



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



*Gathered in the love of Christ, we connect, grow and serve.*

# CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## February 8, 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

### **I. Call to order**

### **II. Opening prayer – Pastor Short**

### **III. Approval of the agenda**

### **IV. Consideration and approval of February 9, 2025 annual meeting minutes**

### **V. Consideration and approval of Staff and committee reports**

- a. Directing Pastor's report
- b. Associate Pastor's report
- c. President report-Steven Everson
- d. Director of Music and Arts
- e. Youth Ministry
- f. Sunday School
- g. Central Lutheran Child Care Center
- h. Committee Reports

- i. WELCA
- ii. Quilters
- iii. Personnel
- iv. Welcome and Worship
- v. Social Concerns
- vi. FEAST
- vii. Food Shelf
- viii. WIN
- ix. Property
- x. Lay Ministers
- xi. Foundation
- xii. Nominations

- i. Companion ministries Reports
  - i. Southeastern Minnesota Synod report
  - ii. Lutheran Campus Center

### **VI. Treasurer's Report for 2025 – Stephen Hacken**

### **VII. Presentation and adoption of 2026 budget**

### **VIII. Presentation of slate of officers and election**

# 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes February 9, 2025

President Scott Mlynczak called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. after determining there was a quorum. Pastor Kristen opened with prayer.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Don Peterson moved to approve the agenda, Mia Martin seconded, carried.

## **Consideration and Approval of February 11, 2024, Annual Meeting Minutes**

Tammy Swenson Lepper moved, Pam Davick seconded, carried to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2024, meeting.

## **Consideration and Approval of Staff and Committee Reports**

The following reports were submitted in the Annual Report.

- a. Directing Pastor's Report
- b. Associate Pastor's Report
- c. President's Report – Scott Mlynczak
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  - ii. Lutheran Campus Center Report

## **Pastor Michael Short Report**

Pastor Short thanked everyone for their on-going support of Central Lutheran Church and its mission. Kelly Dicke left as Director of the Day Care Center and Jackie Whitman is now the Director. Marilyn Marquardt will be retiring in March as Financial Secretary. Mark Boysen will be assisting with the financial transition. The Lutheran Campus Center hopes to be open in late August.

The Church's constitution, bylaws and guidelines will be reviewed and updated in 2025. Renovation of the organ will begin in January 2027, maybe sooner. Karen Littlejohn, Karen Jacobson, and Keith Holmquist are on the committee for the renovation and more members are needed.

This year we will be looking at improvements not only to the organ, but to the sanctuary as a whole to enhance our ability to reach out and invite others to join us in hearing the Good News. This year we will look at what stewardship looks like in our lives and in the life of Christ's Church. Pastor's complete report is in the 2024 Annual Report.

# 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes February 9, 2025

## **Associate Pastor Kristen Massa Report**

Pastor Kristen said students over the past year went to Duluth to do mission work in that community and also to New Orleans to the National Youth Conference with over 16,000 other high schoolers from around the world. Vacation Bible School was held with 25 elementary aged students attending hosted at Central by Good Earth Village.

There is much to look forward to in 2025. New mission trips, continued fellowship, our own volunteer run VBS. She thanked everyone for all the work, time, and donations put in this last year. Pastor's complete report is in the 2024 Annual Report.

Marie Holmquist moved, Jeremy Johnson seconded, carried to approve staff reports.

## **President Scott Mlynczak Report**

Scott was thankful for Pastor Short, Pastor Massa, Eric Heukshoven, and everyone for support and serving of the church over the last year. The Council met and dealt with challenges in 2024.

## **Eric Heukeshoven Report**

Eric reviewed the activities for 2024 which included the yearlong Hendrickson 30 th Anniversary Organ Recitals which were attended by over 800 people who contributed close to \$4,000 to the organ's renovation fund. He noted that 2025 will bring exciting events and more ways for everyone to be involved in the life of our church. The word is out – Central is a welcoming home for Worship, Music and the Arts!

## **Treasurer's 2024 Report and 2025 Budget - Mark Boysen**

Mark Boysen provided a financial overview of 2024. Details are included in the Annual Report. Following discussion, Tammy Swenson Lepper moved, Mia Marten seconded, carried to approve the 2024 Financial Report

The proposed 2025 Budget was presented which is included in the Annual Report. The 2025 budget was presented as a Narrative Budget which defined and explained more clearly how the money was budgeted and for what purposes. The 2025 budget numbers are essentially the same as 2024. Following considerable discussion, Dan Blasko moved, Karen Jacobson seconded, carried to approve the 2025 Budget.

## **Slate of Officers 2025**

The following slate of officers was presented for consideration from the Nominating Committee:

*Church Council:* President-Elect, Tim Laib

*Treasurer:* Steve Hacken

*At-Large:* Julie Palubicki

*Foundation:* Mia Martin

Paul Ness

*Nominating Committee:* Joni Klagge

Mary Larkie

Don Peterson moved to approve the nominations, Dan Blasko second, carried.

Pastor Short thank Scott Mlynczak for moving into the President position mid-year. He also thanked Steve Ringlien for his three years on the Council, most recently as Past President.

Julie Palubicki moved, Marie Holmquist seconded, carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Myrna Olson  
Secretary

# October 19, 2025

## Special Congregational Meeting Minutes

President Steve Everson called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. after determining there was a quorum.

### Approval of the Agenda

LaVern Hauschildt moved to approve the agenda, Julie Palubicki seconded, carried.  
Pastor Short opened with prayer.

### Purchase of Property at 260 West Sanborn

Steve Hacken, Treasurer, presented a review of the proposed purchase of the property at 260 West Sanborn, which is located next to the church parking lot. Steve noted he and Karen Littlejohn had completed some analysis of the property value. A meeting was held with the Winona State University Foundation and agreed upon a purchase price of \$230,000.

Pastor Short presented the following information regarding the purchase of the property.

- a. Short term suggestion is to offer the use of the house to the LCC until their building is ready. This gives them space to do their ministry and frees up the space we have offered them for the last year.
- b. After the LCC moves out and back into their building, we could use the house for other meeting space or ministry of our own until a longer term plan is determined.
- c. Next spring, we could use the back yard, which is set up as a garden space, for a community garden. People have ask in the past about Central supporting a community garden. We could do so for a couple of summers as longer term plans are formed.
- d. Our childcare center playground only meets the minimum requirements so we could enlarge the playground and make it safer for the youth to exit the building directly into the playground and not need to cross a driveway.

Pending approval – we can discuss a team of members, including Childcare Center staff, to begin looking at the long term use and plan for the Central Block.

### Other discussion issues

1. How would we pay for the purchase? Pastor Short has heard concerns about taking on this cost with the current budget concerns and with the other projects we have discussed.
  - a. The organ is the only other project for which we are under contract. It will cost \$200,000 of which we already have about \$50,000.
  - b. The updating of the sanctuary to make the space welcoming and inviting for worship and other events, could be done at a later time.
  - c. Other projects like starting to replace carpet in Grace Hall, the hallways or the offices could also be done at a later time as money is available and done one room at a time.
  - d. There has been conversation about replacing the chairs in Grace Hall. Again, that can be done as funds are donated.

No closing date has been set except it will be by the end of the year. WSU Foundation will need time to move their IT Department out of the house and into another space.

