

August 2023

CLC Newsletter

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



2023 Youth Mission- Bayou La Batre, Alabama :

Lincoln Bilderback, Kiera Bratland, Hayden Brown, Korbin Frie, Alexis Graves, Lauren Indra, Eben Jackson, Miriam Jackson, Jackson Leger, Jacob Looman, Rylan Marish, Colby Mlynczak, Clayton Mlynczak, Carson Prodzinki, Hailey Stoltman, Oliver Wells

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Central
Lutheran Church ELCA



Rev. Michael Short

A Message from our Directing Pastor

From the time Jesus started his ministry on earth, proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven has come near he called and invited the apostles to come and follow him. As Jesus shared the love of God with others and the number of followers kept growing so was the need for additional servants of God. Even after Jesus death, resurrection and ascension the remaining apostles needed others to join them as the numbers of believer continued to grow. In the sixth chapter of Acts they appointed seven more disciples so that all might be served and cared for as Jesus instructed.

At our annual meeting last February, we approved the process of calling a second pastor to Central in order that we might continue to serve our growing community of believers. That process continues and hopefully in August we can introduce to you a candidate for you to call to that position. The addition of an Associate Pastor here at Central will help us as a congregation to better serve each of you, in particular the youth and young families of Central. Yet the Associate Pastor will not be able to do so alone. We will still need the active support and participation from you.

In church language this is referred to as stewardship. While some shy away from using this term it is foundational to who we are as people of faith. Being a steward, is one who has been given gifts and resources for to grow the Kingdom on earth and to share the love of God with those in need. Stewardship is the use of those resources, both in time and energy as well as financial for the growing of the Kingdom of God.

So in the coming months Central will be asking for your help. The first will be as we seek to be sure our directory and contact information is accurate. In early August along with your statement of giving, you will be sent a request to update your contact information for each member of your household. Especially in these days as home land lines are being cut in favor of cell phones, many phone numbers are no longer working. In addition, we need to be sure we have updated emails as we continue to send more and more information electronically.

Later in the fall we will sent out a Time and Talent form so you can indicate how you might be willing to support the ministries of Central with your time and energy. This could be offering to assist in worship as an usher or communion assistant. Behind the scenes activities helping with the altar guild or sitting in the balcony running the video equipment or helping Bob with sound. Maybe your gift is musical and you can join the choir or play an instrument. Maybe your gifts are teaching and caring for youth by working with our Sunday School or Confirmation programs. There are as many needs within the church as talents and gifts you have to share.

This fall will also bring a financial stewardship program. As the church continues to grow so does the need to insure the church has the resources to serve those needs in the community. At that time, we will lay out our vision for the mission and ministry of Central so you know what it will take to do accomplish all these things.

Writing to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 12), Paul reminds them and us that while we each have our own ability, all parts are needed in order for the whole body of Christ to function. There are so many good things happening and growing here at Central so I invite you to consider how you can join us in this mission.

Blessings to you as we enjoy these final days of summer as we begin this new chapter in the ministry of Central.

Pr. Michael





A. Eric Heukeshoven

A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." (Psalm 100:1)

What a glorious summer!

Although we couldn't gather at the river in June, July and August will more than make up for the weather cancellation of our outdoor service at the MN Marine Art Museum. As I write this in the second week of July, we are in the final planning stages for the multi-congregational ecumenical service on July 30th in Unity Park. Working with colleagues from Wesley Methodist, First Congregational, Faith Lutheran, Grace Presbyterian, and St. Paul's Episcopal reaffirms my belief that we truly are one in Christ. Our final outdoor worship will take place just down the street from Central in the shade of Windom Park on Sunday August 27th at 9:30 a.m. We are so blest to be able to celebrate the beauty of the Earth right in our own backyard!

Handbells

Earlier this summer, I began exploring interest in bringing the ringing back to Central. Responses to the Handbell survey were overwhelmingly positive but limited. Are you or someone you know a possible ringer? The survey is still open – scan the QR code or use this web address:

<https://forms.gle/K4iQnCwodi2YGp9h6>



Paper copies are available from Shayna, or we'll be happy to mail one to you!

