

June & July 2023

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.

Summer has arrived and with it changes in schedules and activities both here at Central and in the lives of you our members. Sunday school and confirmation are complete for the year. School for the youth is about to end as sports and dreams of time at the lake begin. Throughout these changes, matters of faith continue. So I invite you to take time this summer to be engaged in faith activities, in worship (in-person or online) and to take time to connect with God wherever your activities take you.

There are a few changes coming for the summer here at Central as well. The first is from Memorial weekend (May 28th) through Labor Day weekend (Sept 3rd) we will come together for one service at 9:30am. It will be in-person as well as online so you will be able to worship with us in the manner which best fits your summer schedule. Also the last Sunday of the month (May-Sept) we will be outside. A schedule can be found on the back page of this newsletter. One I am excited about is an ecumenical service with other churches in Winona on July 30th at Unity Park as we come together as a community to worship. So bring your lawn chair and join us as we worship with and around Winona this summer.

The youth of the church continue to be active as we continue our plans for a mission trip in July. I thank you for the support you have given them during their fundraisers. There is still one coming up you can find more information about a Quilt drawing in the newsletter.

I also want to take time to offer my gratitude to the many teachers and leaders of our Sunday School. To Amber for her leadership making things work and all she does to support the teachers. A big thank you to Tammy Swenson Lepper for her years of leading the opening time for our Sunday School program. So much happens because of members like Amber and Tammy who graciously give of their time.

One of the other changes we made this summer is to skip one newsletter. We will not be sending out a newsletter at the end of June with July activities as we have done in the past. So please take time read what is included here as we have listed activities for both June and July in this edition. Watch for reminders in the weekly ENews as well as announcements during worship.

You can also find in the newsletter an update from the Call Committee as they continue to make progress in the calling of a second pastor here at Central. There is much excitement as we continue to seek ways to best serve all of you. The next steps happen slower as candidate names are received and they are interviewed. Little may be said during this process until someone is selected. So I ask for your patience and your prayers not only for our committee but for those candidates who are looking for a call.

Lastly I want to say thank you to all of you for your continued support of the ministries of Central. It has been a busy spring and I am grateful for each of you as you offer your assistance which help keep the ministries of Central going and vibrant. As such, I want to remind you to not forget Central this summer with your support, both of time and resources. On those weeks when you are away, please remember to mail or go online to support the ministries which are vital to you and to our community.

Pr. Michael





A. Eric Heukeshoven

A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director

“The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the Lord, and when he comes out.” (Exodus 28:35)

On Saturday May 13th, we welcomed the amazing Rochester Area Handbells for a concert featuring several local musicians performing everything from the Baroque to *Fly Me to the Moon!* Before the concert, we held an info session for anyone interested in starting the process of reestablishing a handball choir at Central.

In the presentations, I outlined the following goals:

- Spring 2023 - Interest session, review survey responses, contact former ringers
- Summer 2023 - Schedule bell maintenance
- Fall 2023 - Begin weekly rehearsals open to all in our community
- Late 2023 / Early 2024 - First performance

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity?

There is a short survey available online – 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!

June & July Events

As we move to our blended summer service schedule (9:30 a.m.), we will worship in some of Winona's most beautiful settings on the last Sunday of each month through August.

June 25th – Minnesota Marine Art Museum's Riverwalk

July 30th – Unity Park – Lakeside near River Hills Dental

We are planning the July 30th service with several other congregations and look forward to hosting a combined choir like the group that sang for our Thanksgiving Eve service in 2022.

On Tuesday July 18th, we will host ***Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass*** – an amazing group of musicians with a local connection. You can see and hear the group at a recent concert here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/tEUDQbwJECI?feature=share&t=7420>

Here's to a summer full of worship, music,
and the Arts at Central!
Blessings, always.

–

A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.



Rochester Area Handbells performing on May 13th

May 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 @ childcare-center@centrallutheranchurch.org.

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



Popcorn Sales

July 10th-24th

The center will be selling Popcorn from July 10th through July 24th!

All proceeds will go towards our 20th Anniversary celebration. Order forms will be located at the front desk. We always appreciate your generous support!