Bob Hermann moved, Judy Benson seconded for Central Lutheran Church to purchase the property at 260 West Sanborn Street for \$230,000 from the Winona State University Foundation and to authorize the Church Council to arrange for the financing. Following a written vote, motion passed 70 yes, 2 no.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

Myrna Olson  
Secretary

# 2025 Administrative Statistics

Shayna Rinn

## Baptism:

Warren Ross Kildow - *May 25th*  
Juliette Kristine Kildow - *May 25th*  
William Jack Ehlers - *June 8th*  
Aria Lynn Kochneff - *October 5th*  
Hattie Irene Hettenbach - *October 12th*  
Beckett Douglas Hettenbach - *October 12th*  
Lucas John Moksnes - *November 16th*

Natalie Marie Dieterman - *November 30th*  
Rorie Lou Gorman - *December 7th*  
Ernest Skappel - *December 7th*  
Harrison Gorman - *December 7th*  
Harper Gorman - *December 7th*  
Tanner Howard Kiel - *December 14th*  
Vienna Cordelia Forst - *December 28th*

## Affirmation of Baptism: **October 26, 2025**

Max Buege  
Chloe Christopherson  
Calvin Dahlke  
Khloe Frie  
Wyatt Hazelton

Clara Heinrichs  
Claire Johnson  
Ethan Kauphusman  
Jared Quarberg  
Arianna Pehler

## Weddings

Eric Lippman and Greta Poser: *June 21st*  
Timothy Ambuhl and Cindy Nelson - *September 20th*  
Gabriel Davis-Sweazey and Brianna Nisbit - *October 4th*  
William Neldner and Carrie Hoffman - *October 13th*  
Brett Cipperely II and Julia Wolf - *December 6th*

## Funerals and Burials:

Ronald Kruse - *January 4th*  
Leon Smith - *January 10th*  
Allison Boelter - *January 11th*  
Sheila Lind - *February 8th*  
Gloria Sveen - *February 14th*  
Bruce Anderson - *February 15th*

Edward Littlejohn - *March 1st*  
Sharri Hackbarth - *May 30th*  
O.J. Fawcett - *June 26th*  
Ronald Calvert - *August 11th*  
Jordain Blachard - *August 15th*  
Linda Koch - *September 22nd*  
Helen Kukowski - *October 13th*

## 2025 Statistics Overview:

Baptisms:	14	Funerals/Burials:	13	Marriages:	5
Confirmed:	10	Baptized Membership:	1,505		

# Directing Pastor's Report

## Rev. Michael Short

Sister and Brothers in Christ,

It is funny how we remember the past. As I think back on this last year, the only thing I remember is how fast it went. In some ways, I feel like we just celebrated Reformation at the end of Oct at the same time that feels so long ago. One thing I do remember clearly is how all of you come together to support each other, to support the church and its mission. Whenever we say goodbye to someone, mourning the death of someone we loved, how the family of God in this space gathers in support. Or there is hardly a week that goes by that one of you does not ask me or inform me about the health concerns of those on our prayer list. Also, to see how you gather together in celebration as we welcomed new members in baptism or those joining us from other congregations. There are so many ways I see evidence of how you care for and about each other in this place. So I give thanks to God for this past year and for all the ways you have lived out God's calling to love one another and to work for justice and peace in all the earth.

One of the opportunities that shows your commitment to Central came when we were offered the opportunity to purchase the house in our parking lot. You overwhelmingly approved the purchase, then members, along with the CLC Foundation, stepped up to meet the challenge of raising the purchase price without getting a loan.

Now, as we pivot towards the new year towards new challenges and opportunities ahead, I am confident you will rise to the occasion. We will be challenged once again, raising funds to be sure we are able to complete the organ refurbishment. With the purchase of the house, there are no plans to take on additional sanctuary upgrades this year.

The bigger challenge for us will be to build up ongoing support for our annual budget. Over the last few years, we have used reserve funds to accommodate the increase in staffing, with the anticipation that the increased funding would follow. I still believe that will happen, but not without some planning and work on our part.

I say that with confidence because we have seen results in the past. We increased staffing believing it would increase activity and participation of our membership. We have witnessed not only increased participation but an increase in membership. The next step is to increase the financial support for the mission of the church so our growth might continue.

This year in place of additional requests for special projects our focus is to invite you to consider changing your giving practice by switching to online or automatic giving. This will help Central by giving us a more even income stream on a weekly or monthly basis. When members miss worship or travel this often means the church misses out on their support. We have many ways from direct deposit to using apps like 'Venmo' or 'PayPal' to send your support to Central.

I know finances are tight for many of us; inflation is pushing up food and medical, and housing costs. The same goes for the church with utilities and staffing, and costs of doing business. I want to assure you that the staff and leadership of the church work hard to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. The reality is our income budget has remained flat for the past 5 years, which is why we have needed to use our reserves just to maintain our level of service to you and to the community. As little as \$5 per week per giving household could make up the difference in our mission budget.

I am especially grateful to all who volunteer and serve the church. Myself, Pr Kristen, Eric, and all the staff could not do what we do without the countless hours you give in support of the mission of Central. I cannot express my gratitude enough to each of you, to each of the committees, to each member who shares their gifts and talents on a weekly or monthly basis. It is because of you that Central is the place it is. It is because of you that Central is a place the community of Winona turns to. It is because of you that the word and mission of Jesus is shared not only in Winona but across the world.

Pr. Michael Short, Directing Pastor

# Associate Pastor's Report

Rev. Kristen Massa

2025 certainly has brought unexpected and wonderful things to Central. From the surprise of buying a house to finish out our block, to a vacation Bible school that was nothing short of spectacular to mission trips and moments of faith and learning- what an amazing year it has been.

When I think back to all the things that have happened this year at Central, I am reminded that these would have never happened without the faithfulness and generosity of the people that make up this church. From monetary faithfulness to the generosity of time and talents, we, as pastors and staff of Central, cannot succeed in our church mission of "gathering in the love of Christ, we connect, grow and serve" without the body supporting the work. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I am proud to be called to Central Lutheran Church.

In confirmation, we have recently been talking about the Old Testament and why it is important. If I had to give a one-word or one-sentence answer, I would say faithfulness. It's stories and stories of God's faithfulness to God's people, no matter what path, away or towards God, they decide to take in life. Faithfulness. God is faithful to us, and we are faithful to God. The same faithfulness that we read about in the Bible, that we learn from, is what we are called to emulate. It's the same faithfulness that I see working at church. No matter what path we take, no matter where God leads us as a church, we are and have been faithful, and that is evident by the fruits that we harvest and the seeds that are planted here every day.

Looking forward into 2026, I know that God will continue to call us into faithfulness and generosity as we grow as a church, both spiritually and physically. I know in my planning of Children, Youth and Family, I am excited about everything that 2026 has for us. We continue to welcome new families and new students into our programs. We are taking the largest group of students I've had, since coming here, on our summer mission trip. I anticipate that our vacation Bible school will be bigger and have more families will come to see how God is at work in our midst. All of this is because of faithfulness. Faithfulness of God and faithfulness from our members. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity as we continue to live out our mission, together, at Central.

In Christ,

Pastor Kristen Massa, Associate Pastor

# President's Report

## Steve Everson

As I look back on the year, I see Central Lutheran continuing to be a strong and faithful congregation. Our worship attendance has been steady. As an ELCA church, I am thankful we have a church where visitors can participate in Holy Communion if they so desire.

We have a church with many ministries along with Outreach opportunities to participate in. We are blessed to have two Pastors along with lay leaders who dedicate their time and effort for our members, our youth and Winona community. We also have a dedicated staff that works hard to ensure everything runs smoothly. When the need for a new picture directory was needed, many members helped with organizing and planning to make it happen.

Our church council has worked well together. Our monthly meetings are respectful and friendly but not without challenges at times. We will continue to invite members of our committees to attend our meetings to update the council on the work that they do.

Several members of council attended the "Council as Leaders" workshop in Owatonna, MN in March. We were able to choose among a variety of workshops offered. Pastor Short, Pastor Kristen, my wife Vickie and I attended the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Convention held in Mankato, MN in May. We participated in re-electing our Bishop, the Rev. Regina Hassanally to another term, and voted on three resolutions put before us. We experienced daily worship and Bible study with guest speaker, Dr. Michael Chan.

The council worked with the Safety and Security Committee to provide resources/plans to keep our church safe. We had an opportunity to purchase the small house on the corner of the block and we were able to accomplish it. This opens the door for additional ministry in the future.

