

May 2023

CLC Newsletter

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



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A Message from our Directing Pastor

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we prepare to turn the calendar comes the realization that we are one-third of the way through 2023. Much has happened and even more is about to take place. Looking back, we had good attendance at our Holy Week and Easter services. This was good to see with this being the first services since the pandemic arrived 3 years ago. They were successful because of all of the many volunteers and others who stepped up to assist, to read stories, to help sing and play at worship. A truly joyful and joy filled Easter.



Rev. Michael Short

Yet we are not slowing down. May brings new opportunities as we hit this final stretch before the summer season. This month our Sunday School and Confirmation programs come to a close, but that does not stop our activities for the youth of Central. We are planning Family Nights throughout the summer where we will gather to play games, to eat, to watch movies and enjoy being in community.

We have new members who will be joining us here in May. There are a few families who have shown interest in joining. A new members class will be held on May 7th between services with a welcome later in the month. If you would like to become a member of Central let Shayna in the office know and information will be sent to you.

The summer months will be full as the youth head out on a mission trip in July. Along the way some of our youth are heading to church camp at Good Earth Village. This summer we will again be worshipping out in the community, so watch for the dates and places to be announced.

All along the way we need your support and help to keep the ministries of Central active and alive. I invite you to join us for worship as you are able; to volunteer to usher and assist in worship; to participate in the summer activities and to remember Central with your financial support.

Most of all know I give thanks to God for your work, your support and most of all for your prayers as we continue to full our mission in this place. Lastly our mission statement says: ***Gathered in the love of God, we connect and serve.*** I pray you will continue to find your way to gather, to connect and serve our Risen Lord now and into the future.

Pastor Michael





A. Eric Heukeshoven

A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director

“The Lord has done great things for us; We are glad.”

(Psalm 126:3)

One year ago, I accepted Central’s gracious offer to become your Director of Worship, Music, & Arts. Our church and the world were slowly finding their way back to normalcy after the pandemic and while there were still many uncertainties, I knew that “great things” were coming.

Rather than looking back, let’s look forward to the many opportunities that await us in the coming year.

A busy May and beyond

On Saturday May 13th, the Rochester Area Handbell Choir will be joined by several members of our congregation for a collaboration concert beginning at 3 pm. One hour before the performance, we will hold an interest session for anyone interested in bringing Central’s bell choir back to life.

The following weekend, Central will host the newly formed Winona Community Choir for their inaugural concerts on Friday May 19th at 7:30 pm and Saturday May 20th at 2 pm.

On Thursday May 25th, Central will welcome back the Bach Society of Minnesota for one of their *Mobile Mini Concerts*. The performance will be free and open to the public starting at 7 pm.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will again have the chance to worship outdoors. Our Pentecost service on May 28th will be a joyful celebration in Central’s parking lot beginning at 9:30 am. We are also planning outdoor services for last Sunday of June, July, and August. We will be returning to the MN Marine Art Museum’s lovely river garden on June 25th and other locations will be announced in the coming months.

In July, we will host Tim Zimmerman and the King’s Brass – an amazing group of musicians with a local connection. Stay tuned for more details as we finalize plans.

In September, the Adult Choir and I are hoping to have more members join us. We will continue to rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Please consider lending your voices!

And looking WAY ahead to the end of 2023, Central will again host the *Messiah Sing-In* on Saturday December 2nd.

I am grateful for all the support and encouragement shown me these past 12 months and am excited by all the great things we will do together in the coming year.

Blessings, always.

–

A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.

Director of Worship, Music, & Arts



Confirmation Band playing this year’s Easter Vigil





May Center News

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

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!

"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.



On Saturday, April 1, seven students, my son, and I teamed up with Faith Lutheran Church- including, my husband, Pastor Greg!- for a food packing event. We'd hoped to participate in packing meals at the Feed My Starving Children site in the Twin Cities over winter break, but the weather kept us home. So, we jumped at the chance to be part of the mobile food packing event with Winona. I was so touched that the students shared precious weekend time in the last month of the semester, a month that is full to the brim each and every year.

Our team coordinator, Anne, shared some numbers with us later: "Our team packed 21 boxes of 3- 6 serving packets for a total of 4,536 servings of food!"

The Winona Rotary Club hosted the event and sent an email to all team leaders afterwards: "Thanks to all of our volunteers and donors we were able to pack 108,864 meals. That is almost enough to feed 300 kids for an entire year. We packed an entire extra pallet of meals thanks to some additional donations and pledges. The day consisted of three separate shifts, over 620 volunteers, and a whole lot of love and caring."

