

September 2023

CLC Newsletter

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

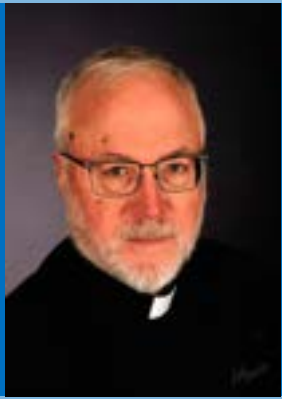


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Central
Lutheran Church ELCA



Rev. Michael Short

A Message from our Directing Pastor

Headlines continue to predict the demise of the church as more people leave churches or become less religious and more spiritual according to the articles. Yet Central is going against that cultural downward trend as we have maintained and grown since the pandemic ended. As the ministries of Central continue to grow and become more active, leadership within the church is vital to help us sustain this growth. I am excited that soon Pr. Kristen Massa will be joining us as our Associate Pastor here at Central as part of our leadership team. Good things continue happening here at Central so we welcome Pr. Kristen with her many gifts and abilities to help keep us moving in the right direction.

With Pr. Kristen's arrival, that does not diminish the need for your involvement. In fact, in many ways it may increase opportunities for you to get involved. Each of you have been given many gifts and abilities from God. Each of your gifts and abilities are needed for you to live your life, in addition they are needed in the life of the church. As the fall season starts and we return to two services on Sunday mornings (8:30 and 10:30) additional worship assistants will be needed. In addition, there remains a need for Sunday school teachers, Confirmation guides and others to help maintain the ministries of Central.

One of the ways these positions get filled is by inviting people to sign up. Another way is to assigned members or know they will say 'Yes' when asked. But knowing who is willing to serve or willing to say yes is a struggle at times.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

So Central needs your help. The first thing we ask of you is to complete and return the membership update form sent with your mid-year giving statement. We need to verify we have your correct address, phone (including cell phone) and email addresses. That way we know the information we send out will reach you.

Next is to invite you to fill out Central's Time and Talent Survey when it comes out in September. This will be sent out electronically to each member letting you know what talents and gifts we are looking for. Paper copies will also be made available. You will be able to let us know which areas of interest you are willing to support. This survey covers not only worship assistants, but committees and other groups like the Quilters or FEAST you can get involved. So that when a need arises, we will have a ready list of members to use in recruiting to fill those needs. It will also allow us to identify new areas of interest for members to get involved.

I thank you in advance. By having an up to date membership list, Central will not only be able to fulfill its mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus in both words and actions, but offer you the opportunity to live out your faith in the world.

Lastly I want to say thank you to those who served on the Call Committee. They worked hard over the last year using their gifts and talents to accomplish this important task of calling an Associate Pastor here at Central. Please join me in thanking – Scott Mlynczak, Tim Laib, Peggy Twait, Alisha Leger, Tammy Swenson Lepper and Paul Ness. Also to say thank you to Colby Mlynczak and Nora Leger who as youth joined the committee in the interviewing of candidates.

I continue to give thanks for each of you and the gifts you bring as we live out our mission of serving others in the name of Jesus.

Pr. Michael





A. Eric Heukeshoven

A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director ***“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!” (Psalm 150:6)***

So many good things happening for and with our congregation!

Multi-congregational Ecumenical Service

By all accounts, the service we planned with Faith, Wesley, First Congo, Grace Presbyterian, Homer, and St. Paul's Episcopal was a remarkable success. I did not receive a final count, but initially an estimated 200 people from all the participating churches attended. The choir alone had over 34 singers!

Arts at Central

On August 10th Central hosted two performances by Jon Hodkin aka “InnerTuba”. Jon is a professional tuba player and amazing storyteller. His solo bicycle trip from New Orleans to Bemidji included a stop in Winona. He performed for the Childcare Center in the morning and Grace Hall in the evening. I even got to “sit in” with Jon on a couple of tuba / euphonium duets!

The Bach Society of MN is returning to Central for a concert performance on September 23rd at 7 p.m. Central will be included in the organization's season brochure. Ticketing will be coordinated by the group. We are also discussing other opportunities to work with the group in 2024.

