

April 2023

# CLC Newsletter

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



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Central  
Lutheran Church ELCA



Rev. Michael Short

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

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The month of April starts with the holiest week of the year. Beginning on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> as we gather to process and celebrate the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday. Yet soon, like the crowds gathered for the annual Passover celebration, we will be confronted by the meaning of Passover and of what would soon take place as we read the passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. Here in Matthew's account we will hear of the last hours of Jesus' life as he is arrested, charged, beaten and crucified on the cross for our sake.

Throughout Holy Week we will gather to once again be reminded of the gifts our Savior gave to us. First with the gift of a new covenant, of Holy Communion as we receive a foretaste of never ending feast that is to come. Later we will mourn and reflect on the gift Jesus gives us in his death on the cross for our sake and for the sake of the world. Lastly we will gather to remember the promises of God to our ancestor, to recount the stories of the Old Testament and the actions of our God. To once again reaffirm our faith as we remember our baptismal promises, only then will we celebrate the true gift as we proclaim Christ has risen from the dead on Easter morning.

Occasionally I get asked which is the greater or more celebrated holiday; Christmas or Easter. For me it is Easter. Easter is central to who we are as followers of Jesus. Without his death and resurrection nothing else matters. With Christ's death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus becomes just another good man, a great and powerful prophet. With Christ's death, resurrection and ascension Jesus fulfills all what the prophets foretold.

With Christ's death, resurrection and ascension Jesus fulfill the promises of our God to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins and restore us to life.

So I invite you to come and join us for our Holy Week services starting on Palm Sunday. Then come later in the week at 7:00pm for our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday Easter vigil services. Each of them will offer you a new or renewed understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Here we will be renewed in faith, reminded of the sacrifice of our Savior and of the love our God has for us to send God's only Son to redeem us.

May this Easter Season bring you joy and peace as we celebrate Jesus' power over sin, death and the devil so he might bring each of us out of death and into to life eternal.

Shalom,

Pr. Michael

### **John 3:16-17**

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.





A. Eric Heukeshoven

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

***“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.***

***Worship the Lord with gladness;***

***come before him with joyful songs.***

**(Psalm 100:1-2)**

Our Lenten journey will culminate on a joyous Easter morning. We are so blessed to have so much wonderful music back at Central – both in worship and at special events. Let's see where we've been and what's on the horizon.

### **Confirmation Band**

The “Confirmation Band” made their debut at the first Lenten service on 3/1/23. The group is a work in progress, to say the least. However, the enthusiasm of these 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade musicians is worth the effort. The group also made a “joyful noise” at this year's Easter Vigil providing the soundtrack for a reading from the book of Daniel.

### **Handbells**

I have inventoried Central's handbells and hand chimes and am thrilled to report that our sets are fully intact. Since the bells have not been played for several years, they will need to be returned to the manufacturer to be refurbished. There is a substantial cost associated with this process and we are currently reviewing options to fund the project.

### **Arts Events**

The Winona State choir gave a wonderful performance on 2/28/23 to a full house. One of the reasons their director, Dr. Travis Sletta, chose Central was to include our marvelous Hendrickson organ in the performance.

A collaborative concert with the Rochester Area Handbell Choir featuring several members of our congregation is scheduled for Sat. 5/13/23 at 3 p.m.. We will also use this opportunity to invite potential players to an info session to gauge interest on restarting the Handbell Choir.

And later this month, the piano students of Kayla Jannsen will return to give their spring recital in the Sanctuary.

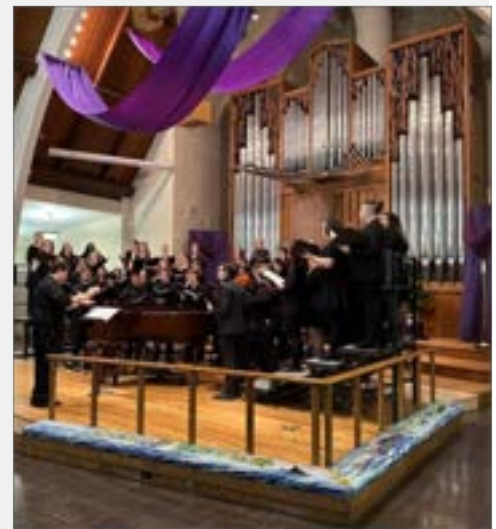
Do you know of a group that would like to perform at Central? Please don't hesitate to let me know!

