation volunteers and staff when I say we are very proud of them, and know they will be active adults in our faith.

As always, if you have any input or suggestions for youth programs, or just need to talk, don't hesitate to contact me at [jbartholow@centrallutheranchurch.org](mailto:jbartholow@centrallutheranchurch.org) or (507) 452-5156, or on social media.

Peace,  
John Bartholow  
Director of Youth Ministries



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

What's Happening at our Child Care Center? 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; November studies include Harvest, All about Me, Turkeys, the color brown, Farm Community Helpers, Seasons, Thanksgiving and so much more learning is happening.

## 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 welcome little ones that we will be seeing in the future. We are currently enrolling year 2023.

## 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.

## Health Care Consultant Needed at CLC CCC!!

The Center is in need of a Licensed Registered Nurse as a required Healthcare Consultant. If you have a current RN license in the State of Minnesota and would like to help out at the child care center, minimally monthly and one annual visit. Contact Kelly Dicke in the church office or by phone 507.458.5493.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

And all God's Children said AMEN!!

## Making Memories with our youngest community members!



Questions, please contact us... Phone 507.452.5493

Email: [childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org](mailto:childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org)



# 150th Celebration Pictures





# SERVICE NOTICES

## Modern Worship Service

Starting on November 7th, Central Lutheran will be offering a modern worship service at 10:15 AM. This service has a more informal format; the music will consist of contemporary Christian music and acoustic arrangements of well-known hymns. The 8:00 AM service will continue to use the traditional format!

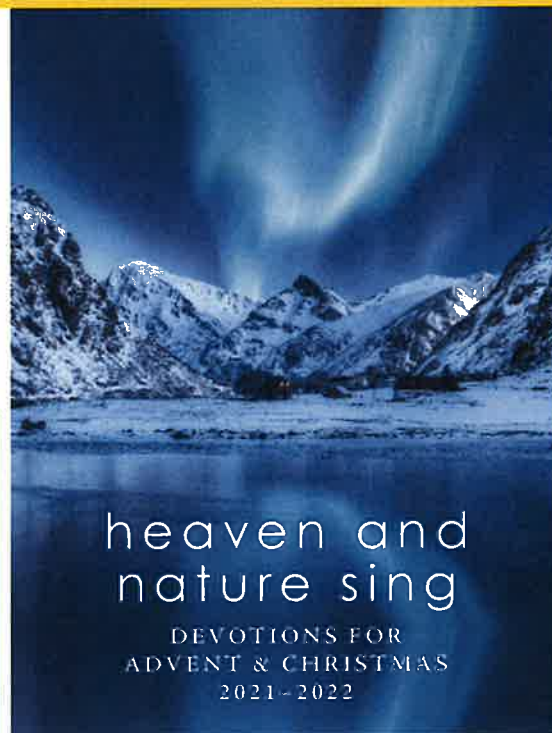


## Advent Series

Wednesday Advent Series, Dec. 1 - 22, 7:00 PM, Virtual only

We will follow Luke's account of Christ's birth and reflect on the scriptures and words from the devotional *Heaven and Nature Sing*; the music will be set to *Holden Evening Prayer*.

Stop by the church to pick up your free copy of the devotional! The services will be available on Central's Facebook page and YouTube channel.



## Adult Education

You are invited to join us for a weekly Bible Study on Sundays between worship services (approximately 9:10AM). We will be talking about the texts from Sundays services. The Bible Study is led by Pastor Michael Short and Julie Palubicki.

## New Call— Pr. Kristin Engstrom, ELCA Missionary

I am excited to share that I have a new call (and this new blog) as an ELCA global missionary!! I will be serving as the Facilitator for Leadership Development and Capacity Building with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia.

Currently, I am still in the United States as I await my Zambia work permit. But hopefully I will get to leave for Zambia soon. In the meantime, I am trying to read and learn about Zambia (interview with the new President) and work on learning one of the 73 national languages of Zambia. I'm also knitting and hanging out with my two nieces a bit more as well. -Pastor Kristin Engstrom

Pastor Engstrom is supported by Central Lutheran Church mission funds and CLC Foundation.

Contact Bev Spande (507-452-6411) or Harold Christenson (507-454-2777) if interested in joining the Mission team.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## TikTok

The office staff has started a church TikTok account! The purpose of our staff having TikTok is to engage people of all ages and allow everyone to see behind the scenes of our church. Give us a follow at centluthwinona! We hope everyone enjoys our fun, lighthearted videos!



