

July 2021

CLC Newsletter

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



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150 Years Flowing

Anchored in welcome, serving faith and worship



Rev. Michael Short

A Message from our Directing Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the last year with the pandemic, we were kept from participating in the activities which offer us pleasure in life. Those things we saw as everyday fun activities like going to ball games, vacations with families across country or traveling to see places yet unexplored, at least by you. Life was so different. But now the world seems to be open and many seem to be rushing fast, trying to make up for lost time as it were.

I, too, am looking forward to doing that which I was not able to do in the past year. Debbie and I have trips planned to attend a family wedding, which was postponed, along with a trip to gather with friends to remember an Aunt who died. We are once again ready to re-engage in getting to know the area in and around Winona. At the same time, we are going slow, being cautious as we re-engage in life. I tell you this as a way of encouraging you to move at your own pace and not feel like you need to rush back into the old ways just because you can.

At Central, we too are moving cautiously, wanting to be sure as we re-engage we do so thoughtfully as we care for not only ourselves but also our neighbors. So for the month of June we continue to wear masks within the building. Our Covid task force will be meeting about the time this newsletter is being sent out, so watch for any updates about mask wearing as we move forward.

As you re-engage in life, I encourage you to consider how you might also re-engage your support of Central. For many months we did not have much of a need for volunteers, but as we reopen there will be many opportunities for you to volunteer in service, to the church, and to your neighbor. Please consider signing up to be an usher, a communion assistant or volunteer to assist with the altar guild. As the summer continues there will be opportunities to help within the community to build a Habitat house or to care for the least among us in town. Help us to find ways to serve our community and our neighbor in the name of Jesus.

In June, the youth of Central did just that when they headed out to Rapid City, SD, the week of June 12th. There we served the homeless and the hungry, the poor and the lonely, being the hands of Jesus in that place. My hope is, as we return home, we will be able to continue those acts of service right here in Winona. So I ask for your prayers for the youth of our church, both as they attend this mission trip and as they continue to learn and explore what it means to live a life in service to our neighbor.

Lastly, I want to continue to encourage you to check out our 'myevent' webpage at <https://clc150yearsflowing.myevent.com> to learn more about all we are doing as we approach the 150th Anniversary of Central. There you will find pictures and memories of the past and you can leave some of your own.

Yet know even as you re-engage in life, I continue to pray for you as you grow and connect and find ways to serve others in the name of Jesus.

Pr. Michael





Aleah Harvey

A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the worship service held at the Levee Park Patio—thank you for joining us! I heard several people comment that it had been nearly a year since they had felt comfortable attending a service in-person. Thanks to many volunteers, it was a full service with a baptism, beautiful music, and the presentation of quilts to our high school graduates as we kicked-off the first of our events leading up to Central's 150th anniversary.



Staff members and the 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee have been busily completing projects and planning details for upcoming events. It is important to celebrate as we mark the past and also look to the future of Central Lutheran. For months, we have been discussing events and plans for ministry for the fall. Please remember that **we need your voice and hands**. Volunteers are needed in many areas of ministry:

- Musicians
- Lay Eucharistic Volunteer
- Hospitality
- Videographer
- Children's Sermons
- Communion Prep
- Usher/Greeter
- Family Events
- Social Concerns

If you feel passionate about a certain area of ministry, please contact me, John Bartholow, or Pr Short.

Enjoy the images of the worship service at Levee Park, and note the following date!

July 4, Worship in the Park, Windom Park, 9:30 am

Remember to bring a chair. Thankfully, there is plenty of shade at the park!

*a 9:30 am service recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube

Blessings,
Aleah Harvey
Director of
Worship, Music,
& Arts





John Bartholow

A Message from our *Youth Director*

Happy Summer! I hope this finds you cool and enveloped by air conditioning. Or, failing that, at least having fun somewhere.

June was a huge month for the youth ministry. On June 2nd, the Confirmation/WNW class had their end-of-the-year picnic at Lake Park, which was really well attended and a lot of fun; we discovered Pastor Short is actually a pretty good volleyball player!

The Senior Quilts/Recognition service was June 6th at Levee Park. Abigail Fratzke, Andrew Grafton, Allyson Nascak, and Ryan Vetsch all received quilts; with Max Maxwell and Matt Thesing receiving theirs at a separate time in the sanctuary. We're all very proud of our seniors and look forward to following their future adventures; the seniors are grateful to the quilters for the exceptionally beautiful quilts this year.