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



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

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



As winter snow gives way to spring rain, and the days grow longer, I pay close attention to signs of new life. When my kids and I lived closer to Goodview, we waited for the arrival of geese families in the Spring and would slow down on Riverview Drive when little goslings appeared. We're in a new house this year; each green blade rising from the ground held a surprise for us in early Spring. *Would it be a hosta, and, if so, which kind? Was that rhubarb? Oh! We have irises!* The birch trees in our backyard sprinkled seeds all over the place, and seemingly overnight, they revealed green leaves! *Didn't we just see check on them yesterday?*

One morning, my son called me to the window from which we'd watched deer roam in the fall and cardinals flit in the winter. "What is it, buddy?" I asked, and he gestured outside with his arms spread open, as if to say, "Ta da!" What he actually said was, "Look at how beautiful! Look at all the green!"

This is how it feels when I reflect back on a year at the LCC.

In the middle of the days and weeks— that is to say, when I'm in the thick of it, I don't realize how much is really happening. But, when I shuffled through pictures from the past year to update our display board, I could take in the whole year at once. It dawned on me how full the year was. I saw faces of different students from pumpkin carving, a Sunday night dinner, cleaning up the community after Homecoming, serving at the Feast, and acting goofy with s'mores during a Welcome Week event. *Look at how beautiful!*

A couple weeks later, I ventured over to Winona State's campus to choose a couple of saplings and "seed bomb packets." While at the gazebo, I talked with a couple of friends, met a professor, talked to students swapping clothes for a Biology class, and saw a handful of students who are connected to the LCC. Brenna was walking her dog. Em and Gracie were donating clothes to the Bio class. Claire and Cole walked by in a group. Taj made their way across campus, and we chatted, too.

Out of all these students, only one comes "consistently" to the LCC. And yet, they're all a part of this past year, and they all matter to our community. They're like little signs of life— hostas and irises. I'm honored to be their pastor and humbled to take a step back and utter a prayer to God, "Wow. Look how beautiful. Look at all you do, Spirit."

May you notice signs of new life among you, too. God is up to something, even when we don't realize it. Even when we're in the thick of it and can't yet see the birch leaves.

Thank you for painting such a beautiful picture here in Winona- and beyond.

With joy,
Pastor Corrine Haulotte



Community

Blood Drive July 13th

Central Lutheran Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 13th from 12 until 6 pm. The demand for whole blood products continues to exceed the supply. If you are a potential donor, please make the commitment to make a difference for those in need.

Donors must pre-register for an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give>.



Winona Immigration Network

June 14th will mark one and a half years in Winona for Edelber. He's come a long way since that cold day in December 2021 when he arrived in Winona. Edelber now has a Social Security number and an employment authorization document. As soon as he had authorization to work, he was hired by Behrens Manufacturing. He was recently selected to learn some robotics work. Edelber continues to attend English classes. He recently passed his written Driver's test and is now practicing for Behind the Wheel test in the near future. He's been saving money and recently found a car that he can afford. Edelber has many friends in Winona and is enjoying becoming more independent. The prayers, generosity, and support of members from Central Lutheran, Cedar Valley Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, St. Paul's Lutheran, Grace Presbyterian, and First Congregational churches has made such a difference in Edelber's life.

As Edelber becomes more independent, the Winona Immigration Network asks for your prayers as we consider how we should prepare to open our hearts to welcome a new immigrant person or family to our Winona Community. If you have any interest in being involved in the preparations for this exciting and rewarding ministry, please consider attending our monthly meetings to learn more about it. Contact Judy Davis, Denise Bernatz, Pastor Michael Short, Tisha or Aaron Hooksm Chris Nisbit, Connie Larson, Jim or Carol Bromeland, or Pastor Jeff Franko. They will put you on our mailing list to notify you of our meetings. Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday June 5th, at 6:30 pm in Grace Hall at Central Lutheran. We hope to see you there!

-WIN Co-Chairs, Denise Bernatz and Judy Davis



FEAST

The FEAST Committee is wrapping up the season for the summer. And what a season it was. As of April 12, the FEAST served 2562 meals. Mini-pizzas, turkey gravy over mashed potatoes, taco and potato bars, amazing casseroles, and the Lehnertz Family sponsored turkey dinner were among the menu items. More than providing meals, the FEAST provides a gathering space while dining for many community members. The FEAST provides the last minute meal before confirmation for some of Central's young people. The FEAST has created a community of volunteers that come back many weeks to help serve. High school athletic teams, WSU and SMU student groups, Lutheran Campus Center all helped serve. (In their busy lives, these young people make time for others- impressive!) We have businesses and other faith groups who consistently volunteer to serve and work, and therein is the creation of community. Food for the body, and food for the soul.