Our biggest challenge has been the budget imbalance. We do watch our expenses; we have a large building to maintain. Prioritizing necessities has been challenging; there is very little room for cuts to our budget. God has blessed us in many ways and we remain hopeful.

The resources we have are gifts from God and we should give as an expression of our faith. We will find ways to meet our challenges and continue to be a strong and vibrant congregation.

I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for the opportunity to serve as the Congregation President this past year. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Everson, Congregation President

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." – 2 Corinthians 9:8  
Central Lutheran Church Council President 2025

# Worship, Music, & Arts

A. Eric Heukeshoven

## 2025 – A Year of Arts at Central

From *The Queen of the Library* to honoring J.S. Bach, Central celebrated a vibrant year of music & theater!

**March – Flauto Dolce**



**April – Concert for Ukraine**



**WSU Choirs**



**May – Rochester Area Handbells**



**August – Sugarloaf Theatre presents *The Queen of the Library***



**September – Central Celebrates Bach! – 3 Organ Recitals, Bach at Leipzig, Bach Society of MN**



**November – Winona Community Chorale**



**Charles Lazarus & David Cherwein – American Nomad**



**December – Messiah Sing-In**



**Winona HIMS**



**2026 begins our “Countdown to Renovation” for Central’s magnificent Hendrickson Pipe Organ!**

Watch for exciting events throughout the year.

It continues to be my honor, privilege, and joy to serve this amazing congregation and community.

A. Eric Heukeshoven – Director of Worship, Music & Arts

# Youth Committee Report

**Pastor Kristen Massa and Judy Davis, Chair**

The youth committee members include, Pastor Kristen, Judy Davis, Justin Hanson, Amber Mlynczak, Aleisha Leger, Erin VanBeek and Julia Wolf.

The youth committee meets monthly which includes reports and updates from the Sunday School, Bible School, confirmation classes and youth activities. This last year was filled with numerous opportunities for youth involvement and commitment to the ministry of Central Lutheran. The children and youth in our congregation did many things over the last year to live into our mission statement including: a service trip to Milwaukee, helping with learning in Vacation Bible School, caroling at local nursing homes, serving at the feast, helping assemble visitation bags for those unable to attend worship services, collaborating with the Central Child Care Center with trunk or treat, helping with the annual cancer walk, designing and creating an immersive Easter experience and participating in worship services on Sunday mornings. Our older students have also been busy fundraising for their 2026 mission trip to Denver. Having their cinnamon rolls between services once a month has been a great invitation for fellowship among all members. In the future the committee is looking for ways in which to expand the youth program, 7 th -12 th grades in terms of finding adult leaders willing to engage youth in a variety of activities.

We continue to see new faces and families at Central, which we are so grateful for. Thank you to everyone who has helped shape our children, youth and families here at Central. We strive to be an intergenerational church and cannot do it without your help. Thank you for investing in our student's faith with prayer, time, donations and love.



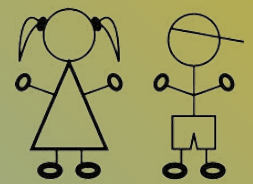
## Sunday School Amber Mlynczak

Our Sunday School year began with Rally Day outdoors in September. We have a dedicated group of teachers and helpers who are delivering weekly lessons that follow the church's lectionary calendar. The Advent Fair and the Christmas Program were held in December. Our children did a wonderful job with the Christmas program again this year! Our older students had speaking parts and dressed in costume to play the parts of the Christmas Story. Our younger students filled the church with beautiful holiday music and wore our cute animal costumes. In October, our third graders and new preschool students (3 and 4 year olds) received their bibles. We have five Family Days (Rally Day, Advent Fair, First Sunday After Epiphany, Palm Sunday and Last Sunday Celebration Day) on our Sunday School calendar with the goal of giving our families a chance to spend time with other families and grow community around our Sunday School program.

Currently, we have about 60 students signed up for Sunday School. We continue to enroll students throughout the year in the Sunday School program as new families join our congregation. On the 2 nd Sunday of the month, the children sing at the 10:30 service. This is also our Family Serve Sunday, so many of our Sunday School students get to participate in different parts of the service. Our Sunday School year will conclude at the start of May with a Fun Celebration Day and Teacher Appreciation Day. We are blessed to have wonderful teachers and helpers, music leaders and parents/guardians involved with our Sunday School program to encourage our children to grow in their faith. We are hoping to continue to grow the Sunday School program!

# Child Care Center

## Jackie Whitman, Director



2025 was the year of navigating changes and working to come together as a new team. With new leadership in the administration and through the classrooms we spent the year focusing on the children and building our team. We have had some hurdles to pass through, but as this team always does, we have overcome them and are thriving!

Over the year the Center cared for 68 children but are currently enrolling 51. The center takes into account annually that our oldest children we care for will be heading off to kindergarten in the fall, however with more options for preschool aged children to have care, our oldest classrooms took a bigger hit than we typically do in 2024. 2025 started to rebuild those classrooms, and the trend in 2026 continues to build on enrollment for them.

In 2025 CLC CCC employed 66 staff. It takes 150 hours a day to run the child care center every day. We are grateful and appreciative of these employees that help carry our mission forward.

Jackie Whitman started 2025 as the interim director and moved into the Director position full time during the spring of 2025. We have had a handful of staff transition from the center this year as staff move on to build their own families and further their careers. This has allowed us the opportunity to hire in new people and gain new ideas.

In 2025, CLC CCC applied for a Parent Aware Star Rating and went through a 6-month process to improve the center and prepare. Through this program we were granted a \$1000 grant in which we upgraded some of our playground to add in a sandbox and toys for the children. They really enjoy this sensory play area outside. At the end of 2025 the Center received a 4-Star rating (the top rating) which will allow us more grant money, more support through CCAP, and we will be able to offer our families Early Learning Scholarships through MN to help pay for child care.

The Center was granted money through the BK5K during the summer also to help upgrade another portion of our playground That money was used to add a new layer of turf to our infant playground area and expand the area to give the children a safe, flat area to play games on, such as soccer and tag.

The Center applies monthly for a program called, “Great Start Compensation Support”, which is designed to help stabilize staffing within child care centers. 100% of the money received is to go into raising child care employee wages. We must follow the stringent recording requirements that go with receiving state funds that include spending reports and child attendance records. Staffing and hiring core staff continue to be the biggest hurdles for running the child care center.

We are looking forward to 2026! It is going to be the year of getting back to the basics and making sure all staff understand their roles here at the center. We are excited to start offering in person trainings again at the center and learn how to best support the children and families we care for!

2025 was an active year for the CLC Women, below are highlights of the main events of the year. 2025 officers were: Past President: Peggy Twait, President: Janet Heukeshoven, President Elect: Gayle Garrity, Secretary: Sheri Maier, Treasurer: Gloria Freiheit. At-large committee members included Denise Bernatz, Eugenia Moe and Cynthy DeLano. Pr. Kristen Massa was also an active attendee at many meetings. 2026 officers will be elected at the annual meeting on 1/25/26.

### Highlights of WELCA activities and initiatives:

*January:* Epiphany Tea and Annual Meeting (last Sunday of January)

*February:* Heart Month activities and fundraising for Mayo Heart Clinic

*March:* Root River Regional WELCA Meeting: 60 attendees from many area churches: Peterson, Houston, Winona, Kasson, Lanesboro, Highland Prairie, and representatives from the LCC and Good Earth Village. Dr. Scott Sorvaag was guest speaker, 20 CLC members attended the spring gathering.

*May:* Church Picnic, Sunday School Celebration

*July:* VBS Assistance (both financial and active)

*August-September:* School Kits (collection & creation)

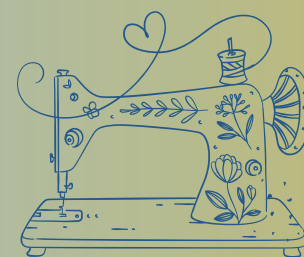
*October:* Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Walk, fundraiser for Winona Health Breast Cancer Clinic, display in narthex, drawing for quilts and shawls.