## Garage Sale

We had three goals when we started planning the rummage sale: raise funds for the youth; provide opportunities for congregation members to work together, socialize and reconnect; and to provide quality used items for the community. We accomplished all three goals! We raised over \$2,500.00 for CLC youth. We had 36 congregation members who worked (and donated) at the rummage sale and many others who donated items. It was a beautiful fall day and John Brandt welcomed all who came to shop.

Many great bargains were found. At least two of our congregational families bought household goods to help their young adults set up apartments. Two young ladies were thrilled with a large wood dollhouse with furniture that Bev Spande donated. Shoppers and volunteers complied with wearing masks while windows and doors were open so we could provide a safe environment for all.

The following people made this sale a success. Tim Laib, Laurie Laib, Judy Benson, Peggy Twait, Carolyn Larson, Cynthia Delano, Janice Brown, John Bartholow, Debbie Short, Mary Lou Hurley, Jim Hurley, Dorothy Sorum, Rachel Lepper, Aleisha Leger, Ben Leger, Nora Leger, Jackson Leger, Kathy Benke, Alicia Bratland, Keira Bratland, Alexis Graves, Carol Kramer, Myrna Olson, Cindy Welke, John Brandt, Tammy Lepper, Rylan Marish, Connie Larson, Judy Davis, Wesley Wollen, Mia Martin, Lucy Neuberger, Chris Nisbit, Paul Ness, Ed Berkley, Dennis Vandrunen. A special thank you to Shayna, Marilyn, Kelly, John, Aleah, Chris and Pastor Short for their help and support. The committee-Karen, Pam and Gayle- worked hard, had fun and appreciate the willingness of everyone to jump in and get the job done. Our Central Lutheran Church mission statement says it all: Gathered in the love of God, we connect and serve.

## Food Shelf Donations

During September 2021 you've donated 387 pounds of food and \$215.00 in cash which converts to a total of 817 pounds of food. This brings our total to 10,819 pounds of food donated this year. Once again the people of Central Lutheran have come through with an amazing amount of food and cash for Volunteer Services. You are to be congratulated, and please keep it up for all the hungry people we are serving in the Winona area. You're the best!

## Prayer shawls available

Do you know someone who has health issues? Lost a loved one? Away from home?

Serving in the military? There are many reasons to want to comfort someone or let them know you're thinking of 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





# November 2021

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|  | First Day of American Indian Heritage Month<br>7:00 pm Spectrum Broadcast          | Election Day<br>9:00 am Quilters<br>11:15 am CLC Staff Meeting<br>7:00 pm Movie Night   | Program Directors' Monthly Meeting<br>10:00 am HBCI TV Broadcast<br>5:00 pm Confirmation/WNW<br>6:30 pm Table Teens     | Open Court<br>3:00 pm  |   |           |
| <b>7</b><br>Daylight Saving Time ends<br>Mission/NYG Fundraiser<br>8:00 am Worship Service<br>9:10 am Sunday School<br>9:30 am Teen Time<br>10:15 am Baptism<br>10:15 am Worship-Live Stream and In-Person | <b>8</b><br>9:00 am WELCA<br>4:30 pm Welcoming Table<br>7:00 pm Spectrum Broadcast | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am Quilters<br>2:00 pm CLC Staff Meeting<br>3:00 pm Veterans Activity<br>5:00 pm Property Committee Meeting<br>5:00 pm Table Teens | <b>10</b><br>12:00 pm Communication Committee Meeting<br>5:00 pm HBCI TV Broadcast<br>6:30 pm Confirmation/WNW          | <b>11</b><br>Veterans Day<br>10:00 am Welcome and Worship Meeting-Grace Hall<br>12:00 pm Safety and Security Committee Meeting | <b>12</b><br>Council Reports Due                                | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b><br>8:00 am Worship Service<br>9:10 am Sunday School<br>9:30 am Teen Time<br>10:15 am Children sing at 10:15 Service<br>10:15 am Worship-Live Stream and In-Person                                | <b>15</b><br>7:00 pm Craft/Game night<br>7:00 pm Spectrum Broadcast                | <b>16</b><br>9:00 am Quilters<br>11:15 am CLC Staff Meeting<br>6:30 pm Council Meeting  | <b>17</b><br>Newsletter Article Due<br>5:00 pm HBCI TV Broadcast<br>6:30 pm Confirmation/WNW<br>7:00 pm Parenting Teens | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>8:00 am Worship Service<br>9:10 am Sunday School<br>9:30 am Teen Time<br>10:15 am Worship-Live Stream and In-Person   | <b>22</b><br>7:00 pm Spectrum Broadcast  | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am Quilters<br>11:15 am CLC Staff Meeting<br>5:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting<br>7:00 pm FEAST Committee Meeting                   | <b>24</b><br>5:00 pm HBCI TV Broadcast<br>6:30 pm NO-Confirmation/WNW   | <b>25</b><br>Thanksgiving Break  | <b>26</b><br>Native American Heritage Day<br>Thanksgiving Break | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28</b><br>8:00 am Worship Service<br>8:30 am Advent Fair-First<br>9:10 am Sunday School<br>9:30 am Teen Time<br>10:15 am Worship-Live Stream and In-Person  | <b>29</b><br>7:00 pm Spectrum Broadcast  | <b>30</b><br>9:00 am Quilters<br>11:15 am CLC Staff Meeting   |   |  |   |           |

