

CLC NEWSLETTER

August 2024



Vision & Mission

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

Central Lutheran Church exists to make disciples: people who are passionate about following Jesus and living their faith each and every day.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTING PASTOR

Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

I give thanks to God for all of you. Most of all for your participation in the life of the church and in the many ways each of you support the ministries of Central with your time and your resources. One of my practices each week is to attend a text study group with other local pastors on Tuesday mornings. There we gather to share stories, to discuss issues we are facing as pastors and to talk about the gospel text for the upcoming Sunday worship. One of the things I hear from some of the other pastors is the lack of attendance or support their churches receive during the summer months. Being the large church in the group, our numbers are bigger but their concerns are just as real for us. So I wanted to say 'Thank You' to all of you for your continued support during these summer months. Even with going to one service your attendance and offerings have been good so I am grateful and give thanks to God for you.

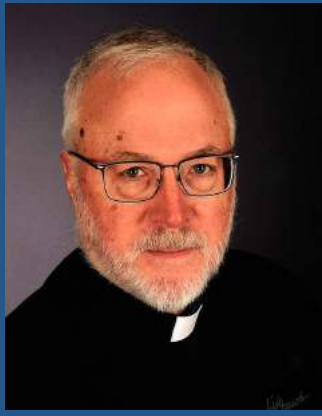
My gratitude comes because I have witnessed the way you gather on Sunday mornings and for other events we offered this summer. We had a great turnout for our VBS program this year with about 30 children participating along with many adults and confirmation youth who volunteered. It was a success because of your participation.

This summer because of your support we offered a mission trip to Duluth for our middle and high school youth. There they served the community and Christ's mission in planting trees, interacting with elders in a nursing home and learning about homelessness for young people. They came back energized and excited about living out their faith in the world. As I write this another group of high school youth along with Pr. Kristen, Scott Mlynczak and Cheryl Smith are attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. There they will not only serve the community but learn what it means to be a part of a nationwide and global church with over 16,000 other youth from across the world. I cannot wait to hear about their experiences.

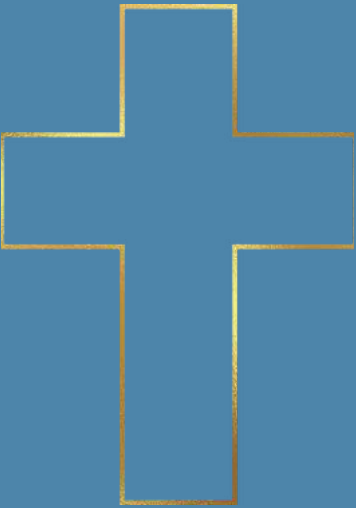
The adults of the congregation have not been left out. There have been many social gatherings to participate in, you have shown support for our community through your work with Habitat for Humanity, WIN and other organizations. The quilters of Central have continued to grow and create quilts for Lutheran World Relief and kits for Global Health Ministries. For all these things I give thanks to God for the example you are showing as you live out your faith in this community.

As we move towards the end of summer and all the activities of the fall I know we here at Central will continue to set the pace for the faith communities here in Winona. In September we will have our Rally Day to kick off Sunday School for all ages. Confirmation programs will start to help our young adults continue to learn about their faith. The community events like the FEAST will start back up. So if there are ways you would like to join in the fun and get connected, please let the church office know how you want to serve alongside your brothers and sisters for the sake of the Gospel. I want to invite you to consider two opportunities coming up this fall. The first is to join us on Aug 11th following worship as we continue our discussion and planning for the organ renewal and sanctuary updates. The second is to join us as a participant in a stewardship program. Central was invited by the synod to participate in a new stewardship program called 'Generous Together'. We are looking for 4 (four) members to join Pr Kristen and myself to help lead this program. Here we will build upon the generous work you already doing and create a firm foundation for the work that is still to come.