*November & December:* Bake and Craft sales (primary fundraiser for WELCA and church needs)

WELCA is an organization for *all* confirmed female members of the ELCA, we welcome everyone to participate in WELCA activities as much they are able. <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/> Regular meetings are held the first Monday of the month, 9:30 AM in Grace Hall, all are invited to attend. Please check the WELCA Bulletin Board for postings and information.



## Quilters Peggy Twait



The quilters had a very good year in 2025. We had a few new people join us and some wonderful donations. We sent 318 quilts, five baby kits, 18 school kits, 30 health kits and 10 fabric kits to Lutheran world relief warehouse in St Paul.

We also made 14 baptismal quilts and more than five graduating senior quilts plus prayer shawls and lap robes.

As you can see, we keep quite busy, but we always have room for more. We meet every Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the downstairs of the church. Please consider joining us.



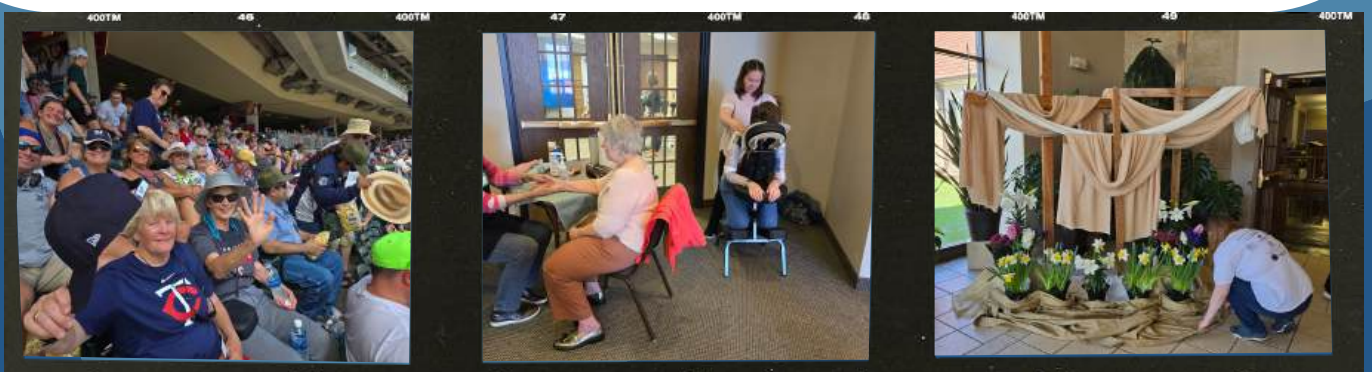
# Welcome & Worship

Laurie Laib, Peggy Twait,  
Karen Jacobson, & Carol Kramer

The mission of the Welcome & Worship Committee is to provide a welcoming and hospitable worship experience for members and visitors, maintain a vibrant and consistent worship volunteer effort and assist in facilitating input and feedback from the congregation regarding that experience. The areas of responsibility include decorating the Sanctuary for each liturgical season, monitor and assist with the Milestone Ministries, coordinate volunteers for worship assistant positions, host various receptions throughout the year and plan and coordinate social activities and community outreach events. We meet at 10 AM on the 2 nd Thursday of each month and welcome anyone interested in joining.

## 2025 Activities:

- Changed paraments for each season of the church calendar as well as decorating the Sanctuary, Narthex and outdoor entrances.
- Volunteer Recognition Sunday reception between services, April 27th which included a catered breakfast and 2 massage therapists available for free neck, back, shoulder and hand massages.
- Coordinated the annual CLC Rummage Sale fundraiser for the youth held on May 17 th .
- Reception for 3 organ recitals held in September and trumpet/organ recital Nov. 23 rd .
- Additional receptions included:
  - High school graduate reception on June 1
  - Confirmation reception on October 26
  - Meal for musicians performing for the Messiah on December 6
- Coordinated the worship assistant schedule for ushers, altar guild and communion servers for each service for January-May, June-August and September-December.
- Supported development and training of Lead Usher position.
- Coordinated the annual CLC welcome to incoming WSU students with water, snacks and CLC information August 21.
- Supported & participated in CLC/CCC Trunk Or Treat event.
- Coordinated volunteers for picture directory
- Coordinated social events (CLC Socials);
  - Bus trip to Target Field 6/21 for Twins/Brewers baseball game (37 participants)
  - Set up CLC section at Lake Park to listen to the Minnesota Orchestra concert, July 5 (Cancelled due to weather).
  - Hosted monthly Game day in Grace Hall, January – March & September – December, 3 rd Friday of each month, 1 – 3 PM.



# Social Concerns & Missions

Kathy Benke

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee is pleased to report the completion of an active year of service to Central Lutheran Church and the Winona Community. Our core committee membership includes Kathy Benke, Gayle Garrity, Nancy Hauschildt and Myrna Olson. However, it is only with the assistance of the pastoral staff, administrative staff, many, many congregational members and the Sunrise Kiwanians that our goals of service have been met.

1. The mission statement of Central Lutheran: “Gathered in the Love of Christ, we Connect, Grow and Serve” defines the ministry of the Missions and Social Concerns Committee.

2. Organizational goals are listed as:

\* Involve an increased number of the Central membership in our ministry.

\*Share with membership opportunities to join other community volunteer organizations.

\*Increase congregational awareness of ministry activities through church publications and social media.

\*Seek to maintain a calendar of events/areas of service that addresses the needs of our church and community.

## **Committee activities for 2025 included:**

Community Service Projects:

-Red Cross Blood Drives-January, July and October

-Habitat for Humanity-Central assisted with the house building project

-Home Delivered Meals

Church Based Outreach:

-Assisted with Feast meal preparation

-Provided LCC meals

-Origami Crane Peace Project with 5 th and 6 th Grade Sunday School

-Senior Living Socials

-Participation in the Trunk or Treat Halloween Celebration

-Christmas Gift Bags for homebound members

Fundraising Projects:

-Fall Mum Sale

-RADA Cutlery Sales

In review of the year’s activities, we feel that we have made strides in meeting our mission and goals. Our fundraising activities made possible \$1500 in contributions to the CLC Youth Fund, Winona Volunteer Services, the Lutheran Campus Center and WIN. We hope in 2026 we can continue to be a vibrant part of the ministries of Central Lutheran Church.

# FEAST

## FEAST Committee

The FEAST had a busy 2025 year of preparing, serving and planning for 29 weeks of Wednesday night meals. Details of meals served, income, expenses follows.

Meals served: 2486 (2125 meals in house, 361 takeouts)

FEAST Starting balance: \$11,807

Total Donations: \$13,633.93 (\$7548.16 weekly donations; \$6085.77 outside donations, bequeaths, and online giving)

Total Expenses: \$7,376.30

FEAST Ending Balance: \$18,064.70

The FEAST uses their dollars for ongoing food, supplies and equipment, and also contributes to other larger needs such as the dishwasher repair and equipment needs as they arise.

The work of the FEAST can only happen through the commitment and work of the FEAST Committee and the able leadership of Pam Davick. Pam goes above and beyond to ensure we have cooks, meal plans and supplies. Other Committee members solicit weekly volunteers, dishwashers, meal deliverers, volunteer training and show up each week to do what needs doing. When you see these people- thank them. They work hard each Wednesday, physically and emotionally.

It is important to note that some of our committee members are not from our congregation. They are community members that came to volunteer, and then continued to make a commitment to being part of a ministry. They continued serving the Lord and honoring the directive to love thy neighbor and care for one another.

## Food Shelf

### Bob Herman

During the 2025 year Central has donated \$6,287.50 and 18,949 pounds of food! Thank you to everyone who participates in this very important mission of Central Lutheran Church! This is incredible, thank you to all who participates in this important mission!