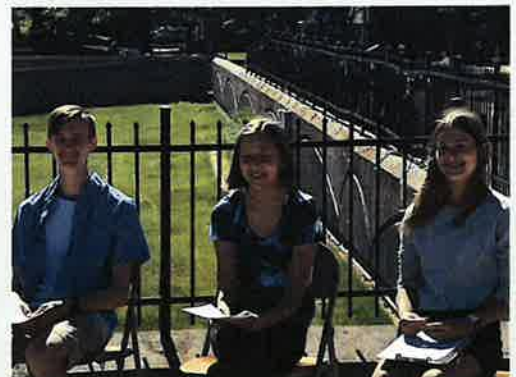


By the time you read this, we will have returned from the mission trip to Rapid City. We have a great group of students going, including Cale Bratland, Nora Leger, Carson Prodzinski, Marshal Swenson, Nora Wagner, Emma Johnston, and Hailey Stoltman. Chaperones included Kendra Swenson, Pastor Short, and me. More details to come!

- For July, we have not one, but **TWO CLC Youth in the Park Days**
 - July 15th, 1 PM, LaCanne Park: Tie-Dye T-Shirts and Sand Art
 - July 27th, 1 PM, Knopp Valley Park: Ice-Cream Making and Parachute.These are open to all kids and teens, in grades K-12.
- We are providing transportation to **Good Earth Village** on July 8th for the "Into the Wild" day camp, departing at 8 AM from Central and returning at 5 PM.
- **Teen Time** will be returning at 9:10 AM and 10:30 AM on Sundays, starting July 11, with Bloedow's Donuts, games, and prizes.
- We are forming a **Sunshine Club** for people of all ages to send postcards or letters to those who are sick, in senior living, or shut in; it will meet most Wednesdays from 3-4 PM in Grace Hall.
- There will also be a **Sidewalk Chalk Art Show** for kids and teens in grades K-12 on July 22nd at 2:30 PM at Central.

As always, I welcome your input, advice, and fellowship as your director of youth ministries. Please feel free to contact me at jbartholow@centrallutheranchurch.org or (507) 452-5156. Thanks, and have an awesome Independence Day and a blessed July!

Peace,
John Bartholow
Director of Youth Ministries



A Message from our Central Lutheran Child Care



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

What's Happening at our Child Care Center?

When you walk into Central, you may not realize, there is a lot happening behind the scenes!

Children's experiences

The center teachers provide "studies" that offer depth of learning within subjects. There are many interesting studies that the children participate in; July studies will include Forth of July, sparkling art projects, talking about our country or singing a song or two about America. July fun will be happening all around the building with water play out on the lawn and parking lot, bike riding in a safe coned off area and walks to Winona State Campus to see the goldfish pond. Toddlers will be looking for bugs and blue is the color of the month.

Contribution to the Winona Community

We currently are helping 51 families, 67 children enrolled. We work with families part time and full time to have the best experience possible at CLC CCC. We have a few families welcome little ones that we will be seeing in the future.

The Center's Team

The Center employs 38 staff. This time of the year we have incoming new staff as we say good-bye or see you next fall to some of our employees that are students.

CLC CCC Facebook Spring Concert Postings!

The staff at Central Lutheran Church Child Care Center get to celebrate the creation of life daily with the children in our care. The staff here at CLC CCC not only enjoy the company of the children but get along with each other. Smiles, laughter and fun are boundless. We pray your world is equally filled with love and joy this month!

Blessings... to you this July!!

Making Memories with our youngest community members!



Questions, please contact us... Phone 507.452.5493

Email: childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

NOTICES

Habitat for Humanity

Have you been on a Habitat for Humanity build crew? Have you participated in A Brush With Kindness? Have you simply admired the work of Habitat both locally and around the country? Well, Habitat is building House #52 this summer, and they are asking their partner congregations to support this effort with "40 Days of Faith Engagement" July 19 through August 27. How can we support Habitat throughout the 40 days from July 19th?