Pr Michael



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SHORT





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

Mission Trips, Vacation Bible School and National Youth Gathering, OH MY! The last six weeks at Central Lutheran has been jam-packed with week-long trips and gatherings for our children and youth. There's been more games than can be counted, laughter over meals, hard-work and service for our neighbors and lots of learning about God, faith, justice and Jesus' love.

As we wrap up the summer season of youth activities and learning, and look forward, planning for a new year of programming, I think about what it means to have child-like faith. Mark 10:14-15 says "But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." But, how do we, as adults receive the kingdom of God, and especially do it like children?

I think back to all the things that I have seen the students and kids do over the last few weeks for that answer. I have seen them be curious about faith. I have seen them ask hard questions to peers, without fear of being ridiculed. I have seen them have fun, be playful and have lots of imagination. I have seen our students working hard to serve neighbors and community. I have seen them worship God with all of their heart, souls and minds, completely giving into what God has called them into. Our kids showed an awe of God, awe of Jesus' love for them, awe of life and lived in awe of humanity. They saw how God intended for them to live out their faith.

This is what I pray for all of us, church. That we too see the awe in God, we ask hard questions, we be curious about faith, and that we are playful and have fun in our community of church. Most of all, I pray that we continue to love. For receiving the kingdom of God requires us to love like children, with our whole hearts, our whole minds, and our whole souls.

Blessings,
Pastor Kristen





A. ERIC HEUKSHOVEN

A MESSAGE FROM OUR WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS DIRECTOR

“Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!” (Psalm 105:1–2)

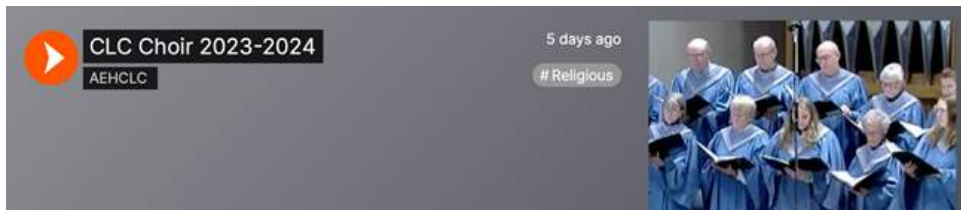
CENTRAL’S RICH MUSICAL LEGACY

It is no secret that Central has long been a supporter of the Arts in Winona. From hosting the annual Messiah Sing-in and concerts by the Bach Society of Minnesota to opening our doors for outside groups like the Winona Hims, Winona Brass Band, many private piano recitals, just to mention a few. I am proud to assist Central to continue our long tradition of support.

SHARING THE LOVE

In my June/July newsletter article, I let you know about Central’s new SoundCloud page where all the Hendrickson Organ recitals can be heard.

Beginning this summer, all the Adult Choir anthems will also be available for any and everyone to hear. The first collection includes 14 selections from fall 2023 to spring 2024.



Please share this testament to Central’s musical legacy with friends and family: <https://soundcloud.com/aehlc>

ORGAN RECITALS CONTINUE

We will welcome Dan Lewis from St. Martin’s Lutheran Church on Wednesday August 21 from noon to 1 p.m. Many of you have heard Dan perform before and I know his recital will be outstanding

The full schedule and more information are available at: <https://sites.google.com/centrallutheranchurch.org/hendrickson-30th/home>

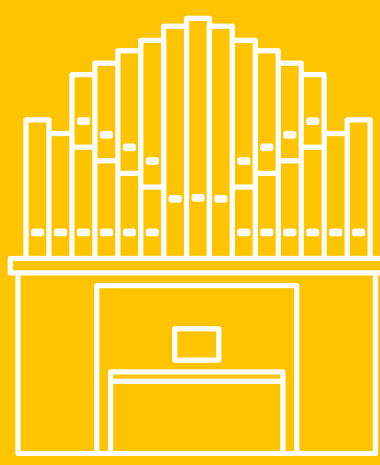
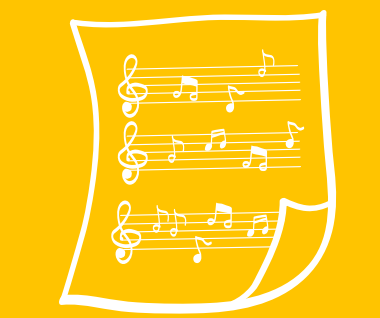
ONE MORE OUTDOOR SERVICE

Summer is always too short! Please plan to join us

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

Blessings, always.