## Safety & Security

The safety and security committee is like minded, safety oriented people, who come together to discuss and review Central's safety protocols, procedures and tools. In 2025 we added and upgraded numerous things around the building to make it as safe as possible for everyone who comes into Central. This includes lock changes, policy changes, adding more security cameras outside of our building, creating new medical emergency bags, trainings and more. Much work has been done over the past few years to make this building as safe as it is. We look forward to implementing new ways and ideas to continue to keep everyone as safe as we can at Central.

# Winona Immigration Network

## Denise Bernatz & Judy Davis, Co-Chairs

Matthew 25: 35-36 "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

We have completed our 4th year of accompanying our WIN neighbors. Our committee includes 29 members, including members from Central Lutheran and other community members from the Winona area. We are fortunate to have received support from the congregations of Central Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, Cedar Valley Lutheran, First Congregational, Grace Presbyterian, St Paul's Church of Lewiston, Church of the Brethren of Lewiston, Minneola Lutheran Church of Goodhue, Project Fine, and the Southeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA.

WIN is beginning its fifth year of accompanying our WIN friends during their journeys seeking safety and a better life. We are assisting four family units consisting of eight adults and four children as they learn English, become financially independent and navigate our American customs. All of the adults have attained their work authorization documents and are employed. They are responsible for their day to day expenses of rent, food, insurance and transportation, and are making payments toward half of their legal expenses. The three oldest children are attending the Winona Middle School and the youngest is attending preschool.

During the past year the members of WIN have assisted our friends with finding more adequate housing, transportation to medical and dental appointments, finding supplemental food sources, and educating them about their individual rights. We have shared our story with interested congregations in Lewiston, Wabasha and Winona.

### Our 2025 Fundraisers

*January* - Hot Dish and Salad Competition at Central Lutheran Church

*February* - Chili Lunch at Central Lutheran Church

*March* - Chili Lunch at Faith Lutheran & St. Paul's Church in Lewiston

*August* - Salad Luncheon with the Heart Strings Harp Circle at Central Lutheran Church

*October* - A Meatball and Lefse Dinner at Central Lutheran with a surprise performance by an international violinist, Ayman Jarjour, Thank Offering Presentation at First Congregational Church in Winona, Donation from Cafe Congo concert featuring Ayman Jarjour, Thank Offering Presentation at First Congregational Church in Winona

*December* - We hosted a Christmas Lunch and Party for our committee and our WIN friends. An afternoon of food, games, and gifts which seemed to lead us into our goals for the new year.

The WIN families are working hard to be financially independent. There continue to be unexpected expenses and times that WIN feels fortunate to be able to help them. We appreciate all who have attended our fundraisers and continue to support WIN's ministry.

### Goals for 2026

- To offer opportunities for more social interaction with our WIN friends.
- To provide enrichment activities for the children.
- Continue our efforts working with local agencies and organizations to keep up with current legislation and immigration requirements.



# Property Committee

During 2025 the property committee continued its work as good stewards of the building and property of Central Lutheran. They created a 'working / goal list' for the year and accomplished many of the intended projects.

- Continued upgrading our lighting with LED lights throughout building
- Upgraded the Sanctuary chandeliers to LED lights
- Repaired a faulty smoke damper to assist the proper functioning of HVAC in entry area
- Added protectant film on entry doors to keep glass from being broken to gain entry
- Worked on ways to maintain heat in Men's bathroom during winter
- Repurposed the Welcome Counter to make it more usable and create welcoming space
- Working on repairs to flat roof leaks, will need continued monitoring and fixes
- Upgraded cameras and security adding 4 additional cameras
- Replaced carpeting in Grace Hall (Thanks to CLC Foundation for funding)
- Fixed the overhand to repair hole outside next to Kitchen door
- Upgraded the locks on the doors of the Childcare Center classrooms
- Replaced plants on north and west sides of church which died over winter
- Received new trees in boulevard
- Working to repair and cap off old water main on Huff St. – to be done in 2026
- Repaired and replaced A/C condenser for Sanctuary

Thanks to your continued support of the Building Maintenance fund, some of the work was accomplished without use of budgeted funds.

The committee has items on its 2026 to do list as well. Some of the items we will be addressing are to keep our building in good working order so it can continue as a gathering space for the members and community into the future. The list includes but not limited to:

- Update flooring in the office area as funding is available
- Replacing chairs in Grace Hall – reviewed chair options, waiting on funding to replace
- Continue with LED lighting replacement
- Continue work on flat roof to address any leaks
- Secure receptionist desk with half-wall around desk – looking for contractor
- Work to change Childcare classroom doors to split – half doors

We are also grateful for the members of the Property Committee – Chris Harvey, Ben Leger, Don Peterson, Donna Peterson, Kathy Benke, Mark Jungerberg and Lee Buxengard.

The Property Committee is a hands one, active committee looking for new members to join them. If you are interested talk with any of the members and they can share details of the committee and its work.

## Lay Ministers Chris Wilmot

“A ministry of bringing the Lord's Supper to the home bound members of the congregation was initiated today (on March 15/16, 1997) with the installation of a group of Eucharistic Ministers who have agreed to take on this ministry.” “It is a vital new ministry for Central which serves to more closely involve those who, because of disability or ill health, are unable to be with us at worship in this place.” Twenty nine years later, this vital ministry continues. Eucharistic Ministers are Sue Hahn, Marylou Hurley, Judy Inman, Carolyn Larson, Sylvia Pecsénye and Chris Wilmot. Nursing Home services are led by Pastor Linda Helberg who also serves on the Eucharistic committee. Quarterly meetings are held to update the lists of those being visited. New committee members are always welcome.

# Foundation

Beginning Market Value: 1/1/2025	\$ 784,919.65
Cash Additions:	164,096.38
Cash Withdrawals:	(132,219.00)
Change in Market value:	98,397.30
Ending Market Value: 12/31/2025	\$ 915,194.33

Cash additions include dividend income, interest income, capital gains and cash deposits. Additions include gifts from Jordain Blanchard, Dennis and Barbara Boelter and Susan Day

## Cash Withdrawals in 2024

CCC Staff Continued Education	\$ 5,896.75
Continuing Education – Pr Short	4,800.00
Continuing Education – Pr Massa	408.10
Missionary support – Pr Kristin Engstrom	1,000.00
Luther College scholarships	1,000.00
Pastor’s synod events (Assembly / Theo Conf)	2,370.76
Continuing Education – Shayna Rinn	476.08
Purchase of house	110,000.00
Bank service fees	6,267.31

## Approved expenditures not yet paid:

Carpeting for Grace Hall	15,000.00
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The Central Lutheran Church Foundation was established for the spiritual advancement of the Kingdom of God by providing funds to finance the education of church workers, missionaries in its missionary program, to give aid and service above and beyond the regular yearly church budget and in the welfare program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

If you would like to learn more about how to support the CLC Foundation, please talk with Pr. Michael Short or one of our Foundation board members. Also consult your financial or estate planner before making any contributions.

Members of the CLC Foundation board are: Mia Martin, Steve Ringlien, Lucy Neuberger, Mike Bernatz, Paul Ness and Jim Hurley. Pr. Michael Short and Pr. Kristen Massa are ex-officio members of the board.

## Nominations

Church Council

Nominating Committee

CLC Foundation

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving” (6-7).

I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God’s grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yehiel Curry'.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

—Colossians 2:6-7

# Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA 2025 Ministry Report



We gathered at **Council as Leaders** to think collaboratively and further equip ourselves for ministry as lay and rostered leaders.



**Nuer Community Lutheran Church**, a new worshipping community, was established! Rev. Yang Tut was ordained.



We had four new entrants to the **Candidacy** process! 13 were in process as '25 concluded. 19 attended the annual **Candidacy Retreat** at Good Earth Village.



A variety of **Power and Boundaries educational workshops** were offered to equip church council members, faith formation professionals, and rostered ministers for leadership.