# Council Report: Sept 21, 2021

## 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*

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Chris opened with devotions. Paul moved, Tammy seconded, carried to approve the agenda. Paul moved, Tammy seconded, carried to approve June and July minutes.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul gave summary of budget.

Parking Lot Passes are available 28/ 50 are rented.

Myrna moved, Tammy seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

## OLD BUSINESS

150th Anniversary Celebration Service September 26th.

Refugee Sponsorship: Meetings will continue about sponsorship.

Modern Worship Service: A modern style service will be held at 10:15 AM starting November 7 and continue through December 26th. The two months will be a trial period, there will be a worship forum in early December to hear feedback from parishioners.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ability to accept Credit Card Payment : Discussed the cost of the Credit Card machine and the fees. Better option may be Venmo or Pay Pal.

Health Insurance Plan: Gold Plan was decided on. Paul moved, Tammy seconded and the motion was approved and carried.

Lutheran Campus Ministries: CLC will provide a meal the night of Oct. 10th

## STAFF REPORTS

Directing Pastor: Discussion on creating an area for parents to meet at, while children are attending Sunday school.

Discussion on areas in the church where volunteers are needed.

Staff reports were reviewed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

There will be an Emergency Training Opportunity on Oct 23 ,2021 from 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Discussion on adding 2 security doors in the Office and Child Care area.

Pastor - Discussion on creating an area for Sunday School parents to .

Committee reports were reviewed. Paul moved and Tammy seconded, carried to approve the Staff and Committee Reports.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Oct 19th at 6:30p.m.

Closed with the Lords Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Geri Quinlan

Council Secretary



# FINANCIAL REPORT ● ● ●

## **OPERATING FUND - September, 2021**

Total Income: \$33,647.82

Total Expenses: \$49,528.45

### **Offering Goal :**

**October \$40,751.27**

*Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.*

## **MORTGAGE**

Monthly payments for interest and principal September: \$3,146.00

Gifts for Building Fund September: \$678.00

Gifts for additional mortgage

—Principal reduction September: \$890.00

*Gifts in memory or honor of someone*

## **MEMORIALS**

**September 15, 2021 through October 16, 2021**

## **UNDESIGNATED**

### **In Memory of Marjorie Flatness**

Given by Jonathan & Lori Datta,  
Paul & Lynn Machaewski

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

### **In Memory of Bill Davis**

Given by Judy Davis

## **PEACE GARDEN**

## **HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT**

Given by Rich & Eugenia Moe

## **HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT TECHNOLOGY**

## **Designated Gifts in September**

### **Capital Campaign**

Water-Damage..... \$100.00

WVS Food Shelf.....\$215.00

Habitat.....\$271.01

Youth Fund.....\$25.00

Memorials.....\$60.00

WELCA.....\$460.00

Missions.....\$12.00

World Hunger.....\$100.00

Sunday School.....\$64.00

150th Anniversary Fund....\$2,430.00

## **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.



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Return Service Requested

## What's coming up?

**Sunday, Nov. 7th — All Saints Sunday**

**— Beginning of Modern Service at 10:15**

**Nov. 21st — Christ the King**

**Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 — Advent Worship Service, 7pm (virtual only)**

### Fall Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

**8:00 AM - In-person**

**9:10 AM - Sunday School**

**10:15 AM - In-person & Live-Stream**

**(Live-Stream services remain available  
on Facebook for you to view at anytime)**