At a time in which loneliness seems to be another pandemic, it's good to be in community. It's not lost on me that we are getting to model and teach and invite our students involvement in their communities. When the graduate, they will have this experience in their memories and remember what Holy Spirit does in community.



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.

May Worship Volunteers:

Usher 8:30

Usher 10:30

Altar Guild 8:30

Altar Guild 10:30

Communion

Communion

Assistant 8:30

Assistant 10:30

5/07/23	Paul Berhow Mike Kolstad Angela Thompson	Tim Laib Laurie Laib Brent Herber	Judy Benson Janice Brown Bernita Salmon	Peggy Twait Carolyn Larson	Mark Jungerberg Gayle Garrity	Peggy Twait Alison Prodzinski
5/14/23	Tim Ambuhl Jenny Goede	Mike Bernatz Denise Bernatz Steve Hacken	Karen Hemker Nancy Hauschildt Karla Hemker	Marilee Fish Sheri Maier Greta Poser	Kathy Boone Erica Upton-Wurst	Karen Jacobson Kathy Benke
5/21/23	Dennis VanDrunen Jeremy Johnson Julia Johnson	Neuberger Family	Jana Brinkman Sharon Neitzke Joe Palubicki	Marie Holmquist Terri Gjerdrum	Mark Jungerberg Michael Bauer	Tim Laib Laurie Laib
5/28/23	Brian Nisbit Chris Nisbit Toni Nisbit	Don Peterson Dan Blasko Kathy Blasko	Myrna Olson Greta Poser	Karen Jacobson Donna Peterson Marilee Fish	Mary Reeck Erica Upton- Wurst	Gayle Garrity Mia Martin

FEAST

The FEAST is wrapping up its spring season on May 10, so our volunteers can have a much needed break for the summer months. The FEAST committee is so grateful for the many volunteers who week in and week out dedicate time and energy to making this community meal happen. A special acknowledgement goes out to Sharri Hackbarth, FEAST coordinator. Sharri has coordinated our menus and meals, and has supported the many volunteer cooks that came forward to prepare a meal. Sharri and her husband Dave have prepared many meals throughout the 2022-2023 season. Many thanks to Sharri (and Dave) for their commitment to the ministry of the FEAST and to addressing food insecurity in the Winona community.

Thank you to the Central Lutheran community for their ongoing support of the FEAST ministry.
May menus:

May 3: Cooks- Melissa Fogerty and Cheri Tuxen; Chicken enchilada casserole, salad, cottage cheese and bread.

May 10: Cooks-FEAST Committee; Bratwurst and sauerkraut on Bloedow's bun, potato salad, baked beans

EASTER JOY

Gift bags containing gifts and messages of Easter joy were delivered to Central members residing in Winona area senior living facilities. The bags were filled with decorated cookies, handmade cards, palm crosses and colored wood cutouts. Sunday School and Confirmation students shared their talents to create the bag’s contents. The Social Concerns Committee assisted with organizing the project and with other willing volunteers made the delivery to our members.



Upcoming

CLC Socials Upcoming Events

The CLC Socials are on the road again!

On Wednesday, July 5th we will be going to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater to attend and enjoy the Jersey Boys: The Story of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons. Cost for the performance, dinner, and transportation will be \$110 per person. Payment is required at time of reserving a spot. Payments and reservations for this event are to be directed to Shayna in the church office.



CLC Book Group

The book group will be meeting on May 4th at 10 am in Grace Hall. In the next two months we will be discussing two books that look at the life and death of Jesus. In May we will be discussing the Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard book "Killing Jesus" as they look at the political and historical events happening around the time of Jesus. On June 1st we will discuss "Excavating Jesus: Beneath the Stones and Behind the Text" by John Dominic Crossan, a Bible expert and Jonathan L. Reed a Galilean, field archaeologist as they look at Biblical text and archeological excavations to explore the events around Jesus life and death. This may sound complicated but we only explore our reactions to the books and their contents, we do not try to figure it out. Please join us-it is a safe place to discuss new ideas, complain about the book(or rave about it) and enjoy some good conversation.

Become a Member of Central

Do you attend Central Lutheran Church but aren't yet a member? Our new member class is on Sunday, May 7th between services. During our time together we will answer your questions about what it means to be a Lutheran, for those of you coming from other faith traditions. We will also spend time talking about what it means to be a member of Central Lutheran including expectations, service opportunities you can get involved in, and ways to connect.

Youth Flower Pickup

May 13th starting at 9:30 am everyone who ordered a flower basket from the youth is able to pick them up. The flower baskets will be set up in the church parking lot, just as previous years. Our youth members will assist you in making sure you pickup the correct basket(s). A big thank you to everyone who continues to support our youth. Each purchased flower basket is going to help fund our mission trip to Alabama.