Rochester Choral Arts Ensemble will be performing at Central on October 29th in association with Great River Shakespeare. Watch for more details coming soon.

I recently met with Colleen Chester, the new WSU choir director, and am thrilled that Central will be home for both their fall and spring performances. Mark your calendars for November 30th to hear this wonderful group and their new director.

Dr. Harry Mechell will be back for the Messiah Sing-In on December 2nd. We are hoping the North Star Boys Choir will be able to stay overnight and sing for service on Sunday the 3rd.

Handbells

We continue to look for folks interested in helping restart Central's Handbell Choir. The survey is still open – scan the QR code or use this web address:

<https://forms.gle/K4iQnCwodi2YGp9h6>

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

Choir

As we return to our fall schedule, we are in need of more folks to raise their voice in song. Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. Choir rehearsals will begin September 14th. Voices are also welcome to join the *Sunrise Singers* as they lead hymns at our traditional service or the *Central Singers* at our modern service. Singing is such an important part of who we are as Lutherans. I hope you'll consider joining us this fall.

Blessings, always.

A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.

Director of Worship, Music, & Arts



Jon Hodkin's “InnerTuba” performing in August





Central Lutheran Church
Child Care Center

September Center News

Mark Your Calendars!



Join our magical celebration honoring our 20 years of providing child care



The Magic
Of Isaiah



Fri, Sept 15th
4:30pm-7:30pm
at Central Lutheran Church
Family Fun Event

Purchase your Food Vouchers by Sept 5th
at Central Lutheran Church or email: childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

Steak Shop's Food Truck will be serving:

Sloppy Joes, Chips, Banana and water

\$10/voucher or Family Plan 4 meals \$30

Note: Food available by PRESALE only

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The CLC/CLC CCC Staff and OUR amazing families

**Koo Koo
Kanga Roo**



Come for a fun afternoon of family activities including; bouncy houses, community vehicles to see up close, balloon artist will be walking the crowd and shows from Magic of Isaiah and Koo Koo Kanga Roo starting around 5:15! Fun time for all!

Food is presale only! For tickets contact the Church Office or email Kelly Dicke, childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

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



On the first Friday in August, fifteen people gathered for an LCC Alum Reunion. We met in the Twin Cities, as many of our graduates end up in that area. On the way there, I received a message from two former students who had secured a table for us at a place that doesn't take reservations on the weekends. They were the two who, in their time as students, were always lending a hand, getting things ready, and making sure the "behind-the-scenes stuff" was taken care of.

We were all so excited to see one another that we didn't put in a pizza order until more than a half hour after we arrived. The food was great, yes, but what really made the evening was connecting with so many of our former students. It was a reminder, yet again, of the far-reaching impact of campus ministry and the LCC in particular.

One alumna is in medical school and really happy to be in the phase in which she is practicing with patients— veterans and pediatrics! Another has completed her master's degree in social work and is working as a therapist. She already has half of her needed hours for her license and is hoping to work in a school setting in the future. She works with anyone from 3 years of age to people in their 80's! At least five present are teachers, working from Kindergarten to 3rd grade and even Spanish Immersion in Kindergarten. A couple former students now work with the government— one in the IT department for the governor's office, and another is reaching out to people regarding STIs and how to get more information and resources to help them. Before that, during the pandemic, he was helping track Covid cases in Wisconsin.

I'm so amazed by all the good work happening in the world through the hands and feet of our former students who are embodying the hands and feet of Jesus. They are caring for people mind, body, and spirit, from the very young to the very old and all ages in between.

You know what I'm going to say, right? Thank you. Sincerely- thank you for raising up these change-makers and loving people in our midst. We certainly need faithful leaders in our world, and you are part of making that happen.

With joy,
Pastor Corrine Haulotte

Upcoming

WELCA School Kits

WELCA is looking for donations for school kits. Last year WELCA sent 42 kits to their missions.