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, **and that is what we are.**”

—1 John 3:1 (emphasis added)

Through Christ, we have been made children of God! What good news! It is out of this identity, the truest proclamation of who we are, that we live as followers of Jesus in this world.

As members of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, we strive to *walk together proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ*. We live in this community of faith, across sixteen counties with 100,000 baptized members as the children of God. Because this is who we are, we celebrate all the ways God is at work in us and through us – not only in our own communities but throughout the synod and church - for the sake of the world.

Join me in celebrating all the ways God has been at work in our midst over the past year, and let's look ahead, together, with joyful anticipation for what God will yet do, in us and through us, for the sake of the good news of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

*Rev. Regina Hassanally*  
Bishop Regina Hassanally



**Rev. Sarah Krolak** was called to serve as pastor of **Connections Ministry/Shelter Church**, which is a Synod Authorized Outreach Ministry based in Mankato.



Synod members participated in the **Lutheran Church of Colombia's National Assembly** where Rev. John Rojas was elected as bishop.

We gathered under the theme “Remember what God has done. Prepare for what God will do.” at the **Synod Assembly**. Three resolutions were passed regarding *Support for the Least of These and the Ministries that Serve Them* and *Expanded Preaching and Teaching on the Stories of Women in the Bible and Use of Female Imagery of God and of God's Work in the World*. On the first ballot, Bishop Hassanally was elected to a second six-year term.



About 140 ministry leaders attended the **Fall Theological Retreat**, which includes fellowship, education, and retreat. Rev. Leila Ortiz led the presentations and discussion on pneumatological estuaries, with the theme of *Baptism in Muddy Waters*.



**17 Rostered Ministers** joined our synod!



# A YEAR OF PATIENCE, RESILIENCE, HOPE, & JOY

When we gather each January before the second semester, we write words on wooden stars during worship. We remember how God guided the magi to the Christ child in the shining of a star and ponder what God might be calling us to in the next year. I encourage the students to place their star where they might see it regularly. Last January, the word “patience” came to my mind, and I immediately wanted to run the other direction like the reluctant prophet, Job. *I don't want to have to have more patience! I've already faced too much uncertainty and upheaval following the fire at the LCC!* A friend and colleague gave another star to me the following week, this one labeled “abundance.” That sounded much better. Suspecting I might need both, though, “patience” and “abundance” have looked up at me from my table for the past year.

To tell you all the times and ways in which we had surprises and setbacks through the rebuilding process would take far too long. Suffice it to say, we have needed patience. The lot where the LCC building once stood still lies empty, waiting until warmer temps for us to break ground and finally, *finally* rebuild.

Dear ones, to tell you all the times we have experienced abundance in the past year would also take a long time. We have more first year students showing up for dinner, worship, Bible study, and other activities than I've seen in a while. They are earnest, engaging, full of wonder, joy, and beautiful questions and ideas. Our returning students have done an incredible job of welcoming--welcoming in a way that allows the newcomers to influence and change the community, too. Our student ministers, Elsie and Emma, listen well to their peers, preparing to offer more Bible study (per request!) next semester and nights of service for nursing students and others who want to be involved in community and world.

It continues to be a joy & honor to serve the LCC. God is leading us through the wilderness and teaching us what it means to hold patience, abundance, resilience, hope, and joy together. We trust that God is good, all the time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your involvement and support in this time and always.

With patience *and* abundant hope, Pastor Corrine



Our new logo is based off the LuMin (ELCA campus ministry network) logo. This helps people recognize ELCA campus ministries nationwide. The rainbow portion represents our theological commitment to welcome & claim belovedness, esp. for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. The other colors represent the higher ed institutions in Winona-- purple for Winona State, green for Southeast Tech, and red for St. Mary's. The cross is our center and reaches out to the wider world.

# Treasurer's 2025 Report

## Stephen Hacken, Treasurer

2025 was both a great and challenging year for Central Lutheran Church. I know we have asked much of you financially this year. From raising over \$120,000 for the purchase of the house, the continued support for the organ fund and generous regular gifts have shown that everyone cares deeply about the church.

The following is a summary of income/expenses for the Operating Fund in 2025.

<u>2025 Budget Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent Difference</u>
\$670,000	\$671,723	(\$1,723)	(.26%)

<u>2025 Budget Income</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent Difference</u>
\$592,000	\$569,843	(\$22,157)	(3.74%)

The budget passed by the congregation at last year's annual meeting included a deficit of \$78,000. The actual deficit was \$101,880. This level of deficit is not sustainable for much longer as the church's cash balance has been decreasing.

Even following a more difficult year than usual, the childcare fund continues to carry a positive balance of \$35,023.

Other than the operating fund and childcare, the church also has expenses that are offset by dedicated donations to specific purposes. Two large expenses under this area were the money raised for the house purchase and the replacement of a large air conditioner unit.

Historically the church has counted on donations that come in November and December. In 2024, income for those two months was \$211,947. For the same months in 2025, the donations were \$153,530. The church's three largest areas of expense are personnel (70% of expenses), building maintenance, utilities, and insurance. These expenses are mostly fixed and necessary for the operation of the church.

2026 will carry with it an emphasis on stewardship. While I personally am so grateful for the support shown financially, the church will need more resources to fund the programs necessary to continue the mission of Central Lutheran.





## NARRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2026

### Gathered in the Love of God, We Connect, Grow, and Serve.

#### Gathered in the Love of God:

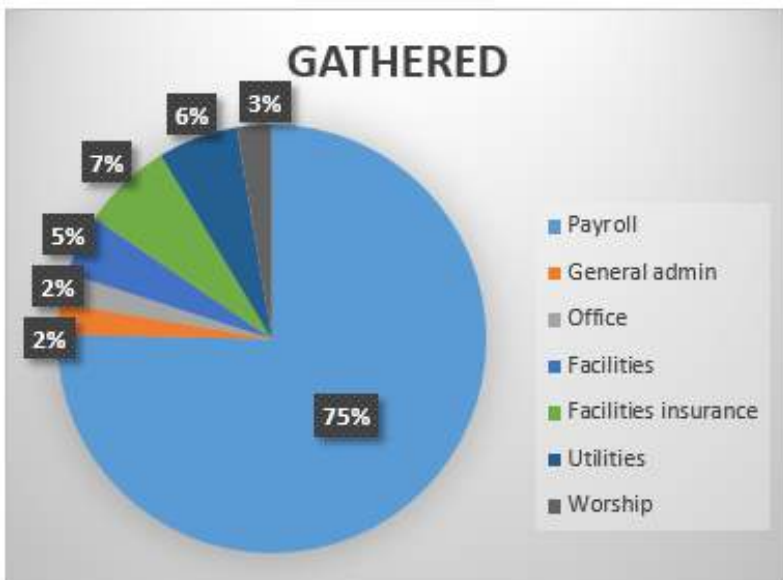
In the love of God, we gather in community to love and support each other in faith. As Lutheran Christians worship is the main way in which we gather as the body of Christ. In worship we hear the word of God spoken through the scriptures and in the sermon. In worship we gather to sing praises to our God in song and to gather around the Lord's Table where we receive a foretaste of the feast that is to come.

Central endeavors to assist members in living out their baptismal promises. In baptism we promise to gather as God's faithful people, to hear the word of God, to share in the Lord's supper, to learn and grow in our faith as we work for justice and peace in the world God made. As Lutherans, worship is where faith is nurtured as we begin to learn what it means to live a faithful life.

Gathering for worship is central to who we are as Lutherans. Gathering for worship is usually the first place where we experience the love of God as we are welcomed into the body of Christ. As such who we are and what we do begins in worship. It is from worship we are sent to connect and serve others in the name of the one who gathers us, Jesus our Savior and Lord.