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





Central Lutheran Church
Child Care Center

August Center News

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

Summertime Experiences at the Center

Summertime at CLC CCC is such a fun time of year for the staff and children to experience learning and growing in a different way. Classrooms offer more outdoor learning activities and utilize the warmer weather to create more large motor muscle development in the sunshine! You can see children riding bikes, playing in water, and going for walks to explore the outdoors. The children have enjoyed having picnics outside, creating artwork outside, and walking to see the nearby fish pond. The older children have been able to walk to nearby community areas such as the public library and local parks to have new experiences as well!



Thank you for your support of CLC CCC and the team! Together we are better!

Sending you all bright blessings!

2024 Spring Concert and 4K Graduation



A 4K graduate looks out into the crowd



Infants and caregivers sing and dance together



Toddler children participating in a song about God's love

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



Preschool children sang a song about driving their car to Minneapolis



What a blessing it is to have so many wonderful families at our center

Questions, please contact us...

childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

In June, I had the joy and honor of marrying two former students, Hannah and ReAnn. Another LCC alum read from 1 John at the wedding and acted as personal attendant for Hannah. They were each student ministers at one time during college. As I looked up at the people gathered for the ceremony, I spotted another former LCC student minister, Kendra. It took everything in me not to say, “Kendra!!!” when I saw her. I opted for a big smile until I could greet her after the service. I was particularly excited to see Kendra, because she’d recently emailed me to let me know she’d been accepted to the University of Limerick in Ireland for their masters program in Public Health.

Kendra is a nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. She joined the LCC as an alum for our border immersion trip in 2023, taking time off work to do so. The trip was truly life-changing for our small group, including for Kendra. She told me this past spring in an email: “Our time spent in the borderlands has impacted me in more ways than one. As you already know, refugee health has a special place in my heart. I have chosen to go back to school for Public Health, and my goal is to complete a research project or dissertation on refugee and migrant health.”

I’m amazed each time it happens that a former student shares with me the impact the LCC had on their life. As I looked around at the wedding in June, I noted that we sent three teachers and two nurses into the world from our little building on the corner of Huff and King/9th Streets. We sent them into the world with the message that they are beloved children of God, and so is every other person with whom they meet. We sent them with the message that they matter to God and to us and that grace bats last. We sent them with experiences of faith intersecting with learning. We sent them into the world— to hospital bedsides, classrooms, wedding aisles, and communities all over with the message that we are all part of the body of Christ.

Pretty neat, huh?

Thank you for being part of that legacy. It’s so humbling and such a gift.

Peace and all good,
Pastor Corrine Haulotte

Picture Left to Right:
Pastor Corrine, Megan, ReAnn, Hannah,
Kendra, Morgan



COMMITTEE EVENTS



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Habitat for Humanity serving Winona County held a House Raising Hootenanny on Thursday evening, June 27th. Central Lutheran was well represented at the event which raised money to support the Habitat mission of providing safe and affordable housing in Winona County. In the past 30 years of service to the community, Habitat has built 56 homes and completed over 300 home repairs. Central is proud to be a financial supporter of this organization as well as providing a workforce to help with home builds and repairs

FEAST

The FEAST will be resuming on Wednesday September 11. We look forward to another year of offering home cooked meals to Central and community members. We are happy to have secured cooks for all September and October meals, and have two openings in November and one in December. Please consider giving cooking a try- or come back if you have cooked before. Contact Pam Davick at 507-459-2806 for more information or to reserve a week to cook. Many hands are needed for providing everything else for the FEAST meal: silverware wrapping, table prep, dishwashing and meal deliveries. If you can offer a short time commitment to these tasks, please call Laurie Laib at 507-458-3194. We look forward to seeing you in September!