Kits include:

- 4-70 sheet notebooks wide or college ruled paper
- 8"x10 1/2" no loose-leaf paper
- 1-3 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side & inches on the other
- 1- pencil sharpener
- 1- pair blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- 5- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secured together with a rubber band
- 1- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1- 2 1/2" eraser

Any of the above items donated for our school kits will be greatly appreciated.

Central Lutheran Book Group

The Central Lutheran Book Group will be meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 10 am in Grace Hall. In September we will be discussing the book "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. A book has not been chosen for October and suggestions are welcome. Please consider joining this friendly, thoughtful group to discuss a wide variety of books.

Lutheran Campus Center- Jazz and Desserts, October 8 from 2-4pm

For the third year we will be gathering at Faith Lutheran in October to enjoy an afternoon of music provided by H3O, led by A.Eric Heukeshoven. This fund raiser for the Lutheran Campus Center has enjoyed beautiful weather in Faith's backyard and yummy homemade desserts for the past two years. This year the event will also include a "makers auction" component. We are looking for handcrafted items to be donated. Whatever your craft or art consider sharing your talents to raise money for the LCC. Please do not be shy and do not underestimate your gifts, the beauty you create can be a joy to others. Contact Gayle Garrity or Judy Davis if you have items you would like to donate or if you have questions. If you have missed this event in the past, please join us this year!

FEAST

The FEAST returns on Wednesday September 13. A home-cooked meal is served from 4:45-6:00. All are welcome, a free will offering for those able to contribute is the cost. Please consider joining us for this community meal. A part of this ministry is providing a welcoming community to those folks who may be isolated and in need of conversation.

Special thanks to the cooks and CLC groups that have stepped up to provide desserts each week.

Menu for September:

September 13– Golf Group- *Brats– buns, baked beans, potato salad, & dessert*

September 20– Hackbarths– *Pizza Casserole, bread, veggies, & dessert*

September 27– Peggy & Grace– *Turkey Supreme casserole, beets, carrots, bread, & dessert*

Adult Education

Adult Education will resume **Sunday, September 17 at 9:30 AM**. We will be discussing the book **Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation** by Alice Connor. Books may be purchased on Amazon. If you would like Julie Palubicki to order you one, please email her at jules364@gmail.com. The cost is approximately \$16.75. Deadline for order is September 4.

Community

Welcome Pastor Kristen Massa

Pastor Kristen Massa was called to be an Associate Pastor here at Central at a special congregational meeting held on Sunday, August 20th. We welcome her to the staff and look forward to getting to know her and her family. Pastor Kristen will be moving here to Winona with her husband, Mark and their two children, Matteo and Emmelyn. You will find out more about Pastor Kristen in the coming weeks. A start date has yet to be set, but we will keep you informed on Sunday mornings and through Central Currents.

Central Lutheran 3rd annual rummage sale– Oct 6, 5-8pm, Oct 7, 9-12pm

Here are the steps you can take to support the youth mission trip at Central Lutheran:

1. Check your home for gently used fall and winter clothing (women's, men's, children's), household goods, books, toys/games, sporting goods, pictures, tools. We will be pricing better quality clothing, collectibles, antiques separately. No furniture will be excepted this year. Other items not excepted are microwave ovens, construction materials, used light fixtures, cribs, car seats, high chairs, hideabeds, mattresses, anything with a cord that does not work.
2. Bring items to Central Lutheran between services on September 24th and October 1st.
3. Watch for opportunities to help with sale in late September. The youth will be providing assistance but we will need the help of many congregation members to accomplish our goal of the best rummage sale EVER.
4. Come and shop on October 6th from 5-8pm and October 7th from 9-12pm. This is a good way to purchase quality items for a good cause.

Last year we made \$2,500 for the youth ministry at Central and we had lots of fun working together to make it happen. This is an amazing opportunity to socialize and connect with other church and community members of all ages for an important trip. If you have questions contact Karen Jacobson at 715.470.1261. Sign up sheets will be available soon.