**Total Proposed Budget – Gathered \$ 330,305**



**Estimated Volunteer Hours – Gathered 2,500 hours**

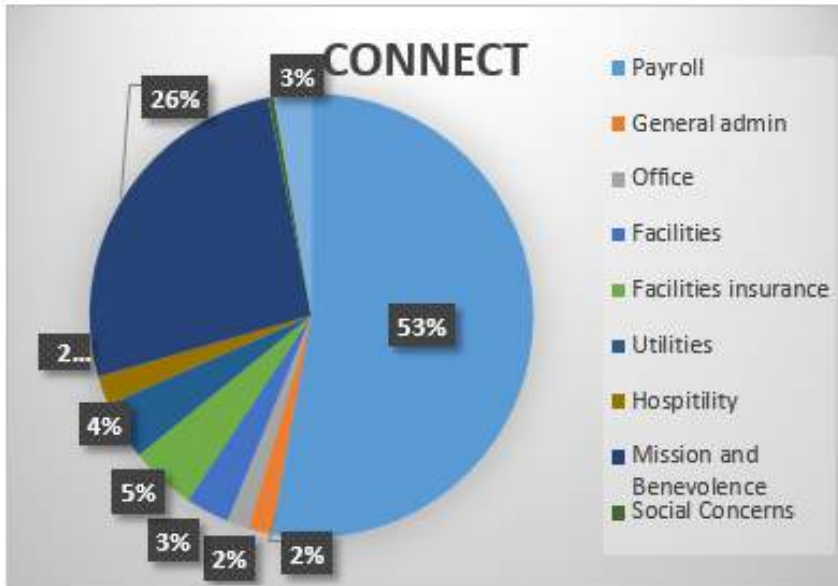


**We Connect:**

In the love of God, we connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as with the stranger in our midst. Connecting one with another is the way in which we are able to grow in our faith as we grow our community. As Lutheran Christians we often connect around a table. In worship it is the Lord's table, outside of worship we can be found around many tables connecting with others as we are nurtured in our faith, learning to trust God and proclaim Christ fulfilling our baptismal promises.

Here at Central there are many tables where connection happens. It happens around the coffee pot following worship on Sunday mornings. It happens in the gathering spaces as parents wait for their children attending Sunday School. Connections happen around the sewing tables each Tuesday morning as the Quilters gather to tie quilts and make kits to be sent around the world. Connections happen around the table at Adult and Youth Sunday School or Confirmation where the faith is taught through words and activities and song. As we grow in connection with our faith and with the whole body of Christ, we find ways to serve friends and neighbors out of that love we ourselves have received

**Total Proposed Budget – Connect \$ 117,526**



**Estimated Connecting Volunteer Hours – 4,000**



**We Grow: Estimated Volunteer Hours for Growth – 1,750**

As part of our baptismal promises we say we will teach and learn the creeds and prayers, to put the scriptures in the hands of others. This not only helps others it offers us the opportunity to ask questions and to grow in our understanding of what it means to live a faith filled life in the world. We grow in our understanding in many ways: in Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Ed classes. We learn and grow in worship as we gather to sing and to pray and to hear God's Word. We grow as we learn to live our out faith in the world on mission trips for the youth, VBS and with the many other opportunities we have to put our faith into action as we serve others in the name of Christ.



**TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET – GROWING \$ 166,003**

## And Serve:

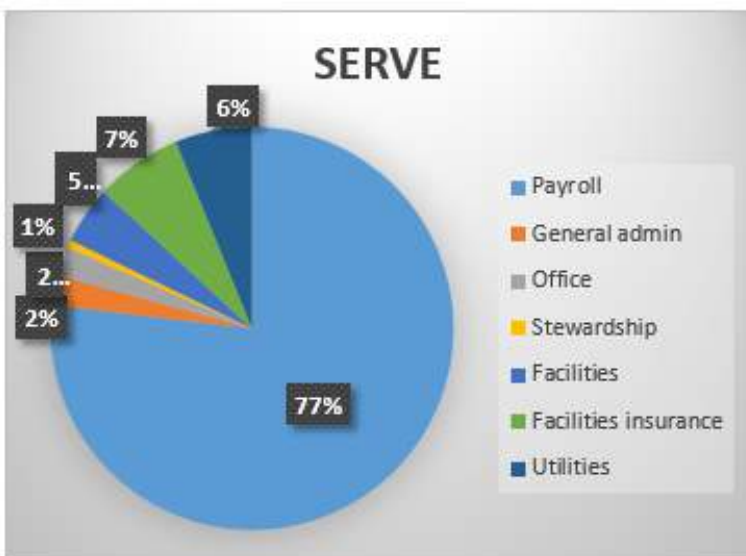
Out of the love of God we have already received, we are sent to serve. Serving is a natural outcome of who we are as followers of Jesus who tells us in the Gospel of John: 'I came not to be served but to serve.'

Service is also a part of who we are as Lutheran Christians living out our baptismal promises. The last of the promises remind us; we to proclaim Christ in word and deed, working for justice and peace as we care for others and the world God made.

Here at Central we endeavor to live out those promises by serving our brothers and sisters along with our neighbor. We have done so in many and various ways over the years. We have an active group who organizes a weekly meal called the FEAST where members of Central are joined by members of the community sharing a meal around the tables in Grace Hall.

Serving in various ways for both members of Central and community members alike. We have groups of people who serve by helping at Habitat for Humanity building homes; volunteering at the food shelf and thrift stores along with other non-profits in the community, in hosting blood drives with the Red Cross and working to clean up along our adopted stretch of Interstate 90. There are also members who serve our members in their deepest needs following the death of a loved one or taking care packages to home bound members.

As the Body of Christ known as Central we serve others indirectly with our support of the ELCA, World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Southeastern Synod of Minnesota and the Lutheran Campus Center. Our community includes our youth and adults serving others being sent on mission trips to communities across the nation. Last year they joined other youth in Duluth, MN and New Orleans, LA. This coming year they will be sent to Milwaukee, WI in July to serve people in need. Service is the expression of who we are having been gathered in the love of God, connected as the body of Christ sent to show God's love to the world.



**Total Proposed Budget – Serve \$ 80,926**



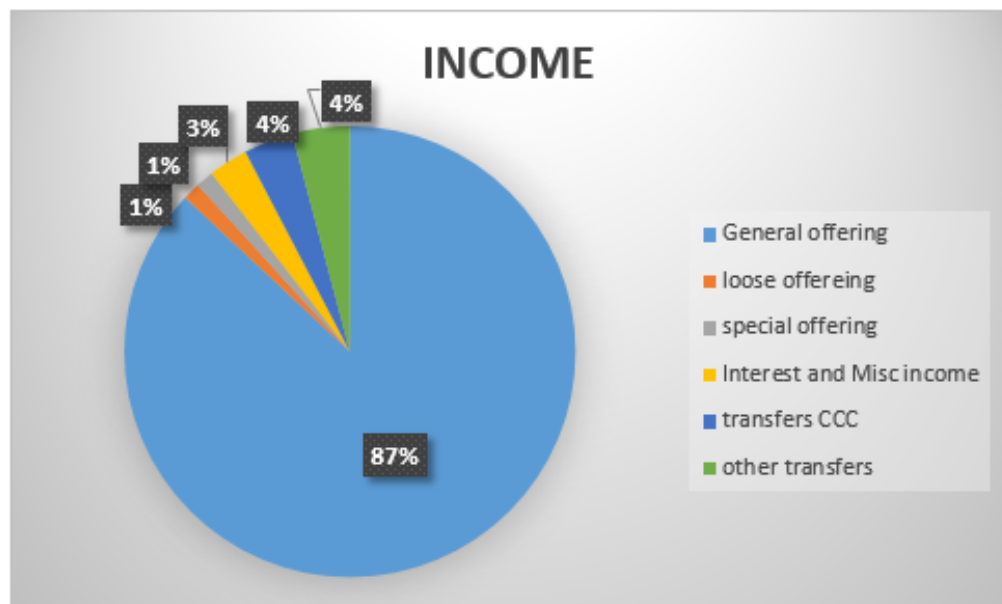
**Estimated Volunteer Hours – Serve 1,500 hours**

### **Income projections:**

The income for the year is based upon our historic data. Most of the income received is in our weekly/monthly offerings given at worship or directly through on line giving. Our goal for the coming year is to increase the number of on line giving as a way to level the large swings in giving from month to month. If you would like more information about on line or direct deposit giving, please contact the church office.