Blessings, always.

–

A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.

Director of Worship, Music, & Arts



WSU Choir performs in February





# 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?

### Children's experiences this April

It is hard to believe that April is upon us. April brings the promise of Easter and hopefully warmer weather, which is always a welcomed relief! During the month of April we are all excited to celebrate Easter. We are reminded that Easter brings the gift of hope in knowing that life will never end and love never dies!

### Contribution to the Winona Community

The early childhood years are extremely crucial to a child's development. Our program is essential to working families and a vital component to a strong community!

We currently serve 57 families and 64 children are enrolled in our program. We work closely with our families to provide both part time and full time care. We want our children to have the best experience possible at CLC CCC.

### "abra-KID-abra: Celebrating 20 Magical Years!"

#### **Please mark your calendars!**

We will be celebrating our 20th year of taking care of Winona's youngest citizens by hosting a FREE family event. This will take place on **Friday, September 15th, 2023**. "abra-KID-abra: Celebrating 20 Magical Years!" will feature many free activities including: bouncy houses, a petting zoo, crafts, balloon creations and emergency vehicles along with the Magic of Isaiah. The capstone of our event will be a concert by the renowned Minnesota children's group; **Koo Koo Kanga Roo!**

We are asking area individuals and businesses to help us sponsor this event. If you or anyone you know might be interested in being a sponsor please contact Kelly Dicke @ [childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org](mailto:childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org).

Let's join together to give Winona's youngest citizens an event they will remember!



**May this spring add new life and new beauty to all that is!**

**Making Memories  
with our youngest  
community members!**



Questions, please contact us... Phone 507.452.5493 Email: [childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org](mailto:childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org)

## "Hair Ties & Joyful Resistance"

Last week a student, an alumna, and I traveled to El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico for a border immersion trip during Winona State's Spring Break.

On our first morning there, we met Mica, our host, at Border Servant Corp, and we witnessed people's first free moment on US soil as they stepped off the bus that arrives daily at BSC. Mica was thrilled to welcome their *guests*, and Pedro, an intern, stressed over and over how important it is for BSC to practice hospitality, treating people like "5 star guests." "We want people to know that they're safe, that we're happy they're here, and that we're here to help them in whatever ways we can."

Pedro led the rest of our tour, through the room where people were being "processed" so case managers could help them make their next steps. As we stood in the hallway between that room and the rest of the building, I noticed a man walking down the line of people handing out hair ties. Black hair bands exactly like the one I was wearing around my wrist. I wondered- *am I seeing what I think I'm seeing?* And almost as if in response, women began pulling long, dark hair off their necks, into ponytails and buns.

I admit, I was a little distracted, so when the person to whom we were talking finished telling us about his role, and he asked if there were questions, I said, "I have three." I don't remember the first one, but my next two were about hospitality. "Did someone just give out hair ties? And, are the hallways and rooms decorated each season?" Yes, all of it was intentional to make the guests feel safe and welcomed. The hair ties were a simple gesture, and the interns and others found great joy in decorating the building every month, depending on the holiday. There was a giant rainbow, spring trees in (paper) bloom, shamrocks, and even a door decorating contest.

Later that day we met with Kari Lenander, the director of BSC. I mentioned how touched I was by the hair ties and the intentional welcome. Kari said the staff really gets into decorating and invite the guests to help if they want. "It's like you use joy as a tool of resistance." Amanda, another intern, smiled and nodded.

Your generous support made this trip possible, and for that we (Em, Kendra, and I) are forever grateful. We are so thankful for the guidance of Kathy Chatelaine, Assistant to Bishop for Global Mission, for the leadership of Mica, Pedro, Amanda, Martha, and many others we met along the way.

May you, dear one, be on the lookout for hair ties, knowing that Jesus meets you on the road in radical hospitality. Especially in this season of Lent, we are mindful of Jesus' willingness to go into the depths of humanity to be with all people. May you, too, find a joyful rebellion.

With love and deep gratitude,  
Pastor Corrine Haulotte



# Community

## Volunteer Worship Assistant Update

A larger "volunteer pool" is desperately needed so if you'd like to help but not sure what's involved or would like to shadow someone, contact Shayna and she will get you connected with the appropriate person.