Choir

Our Adult Choir currently has a faithful group of 12 to 14 singers on any given week. Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. As we transition from summer to fall, please consider lending your voice to this important and longstanding tradition at Central. Choir rehearsals will begin September 7th. Voices are also welcome to join the *Sunrise Singers* as they lead hymns at our traditional service or the *Central Singers* at our modern service. Catch me after worship, email, or call me anytime for more information.

The Arts at Central

Back in May, Central sponsored the Bach Society of Minnesota's "Mobile-Mini" pop-up concerts in Winona. This event allowed me to reconnect with the group's executive director. Thanks to this connection, I am thrilled to announce that BSM is coming back to Central for a concert performance on Saturday September 23, 2023, at 7 p.m. *Voices from Heaven* will feature J.S. Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto #4* featuring the group's Artistic Director Matthias Maute on recorder. The concert will also highlight music from the Baroque era by Telemann, Lully, and Handel. Watch for details about this amazing concert and future events with the BSM coming in 2024!

The *Messiah Sing-In* is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 2nd this year. Dr. Harry Mechell and I met in July to discuss details for this year's event. We are planning to extend invitations to area choirs now that COVID restrictions will no longer limit access to the singers.

Thank you for your continuing support and engagement in worship, music, and the Arts at Central!

Blessings, always.

—
A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.
Director of Worship, Music, & Arts



Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass perform in July





August Center News

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

**We have a very special event coming up!
Please mark your calendars!**



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

Who: you, our cherished families & congregation, alumni, other community centers and their families!

What: "abra-KID-abra, Celebrating 20 Magical Years!"

We are planning many fun children's activities, food, a free presentation from The Magic of Isaiah and a free concert by the renowned children's group, Koo Koo Kanga Roo.

When: Friday, September 15th, 2023 4:00-7:30

Where: Central Lutheran Church parking lot.

Why: We want to celebrate our 20th anniversary of providing care to Winona's youngest citizens and to celebrate all children!

How can I help? 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.

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

Jazz Jam

August 20th 2:30-5:30

Island City Brewing Co.



Everyone wishing to listen to great music while enjoying drinks and wonderful company is welcome to join the H3O Jazz Trio for a very special Jazz Jam. This will be on Sunday August 20th from 2:30 to 5:30 at Island City Brewing Company. Jazz Jam features our very own Eric Heukeshoven and his two sons Hans and Max. H3O has generously offered to triple all tips they receive and make a donation towards our 20th Anniversary event. We would love to see you there!

"We didn't even realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun."



Questions, please contact us...
childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

Working together. Living through faith. Taking action in our world.



Pretty soon our city will shift once again to make room for college students. We bid farewell to the Great River Shakespeare Festival and Minnesota Beethoven Festival and to finding parking spaces around Winona State with ease. The lake will see more 20-somethings trying their hand at kayaking, paddle boarding, and frisbee golfing.

On our little corner of the world, where Huff and King/9th Streets meet, we've already been experiencing changes. Our yellow building has been painted blue with white trim, and Ridgeland's Coffee House is taking over Mugby Junction's space, complete with a gorgeous mural on the King/9th Street side.

We'd love for you to stop by and check out the new coffee house, our freshened-up bathrooms, and the delicious food the new owner, Amber, has been testing and getting just right.

We've been quite lucky to house Mugby in our space and to now open our doors to Ridgeland's. Their philosophy matches ours—to show love. Though paint colors and names and furniture may change, the tenant of love remains.

We're also quite lucky, dear ones, to house three campuses in our little city. We get to welcome people from all over the world and impact the lives of those who will go on to become teachers, nurses, social workers, computer engineers, heads of HR, parents, engineers, and leaders. Thank you for all you do with and for the LCC as we shape the future together.

I'll leave you with a line from one of my favorite poems that speaks to the philosophy we live into at the (formerly yellow, now blue) building down the street: *"God, what love-mischief can 'We' do For the world Today?"*

In God's love,

Pastor Corrine Haulotte

Upcoming

Worship Server Update

The Fall Worship Server (Altar Guild, Communion Assistant, & Usher) schedule will be set up mid August and mailed out to members shortly after. If you prefer specific tasks and/or service times, please sign up online or contact Shayna in the office at 507.452.5156, with that information before August 11th.