The FEAST committee consists of a group of Central members and community members who believe in serving others, working together for the common good, and caring for others. Chaired by coordinator Sharri Hackbarth, the FEAST committee is made up of Nancy Hauschildt, Carolyn Larson, John Brandt, Tim Laib, Marie Holmquist, Tami Lubinski, Cheri Tuxen, and Melissa Fogarty. Thank them when you see them, and wish them a restful summer. We'll see you again on September 13!

Updates

Windom Park Spring Cleanup

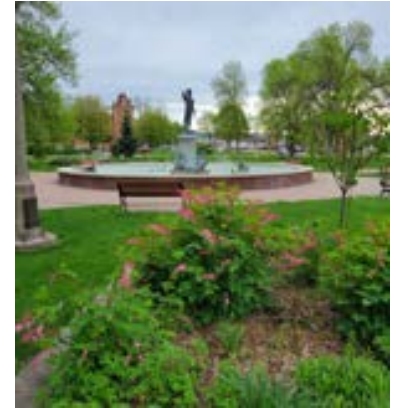
On Monday, May 1st, four Central members put on their gardening gloves, picked up a rake and worked together to clear the Windom Park gardens of their winter cover.

The activity was part of Centrals goal to "Connect and Serve" in the community. With the guidance of Master Gardener Cindy Welke, shrubs were pruned, perennials cut back and old growth raked from the beds.

The gardens are showing beautiful Spring color and will continue to evolve as the weeks pass. Drive by or stroll through and enjoy the beauty of our city.

Assisting Cindy were Myrna Olson, Carol Kramer and Kathy Benke.

There will be future opportunities to help if you enjoy gardening and would like to be part of this service project.



Call Committee Update

The committee working on calling a second pastor to Central has completed and submitted the paperwork. The committee will be meeting with Rev. Barb Streed from the synod office on May 30th to learn about the next steps. Now the waiting begins for candidate names to be given to us and for interviews to take place. Our hope is we will receive names in early June so we can make a decision to call our second pastor yet this summer. But the timeline from here on is not in our control. Please pray for this committee and any candidate we might receive as we discern who God is calling to come to Central.

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.

DATE	USHER	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
6/4	Joe Palubicki Mike & Denise Bernatz Mark Jungerberg	Peggy Twait Karen Jacobson Mia Martin	Peggy Twait Dennis Van Drunen
6/11	Tim Ambuhl Paul Berhow John & Pat Brandt	Judy Benson Janice Brown Kay Brand	Kathy Boone Laurie Laib
6/18	Brian Nisbit Chris & Toni Nisbit Mia Martin	Denise Bernatz Greta Poser Marie Holmquist	Paul & Barbara Birkeland
6/25 outside	Tim & Laurie Laib	Sharon Neitzke Gayle Garrity Karen Hemker	Pat Brandt Mark Jungerberg
7/2	Dan & Kathy Blasko Gary & Nancy Bratland	Peggy Twait Jana Brinkman Nancy Hauschildt	Peggy Twait Tim Laib
7/9	Tim & Laurie Laib Joe Palubicki Mike Kolstad	Judy Benson Janice Brown Myrna Olson	Kathy Boone Dan Motl
7/16	Dennis Van Drunen John & Pat Brandt Don Peterson	Donna Peterson Gayle Garrity Amy Halverson	Paul & Barbara Birkeland
7/23	Brian Nisbit Chris & Toni Nisbit Mark Jungerberg	Marie Holmquist Sharon Neitzke Greta Poser	Paul & Barbara Birkeland
7/30 outside	Mia Martin Mlynczak Family	Kathy Benke Carol Kramer Bernita Salmon	Mary Reeck Michael Bauer

Events

Time to Update the Central Membership Directory

Please confirm your current phone number, including a cell phone number, and email address with the church office by contacting Shayna at 507-452-5156 or by emailing office@centrallutheranchurch.org. If you haven't had your picture in the previous directory and would like one in the updated directory, or want an updated photo, Shayna will be taking pictures in Grace Hall at 10:30 AM on the dates listed: **July 9th, July 23rd, September 10th (Rally Sunday)**

Sunday School reminders and thank you

Thank you to all the families who helped, brought your youth or participated in our Family Sunday School events. We had a great year and look forward to the fall.