### March Worship Volunteers:

Usher 8:30      Usher 10:30      Altar Guild 8:30      Altar Guild 10:30      Communion      Communion  
Assistant 8:30      Assistant 10:30

4/02/23	Paul Berhow Tim Ambuhl Mark Junger-	Tim Laib Laurie Laib Steve Hacken	Judy Benson Janice Brown	Peggy Twait Terri Gjerdrum Mia Martin	Karen Hemker	Peggy Twait Mia Martin
4/09/23	Mike Kolstad Jeremy Johnson Julia Johnson	Mike Bernatz Denise Bernatz Brent Herber	Nancy Hauschildt Carol Kramer	Sheri Maier Greta Poser	Sharon Neitzke Kathy Boone	Karen Jacobson Alison Prodzinski
4/16/23	Dennis VanDrunen Jenny Goede	Gayle Garrity Dan Blasko Kathy Blasko	Bernita Salmon Myrna Olson	Marilee Fish Kathy Benke Lilly LeGere	Myrna Olson	
4/23/23	Brian Nisbit Chris Nisbit Toni Nisbit	Neuberger Family	Joe Palubicki Carol Kramer Denise Bernatz	Karen Jacobson Mia Martin Marie Holmquist	Jana Brinkman Erica Upton- Wurst	Tim Laib Laurie Laib
4/30/23	Mlynczak Family	Don Peterson Gary Bratland Nancy Bratland	Amy Halverson Myrna Olson Marilee Fish	Donna Peterson Greta Poser Denise Bernatz	Michael Bauer Kathy Benke	Carol Kramer

## FEAST

The FEAST continues to welcome members of the community for a hot meal every Wednesday. We are supported by free will offerings and the generosity of local businesses and individuals. We'd like to extend our thanks to the Activity Group of Peerless Chain who both served on March 17 and gifted us with a donation of \$750. If you see someone who is part of Peerless Chain, please thank them for their support.

Cooks and menus for April:

April 5: No FEAST, Holy Week

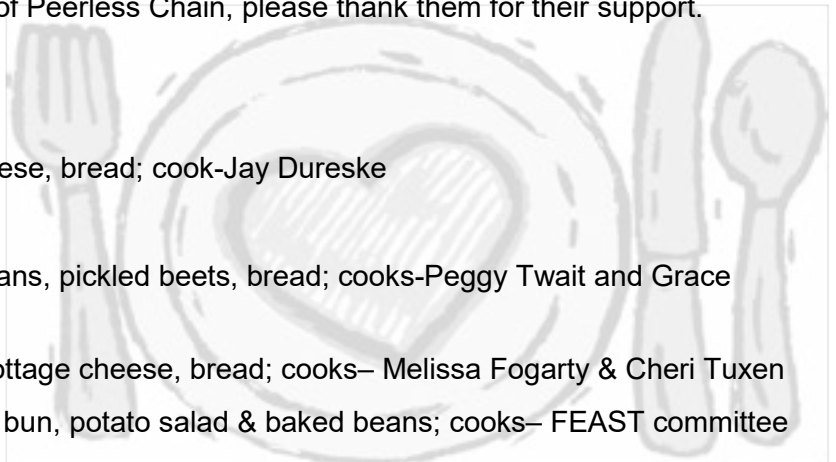
April 12: Garlic toast pizza, salad, cottage cheese, bread; cook-Jay Dureske

April 19: Bonnie Burdick, menu undecided

April 26: Turkey supreme casserole, green beans, pickled beets, bread; cooks-Peggy Twait and Grace Schueler

May 3: Chicken enchilada casserole, salad, cottage cheese, bread; cooks- Melissa Fogarty & Cheri Tuxen

May 10: Bratwurst & sauerkraut on Bloedow's bun, potato salad & baked beans; cooks- FEAST committee



## Volunteer Spotlight

Whether you give your time and talents everyday or one hour a month, your contributions do not go unnoticed. You are GREATLY appreciated! On April 23rd, Central is honoring all of the volunteers by inviting you to a breakfast served by Steak Shop Catering, in Grace Hall, 9:30-11:00 AM. In addition, you may take advantage of a relaxing massage provided by Amber Platteter, MT, from Ivory Orchid Massage Therapy. She will have her massage chair in Grace Hall to give 5-10 minute neck, shoulder, or back massage upon request. Please RSVP for the breakfast by contacting Shayna in the Church office, 507-452-5156, by April 19th. We hope to see you there!