1. Sign up for the 40 Days of Prayer: our congregation, our household, or perhaps join us for an organized prayer effort to uphold the mission and volunteers of Habitat. Sign up to pray on a given day, and know that your effort is joined with others. Follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c44acac2ba4f8c34-40days>.
2. Do the Virtual Habitat 500 Bike Ride: Typically an in-person multi-day ride, this year's ride will be virtual with some opportunities for group rides. Follow this link : <https://habitat500.org/> to register and start logging your miles. Set some goals, get some sponsors and raise some funds, all while you bike in the area. Habitat will have a virtual celebration week July 10-17, during which many riders will concentrate their efforts. Look for information on a Central ride.
3. Have an idea for a fundraiser? Contact Steve Hacken or Ben Leger and get your idea out there. If you are a Thrivent member, remember you can form a Thrivent Action Team and increase your effort. Contact Ben at bjleger@yahoo.com.
4. Supply refreshments for a Build Crew. Supply a lunch, beverage or snacks to a build crew. Get your neighbors, friends, circle or study group together and provide refreshments for a crew.
5. Be part of a Brush With Kindness crew. Habitat will be conducting some small repair and paint projects, all you do is show up and work for a morning or afternoon.

Central to Habitat's mission is volunteerism. Let's be Central to that effort. Contact Ben Leger at bjleger@yahoo.com or Steve Hacken at shacken@hbc.com. You can be Central on a ladder, Central riding bike, or Central praying in your comfy chair. Support Habitat however you are able.



NOTICES

May 2021 Food Basket

During May, you've donated 510 pounds of food and \$1,269.00 in cash which converts to a total of 3,048 pounds of food. This brings our grand total to 7,524 pounds of food donated this year. The people of Central Lutheran have done a super job of donating to this program in order to feed the hungry children and parents of our community so far this year. However, in May you succeeded beyond anyone's wildest imagination by nearly doubling the total for the year in one month. Each and everyone of you should be busting your buttons with pride for this success. Wow, awesome, fantastic, a job well done for this month; let's keep it up Central Lutheran!



Mask Wearing at Central

With the change in the guidelines about mask wearing from the CDC and MDH, along with the lifting of the Governor Walz's mask mandate, businesses are left to develop their own guidelines. We continue to focus on keeping a safe work environment for the staff and the child care center. In addition, we want everyone who comes into the building to feel safe and comfortable. We know that not all who come into the building are vaccinated, this is especially true when it comes to people who come to worship. As a result, inside the building we continue to request staff, members and guests wear a mask. During worship outside, people are free not to wear a mask if they feel comfortable in doing so. The staff will continue to review the policy and make changes as new guidelines are published. In order to keep everyone safe, until a new policy is adopted our current policy will remain in effect. Thank you for your support.

Welcome to new staff member, Robert Stuber, Production Assistant

I've been providing live sound for concerts and theater in the Winona area for nearly 20 years. Perhaps, I've been most visible as the person behind the sound board (and often running back and forth to the stage) for GRSF's Concerts on the Green and Winona Dakota Unity Alliance's Dakota Gathering. I've also worked behind the scenes as sound designer for many area college and community theater productions, most recently, Lee Gundersheimer's *Can't Dance*, Margaret Shaw Johnson's *Mister James and Mister Jeff*, Saint Mary's University's *The Real Inspector Hound* and *After Magritte*, and Whitewater State Park's *A Whitewater World*. I've also served as designer and "mic wrangler" for 17 Home and Community Options summer productions.



I've taught English at Minnesota State College Southeast, both full-time and part-time, since the fall of 2007. I play guitar and mandolin in the folk/acoustic trio, The Bellhouse Band. I'm also an avid bicyclist and cross country skier. I live on the East end of Winona with my wife of 22 years, Mary Lee Eischen, and our two cats.

I'm excited to be working with the team at Central and playing a small part in the church's continuing mission.

NOTICES

Quilters

The quilters are excited to again be able to gather at church to create amazing quilts like they have for so many years! The quilters have met a couple of times on Friday, but after much consideration, will be going back to meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. beginning June 22, 2021. If you can tie a knot, thread a needle, or know your colors to select yarn for quilt tops, we'd love to have you join us. If not, we'd love to teach you! Sewing ability is not required. If you would like to join us, please come on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. You do not need to commit to join us every week, we know everyone is busy. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and to have some fun. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Myrna Olson at myrناo@charter.net or text or call 507-429-7233. We look forward to seeing you!



Summer Blood Drive

Mark July 22, 2021 from noon to 6:00PM on your calendars! Central will be holding their annual summer Blood Drive, and that means we will need some volunteers! We look forward to seeing our members make a difference! For more information, or to sign-up to help, contact Bev at beverly30@charter.net or 452-6411.