Food Shelf

During July 2023 Central donated 362 pounds of food and \$270.00 in cash which converts to a total of 920 pounds of food. This brings our grand total to 4,290 pounds of food donated this year. "Oh gosh did everyone come through in July, for all the hungry people in the Winona area. Thank you Central!"

Sunday School Rally Day

Families with children ages 3 to 12: **You are invited to Sunday School Rally Day on Sunday, September 10th, 9:30-10:30 Grace Hall or Outside.** Join us to get Sunday School information, enjoy some music and crafts, and get to know other CLC families!

Questions? Contact Amber Mlynczak at sundayschool@centrallutheranchurch.org



CLC Socials Upcoming Event– October 14th

Please join us on Saturday, October 14th, for dinner and the play, Fiddler on the Roof, at the La Crosse Community Theater. The play is at 7:30pm and we will plan on meeting for dinner prior to the play. We will carpool from the church parking lot around 4:00pm. The cost for the play is \$37/ticket and dinner is at your own expense. Purchase your tickets from Shayna in the church office before September 30th. There is a limited number of tickets.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:30 am- Summer Worship	Office Closed in observance to Labor Day	9:00 am- Quilters 10:00 am- Sons of Norway		10:00 am- CLC Book Group	NO Parking in Lot- Seal Coating	NO Parking in Lot- Seal Coating
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ELCA Day of Service	9:00 am- WELCA	9:00 am- Quilters	12:00pm- Safety & Security	10:00 am- Welcome & Worship	5:00 pm- CLC CCC 20 Year Celebration	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 am- Traditional Worship	5:30 pm- Welcoming Table	5:00 pm- Property Committee	4:00 pm- Eucharist Minister 'Meeting	7:00 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal		
9:30 am- Directory Pictures	6:30 pm- WIN	6:30 pm- Council Meeting	4:45 pm- FEAST Meal	6:30 pm- Confirmation 9th grade		
9:30 am- Rally Sunday						
10:30 am- Modern Worship			6:30 pm- Confirmation			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30 am- Traditional Worship	9:00 am- Social Concerns	Newstetter Articles Due	1:30 pm- Esther Circle	1:30 pm- Hannah Circle		7:00 pm- Bach Society of MN
9:30 am- Sunday School		9:00 am- Quilters	4:45 pm- FEAST Meal	7:00 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal		
10:30 am- Modern Worship			6:30 pm- Confirmation			
10:30 am- Sunday School						
Children Sing						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30 am- Traditional Worship		9:00 am- Quilters	4:45 pm- FEAST Meal	7:00 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal		
9:30 am- Sunday School		9:00 am- Newsletter Volunteers	6:30 pm- Confirmation			
10:30 am- Modern Worship		5:00 pm- Youth Committee				
		7:00 pm- FEAST Committee Meeting				
		7:00 pm- Sons of Norway				
			Charter Service- Monday's @ 7 pm--channel 986			
			HBC Service- Wednesday's @ 5 pm- channel 20			

Church Council

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PRESIDENT ELECT

Kati Stoltman

TREASURER

Mark Boysen

SECRETARY

Myrna Olson

AT LARGE

Scott Mlynczak

AT-LARGE

Tim Laib

Council Report: July 11, 2023

PRESENT: Pastor Short, Steve Ringlien, Tim Laib, Jeremy Johnson, Myrna Olson

ABSENT: Scott Mlynczak, Mark Boysen, Kati Stoltman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeremy moved, Tim seconded, carried to approve the May 9, 2023, minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark presented the following financial report:

June 2023 Financial Report

Operating Fund

June had income of \$27,427 less the monthly expenses of \$41,014 giving the month a loss of (\$13,587). June income was \$27,427 and short of the budget of \$39,353 by (\$11,926). The expenses of \$41,014 were also under the budget of \$53,010 by (\$11,046).

YTD expenses are \$58,623 under budget at \$254,572 vs budgeted expenses of \$313,195.

June tipped the YTD into the loss territory with the YTD Total Income of \$243,570 less the YTD Expenses of \$254,572 gives 2023 a loss of (\$11,002).