# Upcoming

## CLC Socials Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar and join in the fun on Wednesday, July 5th, for an afternoon of dinner and a show at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater in Chanhassen, MN. Playing will be *Jersey Boys*, *The Story of Franke Valli and The Four Seasons*. "With phenomenal music, memorable characters and great storytelling, *Jersey Boys* follows the fascinating evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop-music history." Also included will be coach bus transportation from CLC parking lot. Watch for more details in the coming months.



## Call/Transition Team Update

The Call/Transition team is working on the calling of a second pastor at Central. We want to thank all of you who filled out a survey. We received over 100 completed surveys from every demographic of our congregation. Your contribution exceeded our expectations and was a great help as we continued to fill out the paperwork. The committee is continuing to fill out the remaining portions of the paperwork. Please keep watch for other ways you can offer your input as we go through this process. Our hope is to complete the paperwork and submit it in the next couple of months, so we might be able to start interviewing candidates in the summer.

Please pray for us as we continue the process. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.

## Family Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 2, 9:30-10:30

Palm Sunday

Grace Hall

Activities-Crafts-Snacks

Bring your family and invite another family to join you for the morning... the more the merrier

**\*We will sing at the 10:30 service!\***



Central Lutheran Church  
Sunday School

### HOLY WEEK and EASTER

at CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Central**

**Lutheran Church ELCA**

**April 6- MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00pm

**April 7- GOOD FRIDAY**

7:00pm

**April 8- SATURDAY**

**EASTER VIGIL**

7:00pm

**April 9- EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30am, 10:30am

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**April 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			F			10:00 am – Bev Spande Visitation 11:00 am – Bev Spande Funeral
Youth Flower Sales Due  8:30 am– Traditional Worship 9:30 am– Sunday School-Family Sunday  10:30 am– Modern Worship 10:30 am– Sunday School Children Sing	6:30 pm– WIN	9:00 am– Quilters 10:00 am– Sons of Norway planning meeting	5	6 10:00 am– CLC Book Group 7:00 pm– Maundy Thursday Service	7 Office Closed in Observance to Good Friday  7:00 pm– Good Friday Service	8 7:00 pm– Easter Vigil Service
Easter Sunday 8:30 am– Traditional Worship 10:30 am– Modern Worship	Easter Monday 9:00 am– WELCA	9 am– Quilters 5:00 pm– Property Meeting 6:30 pm– Council Meeting	12 4:45 pm– FEAST meal 6:30 pm– Confirmation/WNW	13 10:00 am– Welcome & Worship	14	15
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8:30 am– Traditional Worship 9:30 am– Sunday School 10:30 am– Modern Worship				Charter Service– Monday’s @ 7 pm—channel 986 HBC Service– Wednesday’s @ 5 pm– channel 20		



## Church Council

### PAST PRESIDENT

*Jeremy Johnson*

### PRESIDENT

*Steve Ringlien*

### PRESIDENT ELECT

*Kati Stoltman*

### TREASURER

*Mark Boysen*

### SECRETARY

*Myrna Olson*

### AT LARGE

*Scott Mlynczak*

### AT-LARGE

*Tim Laib*

# Council Report: February 21, 2023

**PRESENT:** Pastor Short, Steve Ringlien, Jeremy Johnson, Kati Stoltman, Mark Boysen, Scott Mlynczak, Tim Laib, Myrna Olson

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Myrna opened with devotions. Steve will have devotions in March.

Kati Stoltman was welcomed to the Church Council as the President Elect for 2023.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Meeting time and day along with Emergency Retention Credit items were added to the agenda. Scott moved, Kati seconded, carried to approve the agenda as amended.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim moved, Mark seconded, carried to approve the January 17, 2023, minutes.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark presented the following January 2023 Financial Report:

This year, 2023, started out very well. We received another quarter of Employee Retention Credits (ERC) leaving one quarter outstanding. The monthly offerings were \$29,169 vs the budget offering income of \$28,510. Without the ERC, total income was \$32,652 which was over the budget amount of \$32,268 by \$384. With the ERC, the total income was \$68,229.

Total Expenses for the month of January were \$48,557 while the budgeted amount was \$52,843. That is \$4,286 under budget in expenses and with the Total Income of \$68,229 less Total Expenses of \$48,557 gives the month a net gain of \$19,672. If we exclude the ERC, the income of \$32,652 less Expenses of \$48,557 would have been a loss of \$(15,905).