Worship in the Park

Sunday, July 4, 9:30AM, Windom Park

July 4th is the date of the second event leading up to Central's 150th Celebration! The first Sunday of each month, we will hold Worship in a Winona park. Reminder that on those days, there will be no 10:45AM service. Our next Worship in the Park will be August 1 at Sinclair Park. Stay tuned for more details!



150th Anniversary Celebration

We are three months away from our big celebration on September 26th! Our committee has been working hard to make this anniversary memorable! Our projects are all on-track. Watch for details about a historical booklet, artwork booklet, a talent show, and a chicken Q! For more details, check out clc150yearsflowing.myevent.com!

Fundraiser Opportunity

Did the pandemic keep you home last year-cleaning closets, basements, etc.? Do you have piles of good stuff you want to move out of your house? A rummage sale at Central this fall may be the perfect solution! If you are interested in helping plan this event, leave your name with the church office by July 16th and you will be notified of a meeting to plan the sale. This could be a wonderful opportunity to help the community with good used items and a fun way to work with fellow Central members.

150th Anniversary Cookbook

The WELCA 150th Celebration cookbook is ready! You can get all 400+ recipes for only \$15.00! You can reserve one at clc150yearsflowing.myevent.com under the "Reserve Cookbook" tab! Happy cooking!

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**Support Central's 150th
Anniversary
Celebration!**

Laser Engraved Bottle

16 oz Bottle

Excellent for keeping
cold drinks cold and
hot drinks hot!

\$15



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Plan!

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Order via email with
kdicke@centrallutheranchurch.org

CLC's Got Talent

WE are looking for YOU!

Do you love to Sing in the shower? Dance? Read poetry? Do you have a hidden talent? Want to share a skit? CLC needs you! Do you want to participate in a celebration honoring Central's 150th Anniversary in a fun and special way? Let's make it fun!

**When: Sunday, September 19th
Time: 2:00pm**

Where: Here at Central Lutheran Church
Rehearsal times to be determined

Contact Aleah, at aharvey@centrallutheranchurch.org,
to register your amazing talent!

**Be A Part of
The Show**

**We need
you**

**Register
your
talent**

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 pm Arts & Crafts at LaCarnie Park (Youth)	2	3
4 9:30 am Virtual Worship Service Worship at Vandom Park 9:30 am	5 Closed in honor of Independence Day Spectrum Broadcast 7:00 pm	6 9:00 am Quakers CLC Staff Meeting 11:15 am	7 3:00 pm Sunshine Club (Youth Group) HBCI TV Broadcast 5:00 pm	8 3:00 am Transportation to Good Earth Village (Day Camp) Welcome and Worship Meeting- Grace Hall 10:00 am	9	10
11 9:10 am Teen Time- Youth Room Worship-Live Stream and 9:30 am In-Person 10:30 am Teen Time- Youth Room 10:45 am Outdoor Worship Service	12 9:00 am WELCA FEAST Committee Meeting 4:30 pm Welcoming Table 7:00 pm Spectrum Broadcast	13 9:00 am Quakers CLC Staff Meeting 11:15 am Property Committee Meeting 5:00 pm	14 2:00 pm 150th Anniversary Committee Sunshine Club (Youth Group) HBCI TV Broadcast 5:00 pm	15	16 Council Reports Due	17
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Council Report: May 18, 2021

Church Council

PAST PRESIDENT

Scott Mlynczak

PRESIDENT

Chris Nisbit

PRESIDENT ELECT

Jeremy Johnson

TREASURER

Paul Ness

SECRETARY

Geri Quinlan

AT LARGE

Myrna Olson

AT-LARGE

Tammy Swenson-Lepper

PRESENT: Pastor Short, Scott Mlynczak, Chris Nisbit, Tammy Swenson Lepper, Paul Ness, Jeremy Johnson, Myrna Olson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chris opened with devotions.

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

Tammy moved, Scott seconded, carried to approve the April 18, 2021, minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Paul gave the following report:

Offering Revenues are \$31,932 compared to budget of \$40,535. We discussed the potential of this shortfall when March was so far above budget. Expected Easter offerings came in during lent and not on Easter day due to our altered worship schedules. We have an Investment Gain of \$3,045 in April due to appreciation on some investments in the Voya account. Total Revenues were \$38,995 compared to budget of \$44,085.

On the expenditure side most expenses were normal. Office expense was negative (\$1,667) due to refunds on the office printer redo of the leases. Total expenditures were \$43,299 compared to budget of \$45,684. Bottom line was (\$4,304) compared to budget of (\$1,600).