August Worship Volunteers:

	Usher 9:30	Altar Guild 9:30	Communion Assistant 9:30
Sun., 8/6	1.Brian Neuberger 2.Ella Neuberger 3.Brent Herber 4.Blake Herber	1.Peggy Twait 2.Jana Brinkman 3.Karen Hemker 4.	1.Peggy Twait 2.Laurie Laib
Sun., 8/13	1.Tim Laib 2.Laurie Laib 3.Joe Palubicki 4.Jeremy Johnson	1.Judy Benson 2.Janice Brown 3.Kay Brand 4.	1.Kathy Boone 2.Dan Motl
Sun., 8/20	1.Mike Bernatz 2.Denise Bernatz 3.Tim Ambuhl 4.Paul Berhow	1.Mia Martin 2.Jenny Goede 3.Nancy Hauschildt 4.	1.Paul Birkeland 2.Barbara Birkeland
Sun., 8/27 Outside	1.John Brandt 2.Pat Brandt 3. 4.	1.Marie Holmquist 2.Gayle Garrity 3.Amy Halverson 4.	1.Dennis Van Drunen 2.Myrna Olson
Sun., 9/3	1.Brian Neuberger 2.Ella Neuberger 3.Mia Martin 4.Don Peterson	1.Peggy Twait 2.Donna Peterson 3.Karen Jacobson 4.	1.Peggy Twait 2.Mark Jungerberg

WSU Move-In Days

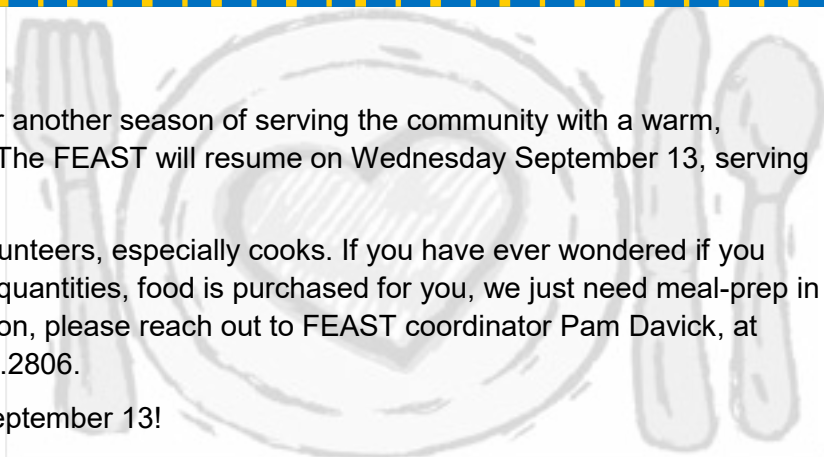
Once again, CLC will be welcoming new students and their parents as they move into their dorms on August 16th and 17th by handing out water, snacks, and information about Central Lutheran and the Lutheran Campus Center. Sign up online or contact Shayna in the office at 507.452.5156 for a 2 hour shift during one of those days.

FEAST

The FEAST committee is beginning to plan for another season of serving the community with a warm, home-made meal each Wednesday evening. The FEAST will resume on Wednesday September 13, serving from 4:45 to 6:00 pm.

The FEAST is dependent upon the help of volunteers, especially cooks. If you have ever wondered if you could do this— you CAN! We have recipes for quantities, food is purchased for you, we just need meal-prep in the church kitchen. If you want more information, please reach out to FEAST coordinator Pam Davick, at pamdavick@gmail.com, or call her at 507.459.2806.

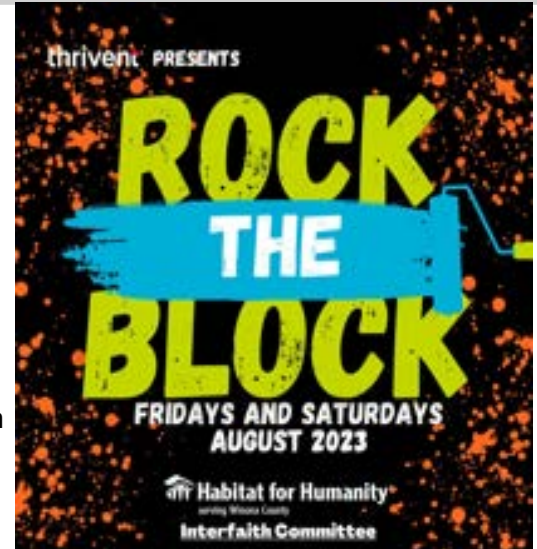
We hope to see you at the FEAST, starting September 13!