Utilities were higher at \$6,449 vs the straight-line budget of \$3,250. Winter months do tend to be higher than in the spring/fall.

## Child Care Fund:

The Child Care Fund had income of \$68,956 less expenses of \$53,714 giving it a monthly gain of \$15,242. The YTD gain is the same as it is January. The Fund Balance is \$94,923.68 which is the sum of all gains and losses over time.

Following discussion, Myrna moved, Tim seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

## Transition/Call Process Update

The Transition Committee had their first meeting and a survey was prepared for members to complete and return. Church members are encouraged to complete and return the surveys over the next few weeks.

## LCC Dinner

The Council will provide an evening meal to the Lutheran Campus Center on Sunday, February 26.

## Church Council

### PAST PRESIDENT

*Jeremy Johnson*

### PRESIDENT

*Steve Ringlien*

### PRESIDENT ELECT

*Kati Stoltman*

### TREASURER

*Mark Boysen*

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### AT LARGE

*Scott Mlynchak*

### AT-LARGE

*Tim Laib*

# Council Report (Continued)

## NEW BUSINESS

### Meeting Day and Time

Due to some scheduling issues, it was decided that the regular Church Council meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

### Employee Retention Credits (ERC)

The Church has received another quarter of Employee Retention Credits (ERC) leaving one quarter outstanding as noted in the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held on how to use/distribute the ERC money. No final decisions were made and further discussion will be held when the last quarter of ERC money is received.

## STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

- Planning worship for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
- Working with the youth planning their mission trip, fundraising events
- Wednesday Night Confirmation
- The "Confirmation Band" began rehearsing
- Discussion has been held regarding restarting the Handbell Choir
- We will be hosting a collaborative concert with the Rochester Handbell Choir on Friday, May 12, 2023
- The Child Care Center will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 20, 2023.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were reviewed.

- Welcome and Worship prepared a reception for Pastor Dana's last Sunday. She was presented with a quilt made by ladies of the church
- Volunteer recognition will be held in April
- The next CLC Socials event will be on Saturday, March 18, at 2:30 P.M. The Theater at SMU will be having a final performance of Soundheim on Soundheim.

Scott moved, Tim seconded, carried to approve the staff and committee reports.

Next meeting is March 14, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Myrna Olson

Secretary

# FINANCIAL REPORT ● ● ●

## **OPERATING FUND - February, 2023**

Total Income: \$32,848.33

Total Expenses: \$47,752.94

### **Offering Goal :**

**April \$38,754.29**

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

*Gifts in memory or honor of someone*

## **MEMORIALS**

**February 21, 2023 through March 20, 2023**

### **UNDESIGNATED**

#### **Memory of Joel Bjorlo**

**Given by** Sheri & Eric Johnson, Robert & Sandra Stroinski, Gerald Bjorlo, Peggy Twait, Rolland & Andrea Ledebuhr, JC & Arlene Pfeiffer

#### **Memory of JoDeen Kobishop Exe**

**Given by** Dewayne & Marie Exe

### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND**

#### **Memory of Helen Keiper**

**Given by** Linda Bouck

### **QUILTERS**

#### **Memory of Joel Bjorlo**

**Given by** Peggy Twait, Lavern & Nancy Hauschildt

### **THRIVENT DOLLARS**

Abbie Henningson, Beverly Hoenk, Helen Johnson, Hayley Martin, Kevin Martin, Charlene Staff, Keith Staff, Marilyn Marquardt, Arlan Runningen

## **Designated Gifts in February**

Building Maintenance Fund.....\$848.00

Resettlement WIN.....\$400.59

ELCA World Hunger.....\$100.00

WVS Food Shelf.....\$115.00

Youth.....\$60.00

Technology.....\$10.00

Lutheran Campus Center.....\$10.00

Feast.....\$600.88

Sunday School.....\$40.00

Quilters.....\$50.00



### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

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



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## **What's coming up?**

**April 2nd– Family Sunday 9:30-10:30am**

### **Holy Week:**

**April 6th– Maundy Thursday service @ 7pm**

**April 7th– Good Friday service @7pm**

**April 8th– Easter Vigil service @7pm**

**April 9th– Easter Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30am**