SEWING VOLUNTEERS

The Quilters are still in need of help sewing bibs for the childcare center. Quilters will supply the material, pattern, and instructions. If you would like to participate please contact Gloria Freiheit at (507) 450-4132.

WIN

Members of the Winona Immigration Network committee would like to thank all who purchased Chicken Q dinners on July 17th. This is one of the many ways in which the committee has worked diligently in raising funds to support our families in their process of becoming welcomed to Winona. Most recently we welcomed additional members of Edelber's family, Diego, Jessica, and their two year old daughter Celeste. They have been in the country since December, living in New York. They were able to transfer to Winona for a stable place of residence. We have word that Veronica and Alex will most likely receive their employment status by October when they will be employed in work that they have been trained for in Colombia. Julio and Jazmina are now both employed as well as Edelber. Edelber has been able to take on most all of his family's immediate financial needs.

Jazmina and Julio will be looking for a car in the near future and if anyone has a card or knows of a possible one they would be able to purchase, please let them know or a WIN member. All of these individuals have enlightened us as committee members how very much they appreciate being in Winona and all that you have done as Central Lutheran congregational members on their behalf. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel through this uncharted journey of calling Winona home.- Judy Davis and Denise Bernatz co-chairs of the WIN committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLC SOCIALS

Save the date for a relaxing boat ride down the Mississippi River aboard the Winona Boat Tour boat with a stop in Trempealeau for dinner at Sullivan's. We had a full boat 2 years ago and hope all are ready to cruise again! The date is **Sunday, September 29th**. We'll board the boat at the Levee, 1 Walnut St., at **2:45 pm** and cruise down to Sullivan's for dinner (at your own expense), then back to the Winona Levee returning about 8 pm. Cost of the boat ride is **\$30/person** and must be paid to Shayna in the church office to reserve your spot. Dinner is **not** included in this cost. Reserve your seat with payment today before the boat fills up!

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

On October 6th, between services, WELCA will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. *Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the US. It accounts for 30% (or 1 in 3) of all new female cancers each year.* -American Cancer Society Please consider walking with us and wearing pink as we bring awareness about breast cancer.

More information to come.



Fall/Winter Worship Server Schedule

The Fall/Winter (Sept-Dec) Worship Server schedule will be sent out mid August. If you have a worship service preference (8:30 or 10:30) and/or task preference (Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Usher), please contact Shayna 507-452-5156 in the church office **before August 5th**.

Let's Get Crafting

The Central Quilters craft sale was so popular that they've decided on a new schedule for 2024! If you're a crafter and are willing to donate your items we will gladly accept them! Contact Gloria Freiheit at 507-450-4132.

2024 Quilter Craft Sale Schedule

- Sunday, November 17th- Thanksgiving/Holiday craft sale
- Saturday, December 14th- Holiday craft sale and the WELCA Bake Sale and Lunch
- Sunday, December 15th- Holiday Craft sale

WSU Move-in Days, August 21&22

CLC will welcome WSU freshman students and parents during their move-in days from 9 AM-3 PM, August 21 & 22. Volunteers are needed to hand out water, snacks, CLC/LCC information and initiate pleasant conversation. Set up will be in the church parking lot with 2 volunteers in 2-hour shifts. If you're able to help for a few hours, please contact Peggy Twait at 507-450-4776 or sign up online in the volunteer section on the CLC website. We appreciate all help in welcoming new students!

SATURDAY
20TH-21ST
SEPTEMBER



RUMMAGE SALE

The end of summer cleaning is a great time to start collecting items for our annual rummage sale in September. This year proceeds will go to benefit our youth. More information to come!

Central Happenings

SAVE THE DATE NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

WITH THE LA CROSSE LOGGERS

\$13/ticket contact Shayna in the church office to purchase tickets.