Community

Central Lutheran Helps Rock the Block

The Social Concerns Committee is excited to report our congregation will be a proud sponsor of Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block 2023. Money raised through your generous donations at the June 25th Cookie and Bar event has allowed Central to join with other community supporters at the "Brushed with Kindness" sponsorship level. A Central work crew will join with Habitat leadership on Friday, August 11th from 8:30 until noon to assist in revitalizing local homes or assisting with home accessibility modifications. If you are interested in becoming a Habitat volunteer for this event or future opportunities to serve, please contact the church office to get in touch with the proper people.



Blood Drive Success

A very successful blood drive was held at Central Lutheran on July 13th. With critical shortages of blood supplies across the country, Red Cross staff were pleased to report having met their goal of collected units on this visit. We are appreciative of Central and community members who supported the Red Cross with their donation. Also, a very heartfelt thank you is extended to those who assisted Red Cross Staff with registration and provided donors with delicious homemade treats in the canteen. We look forward to hosting another event in January, 2024.



Friends of the Lutheran Campus Center

The Friends of the Lutheran Campus Center in Winona are members from Cedar Valley, Faith and Central, working together to support and raise awareness of the work of the LCC. The present members from Central are Greta Poser, Julie Heinrich, Connie Larson, Jim Hurley, Judy Davis, and Gayle Garrity. On October 8th, the Friends group will be having the 3rd annual "Jazz and Dessert" event in the backyard of Faith Lutheran with the H30 group providing the music. Save the date!

LCC is getting a new look!

You may have noticed that there is a new coffee shop, Ridgeland's, sharing the LCC building! The building has been newly painted and the new owner, Amber, has spruced up the coffee shop area— but the coffee will still be roasted by Mugby! Amber plans longer hours and more food options— consider supporting this new local business by stopping by. And if someone is in the LCC office stop in and say hello.



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am – Quilters	2	3 10:00 am– CLC Book Group	4	5
9:30 am – Summer Worship	7	8 9:00 am – Quilters 5:00 pm- Property Committee 6:00 pm-Personnel Committee 6:30 pm- Council Meeting	9	10 10:00 am – Welcome & Worship	11	12
13 9:30 am – Summer Worship	14 9:00 am – WELCA 6:30 pm – WIN	15 Newsletter Articles Due 9 am – Quilters	16 12:00pm– Safety & Security 1:30 pm– Esther Circle 5:00 pm – CLC Family Night	17	18	19
20 9:30 am – Summer Worship	21 9:00 am – Social Concerns	22 9:00 am – Quilters 5:00 pm– Youth Committee 7:00 pm– Sons of Norway	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 am – Summer Worship @ Windom Park	28	29 9:00 am – Quilters	30	31		
			Charter Service– Monday’s @ 7 pm—channel 986 HBC Service– Wednesday’s @ 5 pm– channel 20			

Church Council

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Kati Stoltman

TREASURER

Mark Boysen

SECRETARY

Myrna Olson

AT LARGE

Scott Mlynczak

AT-LARGE

Tim Laib

Council Report: May 9, 2023

PRESENT: Pastor Short, Steve Ringlien, Kati Stoltman, Tim Laib, Mark Boysen, Myrna Olson

ABSENT: Jeremy Johnson, Scott Mlynczak

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kati opened with devotions. Jeremy will have devotions in July.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim moved, Kati seconded, carried to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark moved, Steve seconded, carried to approve the April 11, 2023, minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark presented the following financial report:

April 2023 Financial Report

April income was 16.5% higher than last year, but we spent 13.9% more than we brought in for the month. Both income and expenses were lower than budget. April income was \$37,492 and short of budget of \$43,345 by (\$5,853). Income of \$37,492 less the monthly expenses of \$42,709 gave the month a loss of (\$5,217). The expenses were also under budget of \$51,307 by (\$8,598).

YTD expenses are \$36,106 under budget at \$172,022 compared to budgeted expenses of \$208,128.

The YTD Total Income of \$181,298 less the YTD Expenses of \$172,022 gives 2023 a gain of \$9,276. We are keeping ahead of expenses because of the ERC grant, but we are chipping away at that lead.