## **Total Expected Income - \$ 592,200**

Based on historical receipts by category



### **CLC Childcare budget:**

The Childcare budget runs separate from the church's budget. It is based upon expected number of children in the program along with anticipated income. The number of children also determines staffing requirements. The center works to create a level budget with a small net income each year so there is a reserve should an unexpected shortfall happen. Questions about the Childcare Center can be directed to Jackie Whitman, Childcare Center Director.

**Central Lutheran Church**  
**Actual income /Expense yearly comparison with budget for 2026**

	Year 2025		Year 2025		Year 2026	
	Budget	% total	Actual	% total	Budget	% total
Beginning Fund Balance			53,367		-44,560	
General offering	515,000	0.87	518,166	0.89	515,000	0.87
loose offering	10,000	0.02	1,210	0.00	7,500	0.01
special offering	10,000	0.02	24,565	0.04	7,500	0.01
Interest and Misc. income	6,000	0.01	7,990	0.01	16,800	0.03
transfers CCC	21,000	0.04	21,000	0.04	21,000	0.04
other transfers	30,000	0.05	7,811	0.01	24,400	0.04
Govt. program	0				0	
one time gifts						
<b>total income</b>	<b>592,000</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>580,742</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>592,200</b>	<b>1.00</b>
Payroll	496,000	0.74	470,590	0.69	497,500	0.72
General admin	15,900	0.02	17,493	0.03	15,560	0.02
Office	7,000	0.01	14,928	0.02	15,150	0.02
Stewardship	500	0.00	351	0.00	500	0.00
Facilities	30,600	0.05	26,572	0.04	30,200	0.04
Facilities insurance	31,000	0.05	52,188	0.08	45,000	0.06
Utilities	39,000	0.06	43,612	0.06	40,000	0.06
mortgage interest	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Worship	8,500	0.01	16,139	0.02	8,600	0.01
Hospitality	1,500	0.00	1,191	0.00	2,500	0.00
Mission and Benevolence	31,000	0.05	29,140	0.04	30,900	0.04
Social Concerns	500	0.00	0	0.00	500	0.00
communications	4,000	0.01	3,526	0.01	3,200	0.00
Education	4,500	0.01	2,939	0.00	5,150	0.01
Other expense	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>670,000</b>		<b>678,669</b>		<b>694,760</b>	
Journal Entry adj.						
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-78,000</b>		<b>-97,927</b>		<b>-102,560</b>	
Ending Fund balance			-44,560			

**Central Lutheran Church - Winona MN**  
**Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025**

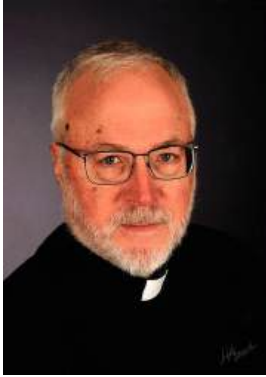
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2026**

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
1.001.010	Petty Cash	100.00
1.001.101	Payroll Checking - WNB	3,058.90
1.001.102	General Checking - WNB	(16,026.75)
	<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>(\$12,867.85)</b>
1.002.100	General Savings - WNB	191,193.98
1.002.200	Paypal	3.38
	<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$191,197.36</b>
1.004.100	Church Building	2,737,406.00
1.004.200	Pipe Organ	240,000.00
1.004.300	Property - 252 W. Sanborn	27,647.64
	<b>Total Properties</b>	<b>\$3,005,053.64</b>
	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$171,155.21</b>
1.007.010	Grand Piano	7,225.00
1.007.020	Handbells	10,330.00
1.007.030	Choir Chimes	2,431.50
1.007.040	Sound System	76,967.20
1.007.050	Stained Glass/Grace Hall	4,625.00
1.007.060	Church Sign & Base	11,200.00
	<b>Total Equipment and Fixtures</b>	<b>\$112,778.70</b>
1.002.400	Prepaid Insurance	14,015.83
	<i>Total Visa Credit Cards</i>	<i>(\$454.36)</i>
1.006.030	Computer Share	5,984.24
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,486,862.77</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2.000.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(4.35)
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
3.000.001	Operating Fund Bal	(44,700.25)
3.000.010	Operating Fund-Investment Fund Bal	91,998.50
3.000.020	Fixed Assets Fund Bal	3,117,832.79
3.000.200	Childcare Fund Bal	41,294.32
	<b>Operating &amp; Asset Funds</b>	<b>\$3,206,425.36</b>
3.010.001	Emergency Assist Fund Bal	1,176.68
3.010.005	Lutheran Campus Center Flo-Thru Fund Bal	0.00
3.010.010	CLC Foundation Flo-Thru Fund Bal	69.00
3.010.020	Quilters Fund Bal	2,834.76
3.010.040	Prayer Shawl Mnsrty Fund	416.30
3.010.050	CLC Welca FUND BAL	5,463.55
3.010.055	Hannah Circle Fund Bal	647.00
3.010.060	Funeral Committee Fund Bal	1,575.19
	<b>Church Council Funds</b>	<b>\$12,182.48</b>
3.020.002	Library Fund Bal	1,122.38
3.020.004	Confirmation Fund Bal	1,006.04
3.020.010	Adult Ed Spcl Events Fund	477.39


	<b>Christian Education Funds</b>	<b>\$2,605.81</b>
3.030.001	Mission Envelopes Fund Bal	3,155.62
3.040.002	TV/VIDEO Equip Fund Bal	(818.46)
3.050.005	Music & Arts Fund Bal	1,761.10
3.060.002	Music/Worship Branding Fund Bal	2,289.96
3.060.003	Handbells Fund Bal	439.92
3.060.010	Senior Choir Fund Bal	0.00
3.060.030	Flower Fund Bal	3,278.04
3.060.034	Needlepoint Fund Bal	781.86
3.070.000	Organ Fund Bal	53,128.39
3.090.060	Modernization/Worship	4,000.00
	<b>Worship &amp; Music Funds</b>	<b>\$65,679.27</b>
3.090.001	Youth Fund Bal	11,266.28
3.090.003	Youth Mission Trip Fund	13,691.99
3.090.007	Youth Scholarship Fund	360.54
3.090.010	Pop Machine Money Fund Bal	54.71
3.090.030	Sunday School Fund Bal	4,811.56
3.090.032	VBS Fund Bal	1,461.34
	<b>Youth/Family Ministry Funds</b>	<b>\$31,646.42</b>
3.090.040	Sun Morn Coffee HR Fund Bal	741.97
3.090.050	THE FEAST Fund Bal	17,990.37
3.090.080	CLCC Fundraisers Fund Bal	13,408.58
3.100.000	Memorials Fund Bal	59,909.35
3.200.000	Wedding Fees/Rent Fund Bal	1,375.00
3.700.500	Parking Lot Permits Bal	10,802.77
3.000.100	Building Fund Balance	42,505.78
3.000.299	Capital Campaign - Technology Fund	297.81
3.000.300	Capital Campaign-Water Damage	1,460.13
3.000.302	Capital Campaign - Other	3,465.58
3.000.303	Peace Garden Balance	108.91
3.030.002	WIN Resettlement Matthew 25 Fund Balance	(1,478.11)
3.030.008	SOCIAL CONCERNS Balance	1,893.38
3.060.040	Central Socials Balance	372.13
3.090.009	Nursery Attendant Fund Bal	7,136.93
3.090.035	Family Ministry Balance	6,000.00
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,486,867.08</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,486,862.73</b>


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