Council Report: March 14, 2023

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

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

ABSENT: Mark Boysen

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim moved, Jeremy seconded, carried to approve the February 21, 2023, minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The February Treasurer's Report will be reviewed along with the March Report at the April Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Transition/Call Process Update

Results of the congregation survey were discussed. Membership/engagement, reaching out to families, and music programs were some of the main results from the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Retreat

Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 5:00 PM was set for the Council Retreat.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

- Planning worship for Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter.
- Working with the youth planning their mission trip, fundraising events
- Wednesday Night Confirmation

Council Report (Continued)

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- Synod Leaders Conference, March 19, in Albert Lea
- Judy Davis will be helping during Confirmation classes
- The Child Care Center audit/review for the food program was conducted on Tuesday, March 7.
- Received first quarter base grants income of \$2,2840.40 from the Child Care Stabilizations Grant Program. The Stabilization Granting Program will last through June 2023.
- The "Confirmation Band" made their debut at the first Lenten service on March 1.
- Discussion continues regarding restarting the Handbell Choir. Eric has received from the manufacturer of the bells what the steps and costs would be to have the bells refurbished.
- The collaborative concert with the Rochester Handbell Choir date has been changed to Saturday, May 13, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were reviewed.

- The Property Committee received a quote from Exceed Tree Service to remove and/or trim trees and shrubs on the lawn on the southwest side of church. Following discussion, Scott moved, Tim seconded, carried to approve the quote.
- A bid was received from Sim Sound & Video, Inc., to install a monitor on the balcony in the sanctuary. Following discussion, Tim moved, Scott seconded, carried to approve the installation of 65" monitor on the face of the balcony.
- Volunteer recognition will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Staff and committee reports were approved.

Next meeting is April 11, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Myrna Olson
Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT ● ● ●

OPERATING FUND - March, 2023

Total Income: \$42,727.53

Total Expenses: \$33,011.85

Offering Goal :

May \$42,862.49

Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.

Gifts in memory or honor of someone

MEMORIALS

March 21, 2023 through April 18, 2023

UNDESIGNATED

Memory of Joel Bjorlo

Given by Candi & Steve Kohner,
Virginia Johnson

Memory of Bev Spande

Given by Lois Larsen, Jerry Whetstone,
Peggy Twait, Judy Davis, Linda Bouck,
Raymond & Colleen Cenfield, Dorothy Sorum,
Rich & Gayle Garrity, Gayle Goetzman-Stolpa,
Myrna Olson, Rich & Carol Kramer, Pam Davick

Memory of Carol Wadewitz

Given by Peggy Twait, Rich Pflughoeft,
Roy & Rosie, Wadewitz

YOUTH

Memory of Bev Spande

Given by Judy Benson, John Bartholow,
Maryann Severson

FEAST

Given by Don & Joni Klagge, Tim, Kristina, &
Jenna Anderson

QUILTERS

Memory of Carol Wadewitz

Given by Lavern & Nancy Hauschildt

WIN

Honor of Denise Bernatz Birthday

Given by Don & Joni Klagge

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Memory of Bev Spande

Given by Louanne Schwarz

MISSIONS-SOCIAL CONSERNS

Memory of Bev Spande

Given by Lavern & Nancy Hauschildt, Jim &
Marylou Hurley

THRIVENT DOLLARS

Daniel Blasko, Donna Goede, Mark Jungerberg,
Gayle Noyes, Rosella Noyes

In Honor Of

Eric & Janet Heukeshoven's Retirement from Saint
Mary's University

Given by Judy Davis

Designated Gifts in March

Building Maintenance Fund.....	\$913.00
Resettlement WIN.....	\$5,022.06
ELCA World Hunger.....	\$800.00
WVS Food Shelf.....	\$351.00
Youth.....	\$150.00
Technology.....	\$10.00
Lutheran Campus Center.....	\$10.00
Feast.....	\$2,420.36
Sunday School.....	\$47.00
Quilters.....	\$80.00
CLC Foundation.....	\$10.00
Flower Fund.....	\$1,750.00
Memorials.....	\$370.00



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What's coming up?

May 7, @ 9:30 am– New Member Class

May 13, @ 9:30 am– Youth flower basket pickup

May 13, @ 3:00 pm– Rochester Handbells Concert

May 19, @ 7:30 pm– Winona Community Choir Concert

May 20, @ 2:00 pm– Winona Community Choir Concert

May 25, @ 7:00 pm– Bach Society Mobile Mini Concert

May 28, @ 9:30 am– Pentecost in the Parking Lot