We also say thank you to all the Sunday school teachers and leaders. We especially want to say a big THANK YOU to Tammy Swenson-Lepper. After many years of leading the Sunday school opening and teaching the youth songs and lessons she is stepping back. We thank her for all she did to engage and teach our youth.

Save the dates! There are a few CLC Family Nights in the works for the summer. They will include a meal and an activity. Please tentatively mark these dates on your calendar... **June 21st, July 19th, and August 16th**...more information to follow. Also CLC Sunday School Rally Day 2023 is September 10!

Annual Summer Church Picnic

July 16th starting at 11:00 in Grace Hall we will be having our annual picnic.

Please bring a dish to pass, beverages will be provided. Hannah Circle will be hosting this year.

Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!



Ticket Sales June 1

Sample of Quilt

A beautiful quilt made and donated by Sally Bentson. Proceeds from the quilt drawing will go to support our youth mission trip.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from our youth during the month of June.

Drawing will be held July 2

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 am- CLC Book Group	2	3 9:00 am -Adopt-a-Highway
4 9:30 am – Summer Worship Service 9:30 am – Senior Quilts	5 6:30 pm – WIN	6 9:00 am – Quilters	7	8 10:00 am – Welcome & Worship	9	10
11 9:30 am – Summer Worship Service	12 9:00 am – WELCA	13 9:00 am – Quilters 5:00 pm – Property Committee 6:30 pm – Council Meeting	14	15 1:30 pm- Hannah Circle	16	17
18 9:30 am – Summer Worship Service	19 9:00 am – Social Concerns	20 9:00 am – Quilters	21 1:30 pm – Esther Circle 5:00 pm – CLC Family Night	22	23	24
25 9:30 am – MMAM Summer Worship	26	27 9:00 am – Quilters 5:00 pm – Youth Committee	28	29	30	
			Charter Service– Monday’s @ 7 pm—channel 986 HBC Service– Wednesday’s @ 5 pm– channel 20			

July 2023

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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: April 11, 2023

PRESENT: Pastor Short, Steve Ringlien, Katie Stoltman, Scott Mlynczak, Tim Laib, Mark Boysen, Myrna Olson

ABSENT: Jeremy Johnson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark moved, Kati seconded, carried to approve the March 14, 2023, minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark presented the following financial reports.

February Financial Report

February income was \$32,848, higher than last year by \$4,075, but fell short of the \$52,656 by \$19,798. This does fall in line with previous years giving for the first two months of the year. Overall if we only take offerings, giving is \$3,800 below budget (\$57,679 vs \$61,477).

Total Expenses for the month were \$47,753 while the budgeted amount was \$52,656. That is \$4,903 under the monthly budget in expenses. YTD expenses are \$9,189 under budget at \$96,310 compared to a budgeted amount of \$105,499.

The YTD Total Income of \$101,078 less the YTD Expenses of \$96,310 gives 2023 a gain of \$4,768. This does include the \$35,778 in Employee Retention Credits from the government.

In February extra expenses were \$1,168 in snow blower repairs, \$1,087 in snow plowing, and \$443 in furnace repairs.

The Child Care Fund had income of \$60,018 less expenses of \$60,187 giving it a monthly loss of (\$169). The YTD gain is \$15,073 and the Fund Balance is \$94,754, which is the sum of all gains and losses over time.

March Financial Report

March income was \$42,729, and was slightly higher than last year's March. Income was \$42,729 and short of the budget of \$51,319 budget by \$8,590.

Total Expenses for the month were \$33,012 while the budgeted amount was \$51,319. That is \$9,717 under the monthly budget in expenses. YTD expenses are \$27,505 under budget at \$129,313 compared to a budgeted amount of \$156,818.

The YTD Total Income of \$143,806 less the YTD Expenses of \$129,313 gives 2023 a gain of \$14,493. This does include the \$35,778 in Employee Retention Credits from the government.