Child Care Fund

The Child Care Fund had income of \$57,959 less expenses of \$70,079* giving it a monthly loss of (\$12,150). The YTD gain is \$45,062 and the Fund Balance is \$124,533, which is the sum of all gains and losses over time.

*Due to the change in Council meeting dates payroll is no longer accrued at the end of the month so

OLD BUSINESS

Transition/Call Process Update

Pastor Short informed the Council that there are three candidates for Pastor which the Call Committee will conduct zoom interviews in the next few days.

Council Retreat

As a result of the Council Retreat, the budgeting process for next year continues to be reviewed and possible changes will be discussed in the next couple of months.

Summer Worship

The joint worship service with other churches will be at 9:30 am. on Sunday, July 30, at Unity Park.

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Tim Laib

Council Report (Continued)

NEW BUSINESS

Family Night Events

Family nights are being held instead of Vacation Bible School to include everyone. The first one was held in June at Cedar Valley. The next ones are on July 19 at the Lions' Pavilion and August 16 at a location to be determined.

Gathering at the Gazebo

Central has welcomed 16 children through baptism in the last year. Following the worship services on July 23 and August 20, families are invited to gather at the Gazebo on our playground for a time to get to know each other and for the children to play and make friends.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

- The youth mission trip went very well
- Working with the Call/Transition Team
- Preparing for summer schedule
- AMMPARO group meeting
- Confirmation classes will start in September, looking for leaders and guides
- Working with WIN group
- Central will host a concert by Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass on Tuesday, July 18.
- Beginning to meet to discuss details for the 2023 Messiah Sing-In on December 2, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were reviewed.

- Pam Davick will head the Feast Committee this year
- The first Feast meal will be on September 13, 2023
- Big screen monitor has been installed in balcony for presiding minister
- Blessing of the backpacks will be on August 20
- Rally Sunday is September 10
- CLC Socials continues to plan for the July 5 trip to Chanhassen
- The CLC Directory will be updated with pictures and contact information
- Thank you to Kathy Benke for the flower bed spring clean up
- Thank you to Mark Jungerberg for Library air conditioner

Tim moved, Jeremy seconded, carried to approve the staff and committee reports.

The next meeting will be August 8, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Myrna Olson

Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT ● ● ●

OPERATING FUND - July, 2023

Total Income: \$44,525.91
Total Expenses: \$45,291.95

Offering Goal :

August \$31,406.11

Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.

Gifts in memory or honor of someone

Designated Gifts in July

Building Maintenance Fund.....\$788.00
WVS Food Shelf.....\$279.00
Youth.....\$320.00
Technology.....\$25.00
Quilters.....\$580.00
Memorials.....\$135.00

MEMORIALS

July 8, 2023 through August 14, 2023

UNDESIGNATED

Memory of Dennis Rasmussen

Given by Dian Biesanz, Lois Larson,
Daniel & Suzanne Parker

TECHNOLOGY

Memory of Arleen Larsen

Given by Bruce & Lori Nicklay

WIN

Honor of Denise Bernatz Retirement

Given by Marie & Keith Holmquist

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Memory of Arleen Larsen

Given by Diane Bergler, Bob & Mary Jo,
Jack & Bev & Linda Bouck



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have any Thrivent Choice Dollars, please
consider directing them to Central Lutheran
Church.

CLC Foundation

The CLC Foundation received a large gift from the estate of Susan Day. Susan was a long time member of Central who was active in many organizations across Winona as well as in the church. In her Will Susan designated part of her estate to go to Central Lutheran's Foundation. That gift has been received and invested according to the terms of the Foundation.

There are many ways for you to support the ministries of Central in addition to your weekly or monthly contributions. If you would like to know more about making a donation to the CLC Foundation or how to remember Central Lutheran Church in your estate, please talk with your estate planner or Pastor Michael.



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What's coming up?

Sept 4– Office Closed, Labor Day

Sept 8 & 9– NO Parking in Lots, seal coating

Sept 10– Rally Sunday more information to come

Sept 15– CLC CCC 20 Year Celebration