STAY CONNECTED @LAXLOGGERS



CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH

Game Time: 6:35 PM | Gates Open: 5:30 PM

Rochester Honkers vs. La Crosse Loggers



REMINDER

Get your Logger's tickets before they're gone!

[Information](#)

When: August 8

Time: Meet at CLC at 5 PM
Game starts at 6:30 PM

Price: \$13/ticket



CLC Book Group

The book group will meet on Thursday, August 1 at 10 am. We are reading "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan. We read a wide variety of books that have been suggested by our members and the discussion can be very interesting. Everyone is welcome and if you have questions please call Gayle Garrity 507-961-0465.

WELCA

Thank you all for so generously supporting our projects in the past. We have just taken another load of 52 quilts and 18 baby kits to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, making our total over 150 quilts so far this year!

Our next project is our school kits. We have a good supply of pencils and erasers but still need notebooks, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rulers, crayons, and ball point pens. We also have a donation box on our collection box (next to Narthex) if a cash donation is easier. Again, thank you so much for your continued support of our projects.

August 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2	3
					10:00 am- CLC Book Group		
4	5	6	7	8	10:00 am- Welcome & Worship 6:00 pm- Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm- Logger's Game	9	10
9:30 am- Blended Worship		9:00 am- Quilters					
11	12	13	14	15	6:00 pm- Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal	16	17
9:30 am- Blended Worship 10:30 am- Organ/Sanctuary Visioning	9:00 am- WELCA 6:30 pm- WIN	Primary Election Site 9:00 am- Quilters 5:00 pm- Property Committee 6:30 pm- Council Meeting					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
9:30 am- Outdoor Worship @Windom Park 12:00 pm- Potluck & Games @ CLC	9:00 am- Social Concerns	Newsletter Articles Due 9:00 am- Quilters	12:00 pm- Hendrickson 30th Organ Recital 1:30 pm- Esther Circle 4:00 pm- Eucharist Minister Meeting	6:00 pm- Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:30 am- Blended Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 9:30 am, Rally Sunday	5:30 pm- Youth Committee Meeting	9:00 am- Quilters	12:00 pm- Safety & Security Meeting	6:00 pm- Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal			

Charter Service- Monday's @ 7pm- Channel 986

HBC Service- Wednesday's @ 5 pm- Channel 20

FINANCIAL REPORT/SUNDAY SCHOOL

May & June 2024

Total Income: \$32,471.75

Total Expenses: \$51,111.10

Offering Goal: July \$45,801.99

Thank you for your support of Central's Ministry

Gifts in memory or honor of someone **Memorials May 22, 2024 through July 15, 2024**

ORGAN FUND

Memory of David Green
Given by Mia Martin

Memory of Bev Hoenk
Given by Mia Martin

MUSIC

Memory of Ardyce Paulson
Given by Peggy Twait

Honor of Fenske's 70th Wedding
Anniversary
Given by Peggy Twait

FEAST

Memory of Cheri Weaver
Given by Cheri Tuxen, Chris &
Vaunie Weaver, Lavern & Nancy
Hauschildt, Mia Martin

Designated Gifts in May & June

Building Maintenance Fund	\$848.00
WIN	\$1,230.00
WVS Food Shelf	\$139.00
Youth Fund	\$55.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$502.50
FEAST	\$90.00
Organ Fund	\$346.00



BACK TO
Sunday
SCHOOL

RALLY DAY
& BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
AUGUST 25TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL START:
SEPTEMBER 8TH
BETWEEN SERVICES

CONTACT PASTOR KRISTEN WITH QUESTIONS:
PRMASSA@CENTRALLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG



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What's Coming Up

August 11- 10:30 am- Organ/Sanctuary Visioning Meeting

August 18- 9:30 am- Outdoor Worship @ Windom Park

12:00 pm- Potluck & Games @ CLC

August 20- September Newsletter Articles Due

August 21- 12:00 pm- Hendrickson 30th Organ Recital

August 25- 9:30 am- Rally Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks



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