In March, extra expenses were \$491.25 in snow plowing, \$275.89 kitchen faucet repairs.

The Child Care Fund had incomes of \$72,243 less expenses of \$53,169 giving it a monthly gain of \$19,074. The YTD gain is \$34,147 and the Fund Balance is \$113,828, which is the sum of all gains and losses over time.

Following discussion Tim moved, Kati seconded, carried to approve the financial reports.

Council Report (Continued)

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Kati Stoltman

TREASURER

Mark Boysen

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Myrna Olson

AT LARGE

Scott Mlynczak

AT-LARGE

Tim Laib

OLD BUSINESS

Call/Transition Process Update

Approximately 100 completed surveys have been received. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 30, at 9:00 a.m. in Grace Hall to review the results and receive input from the congregation.

Council Retreat

The Council will be meeting on Saturday, April 15, to discuss various items.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

- Planning new member class for May
- Planning Holy Week, Easter Vigil, and Easter
- Synod Leaders conference on March 19 in Albert Lea
- Synod Assembly on May 6 in Mankato
- Planning for the end of Confirmation classes in May
- Fundraising for mission trip for the youth
- Planning for Vacation Bible School this summer
- Working with WIN group
- Planning for summer worship
- Child Care Center has 66 children enrolled serving 57 families
- Received second quarter base grants income in March \$8,456.80 from the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program
- Child Care Center is planning 20th anniversary celebration
- Confirmation Band played for all but one of the Lenten services and will play for Easter Vigil
- Looking for ways to fund refurbishing of the Church's handbells
- The recently created Winona Community Choir will hold their spring performances in the Sanctuary on May 19 and 20.
- Two separate piano recitals will be held at Central
- Preliminary discussion of summer worship plans with occasional outdoor services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were reviewed

- The Property Committee got quotes to remove/trim trees on the north side of the church
- Air conditioning in the Library is being reviewed
- Flooring in hallway in Child Care Center should be installed over Good Friday
- Continue to look at organ update
- Reviewed current state of snow equipment and potential needs
- The CLC Socials group has planned a trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theater on Thursday, July 5, to see Jersey Boys

FINANCIAL REPORT ● ● ●

OPERATING FUND - April, 2023

Total Income: \$37,492.41

Total Expenses: \$42,709.08

Offering Goal :

June \$33,961.74

Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.

Gifts in memory or honor of someone

MEMORIALS

April 19, 2023 through May 16, 2023

UNDESIGNATED

Memory of Diane Barge

Given by Judy Davis, Leslie Ruff

Don & Joan Klagge

ORGAN FUND

Memory of Carol Wadewitz

Given by Jim & Marylou Hurley

YOUTH

Memory of Bev Spande

Given by Susan Jensen

Memory of Carol Wadewitz

Given by Janice Brown, Carol Stedman,

Coleen Peterman, Ron & Bonne Maul,

Jeffery Wadewitz

FEAST

Memory of Carol Wadewitz

Given by Susan Jensen, Tom & Chris Wilmont

QUILTERS

Memory of Carol Wadewitz

Given by Phyllis Flick, Barbara Knutson,

Elaine Pflughoeft, Jeffery Wadewitz

MUSIC

Memory of Diane Barge

Given by Peggy Twait, Tom & Chris Wilmont

SOCIAL CONSERNS

Memory of Bev Spande

Given by Tom & Chris Wilmont

Designated Gifts in April

Building Maintenance Fund.....\$918.00

ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Relief..\$100.00

WVS Food Shelf\$135.00

Youth.....\$730.00

Feast.....\$769.22

Sunday School.....\$174.00

Quilters.....\$150.00

Flower Fund.....\$270.00

Memorials.....\$450.00

Mission Envelopes.....\$120.00

Funeral Fund.....\$250.00

Music & Arts.....\$50.00

Organ Fund.....\$75.00



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What's coming up?

Worship Change Starting May 28

Summer Worship will be at 9:30 am

2023 Summer Outdoor Services
In Person and Online
Sundays
9:30am

May 28
Pentecost in the CLC Parking Lot

June 25
MN Marine Art Museum

July 30
Ecumenical Service at Unity Park

Aug 27
Windom Park

Contact the church office
with questions
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