Tammy moved, Scott seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

150th Anniversary Celebration Planning – The committee continues to meet planning for the celebration. There has been further discussion on creating a peace garden on the parking lot side of church in commemoration of the anniversary. Outdoor services are being planned for the summer. There will be a chicken-que in September. Updates are being done on the history and artwork books and the new cookbook is being printed and will be available in June.

Retreat – During the retreat zoom meetings, considerable discussion was held regarding updating the church's mission statement. As a result, a small group met to review the information and to make a recommendation to the large group. Following discussion, Scott moved, Tammy seconded, carried to adopt the proposed mission statement which will be passed on to the large group for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Secretary – Susan Cooper submitted her resignation as Council Secretary. Tammy moved, Jeremy seconded, carried to accept Sue's resignation. There will be a search for a new secretary.

Security Meeting Review – A review was given of the May 12 meeting lead by Todd Lepper regarding different aspects of security at the church. Following discussion, a small group will meet to begin creating a plan which would be the first step in creating a security document.

Council Report: May 18, 2021 (cont.)

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AT LARGE

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AT-LARGE

Tammy Swenson-Lepper

Reopening of Building –The State requires child care centers to keep current guidelines through June. Staff decided to stay with current policy for wearing masks inside the church and encourage people to separate as much as possible. No masks would be required for outdoor activities. This policy will be reviewed as things change.

Priorities for Projects – The Properties Committee has been reviewing several projects which include finishing the ceiling in Fellowship Hall, Peace Garden, organ repairs, and monitors and sound upgrade for video equipment for broadcasting worship services and other activities.

Administrative Assistant – Natalie Dicke has resigned as our Administrative Assistant and we will be advertising to fill this position. Natalie was recognized and thanked for her assistance and contributions during her time as Administrative Assistant..

STAFF REPORT

Staff reports were reviewed

Confirmation classes will end for the year on June 2

End of year party for Sunday School on May 9

New member Sunday is May 23

Honoring graduating seniors on June 6

Sunday morning services will continue indoor at 9:30 a.m and outdoor in the parking lot at 10:45 a.m. throughout the summer

Updates to the audio and recording equipment in the sanctuary have been functioning well overall.

Youth have filled many volunteer roles over the past year, particularly related to worship.

Aleah continues to work with the 150th Anniversary Committee planning the celebration. John reported that some of the BK5K grant money is being used to repaint the youth room. A snack bar is also being installed.

Pastor Short and John will be going with the youth on their mission trip to Rapid City from June 13 – 18.

Kelly reviewed activities at the Child Care Center.

Reviewed as a team and revised the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were reviewed. Tammy moved, Jeremy seconded, carried to approve the Staff and Committee Reports.

Devotions for next meeting: Jeremy

The next Council meeting will be on June 8, 2021, 6:30 P.M.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Myrna Olson
Acting Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT ● ● ●

OPERATING FUND - May 2021

Total Income: \$ 41,533.58
Total Expenses: \$ 42,901.16
Offering Goal **June:** \$ **31,015.77**

Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.

MORTGAGE

Monthly payments for interest and principal May: \$ 3,146.00
Gifts for Building Fund May: \$ 1,543.00
Gifts for additional mortgage—Principal reduction May: \$ 675.00

Gifts in memory or honor of someone

MEMORIALS

May 18 -2021 through June 14-2021

UNDESIGNATED

In Memory of Jenny Kahl

Given by Paul & Lori Ness, Marion Mason,
David & Lynn Theurer, Nancy Hawkinson Horning,
Cheryl & Todd Wondrasch

HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT

Given by Rich & Eugenia Moe

Designated Gifts in May

Capital Campaign.....	\$ 120.00
Lutheran Campus Center.....	\$ 10.00
FEAST.....	\$ 200.00
ELCA World Hunger.....	\$ 100.00
WVS Food Shelf.....	\$ 1,269.00
Youth Fund.....	\$ 135.00
Sunday School.....	\$ 5.00
Security Systems Fund.....	\$ 1,525.00
Memorials.....	\$ 435.00

CONVENIENT GIVING

You can make an automatic gift to Central Lutheran Church from your savings or checking account once a week, once a month or twice a month. To request a form you can call the church or check out automatic giving options on Central's website.

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What's coming up?

Sunday, July 4th Worship Service, 9:30AM Windom Park

Sunday, Aug 1st Worship Service, 9:30AM Sinclair Park

CLC 150th Anniversary merchandise will be available in July!