In April, extra expenses were \$3,351.36 for the electrical bill and \$321.86 for new light bulbs.

The Child Care Fund had income of \$67,455 less expenses of \$62,105 giving it a monthly gain of \$5,350. The YTD gain is \$39,497 and the Fund Balance is \$118,968, which is the sum of all gains and losses over time.

Following discussion, Kati moved, Myrna seconded, carried to approve the financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

Transition/Call Process Update

Pastor Short gave a brief summary of the April 30 congregational input meeting for an additional pastor. The Council reviewed the Ministry Site Profile that is being completed by the Call Committee.

Council Retreat

During the Council Retreat, the topic of budgeting for next year was discussed. The planning process will be reviewed in the coming months with possible changes to be made.

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Council Report (Continued)

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter

There will not be a newsletter prepared and sent in July.

Summer Worship

There will be one service each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. during the summer. We are planning of joining other churches for worship on July 30.

Parking Lot Fees for 2023/24 School Year

Winona State University will be increasing their parking permit fees for the 2023/24 school year. A proposal was presented to Council that the yearly parking fees for use of Central's parking lot be increased to \$275 for the school year; \$150 for one semester; and \$150 for school year for members of the congregation. Following discussion, Tim moved, Kati seconded, carried to approve the rates for Central's parking lot.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

- Attended Synod Assembly in Mankato on May 6
- AMMPARO group meeting
- Vacation Bible School will have family nights during the summer
- Planning for Abra-KID-abra; Day Care Celebration 20 Magical Years
- 67 children enrolled in day care serving 60 families
- Submitted annual documents to State of Minnesota Department of Human Services, Licensing Division
- Received reimbursement from State of Minnesota Background Studies for studies conducted during COVID
- Eric Heukeshoven is completing one year as our Director of Worship, Music, and Arts
- Summer worship schedule will include May 28 in the church parking lot; June 25 at the MN Marine Art Museum; July 30 will be an ecumenical service in Unity Park; and August 27 at Windom Park

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were reviewed.

- Property Committee – cleanup of grounds, equipment
- The water bottle filler will be replaced
- Trees have been removed
- Youth Committee – confirmation and youth activities
- Worship and Welcome – planning summer worship schedule
- Faith Formation – Parenting Teens event, youth lock-in on May 12
- Pam Davick will be leading the Feast Committee
- Worship and Welcome planning trip to Chanhassen to see Jersey Boys on July 5.

Mark moved, Kati seconded, carried to approve the staff and committee reports.

Following discussion, it was decided there would be no Council meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 11 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 - May, 2023

Total Income: \$34,845.53

Total Expenses: \$41,592.32

Offering Goal :

May \$42,862.49

OPERATING FUND - June, 2023

Total Income: \$27,427.24

Total Expenses: \$41,013.99

Offering Goal :

June \$39,961.74

Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.

Gifts in memory or honor of someone

MEMORIALS

May 17, 2023 through July 7, 2023

UNDESIGNATED

Memory of Earl (Bud) Stevens

Given by Lois Larson, Dorothy Sorum,

Brian Russel, Susan Stevens

Memory of Leland McMillen

Given by Conway Elton

Memory of Diane Barge

Given by Kathleen & Dan Blasko, Peter & Paulette

Huggenvik, Marion Mason, Pam Davick

Memory of Shirley June Mahlum

Given by Deborah Shroyer

FLOWERS

Memory of Carol Wadewitz

Given by Sue Vandervort

TECHNOLOGY

Memory of Earl (Bud) Stevens

Given by Michele Ziegeweid

Designated Gifts in May & June

Building Maintenance Fund.....\$1,901.00

Resettlement WIN.....\$90.44

WVS Food Shelf.....\$275.25

Youth.....\$260.00

Technology.....\$25.00

Lutheran Campus Center.....\$100.00

Feast.....\$526.50

Sunday School.....\$26.00

Quilters.....\$505.00

Hand Bells.....\$100.00

Flower Fund.....\$5.00

Memorials.....\$465.00

Funeral Fund.....\$375.00

Habitat for Humanity.....\$240.00



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What's coming up?

Aug 16– CLC Family Night 5:00 PM

Aug 27– Summer Worship @ Windom Park

Sept 10– Rally Sunday-more information to come