

March 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

Once again we are in a time of transition. The weather is transiting from winter to spring; the church year transitions from Epiphany to Lent as we prepare for the Easter season; and we as a congregation have begun process of looking for a second pastor in earnest. While transitions can be times of frustration or worry or concern, I am excited about all that is happening.

I am excited for our Lenten services as we once again welcome people for a Wednesday night service. We will be using Holden Evening Prayer service which is enjoyable to sing and reflects the time as we make this transition between seasons. The theme for this year is 'Telling the stories of our Windows' which has been a joy for me and hopefully for you as well.

I am excited as we get deeper in our search for a second pastor. It is a process that will take time and one that works best the more people we have involved. There is a good core committee leading the process, but we need all of you to participate and offer your feedback. Please keep watch and respond when asked.

I am excited for the youth of our church as they continue to plan for their mission/service trip this summer. They are coming together to fundraise and are building a community of youth ready to be active and involved. Thank you for your support of their trip and of them as part of the community of believers in which we all share.

I am excited at the many ways Central continues to and has lead the way in the community in our service to our neighbors. From the work we continue to do with our partners in the community like Habitat and Winona Volunteer Corp and Project Fine. Including the work of many on WIN and welcoming Edelber to Winona.

I am excited about the amount of energy and event happening here at Central. Eric continues to find new musical events. The confirmation groups and youth are growing in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus as they put their faith into action by serving others.

I am excited as the awareness of Central continues to grow in the community. Our building is once again being used as a community gathering space. Almost every night there is an activity or group from the community using our building from the HIM singers to the Girl Scouts to the Winona Fiddlers.

I am excited to be your pastor at this vibrant time within the church and in the life of Central. With the calling of a second pastor, we will be better able to serve not only our members but continue to reach out to the community with the Good News of Jesus.

So **thank you** for all you do to support the ministries of Central. It takes the commitment from all of us, with our time and our resources to fulfill our mission to serve Christ and our neighbor in Winona. But we are not done and there is more to do. Please watch for ways in which you can be involved so the mission we share might be shared with all.

Peace,

Pr. Michael





A. Eric Heukeshoven

A Message from our Worship, Music & Arts Director

***“Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.”
(Psalm 150:1-5)***

The psalmists probably never envisioned a group of 7th and 8th grade confirmation students with trumpets and cymbals, let alone saxophones, trombones, and tubas ... or maybe they did!

Music is blossoming at Central!

The “Confirmation Band” began rehearsing in early February. Over 20 young musicians signed up to participate. My goal with this group is for them to play the prelude at our Wednesday Lenten services in March. I created a simple arrangement of the opening hymn from *Holden Evening Prayer* for them to perform. Going forward, I plan to include both the full ensemble and smaller groups in worship.

I recently met with an interested community member to discuss their assistance with restarting the Handbell Choir. Our first task will be to assess the condition of the bells to make sure we have a complete set and ensure all the bells are playable. It is my intention to invite community players to join our members. Some preliminary conversations I’ve had with other churches would indicate there is interest in making this happen.

Along with the return of Central’s bells, we will be hosting a collaborative concert with the Rochester Area Handbell Choir in May. The group’s conductor and I have already met to discuss details. Several members of our congregation will be joining me to perform with this outstanding group. I will share more details about the event soon.

I am also delighted that our in-person Wednesday Lenten Services during the month of March will be based on the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy. Adult Choir members will be assisting with the service, and they too are excited to have the opportunity to praise God in such a meaningful way.

I am incredibly grateful for all the opportunities we have to praise the Lord!
Blessings, always.

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A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.

Director of Worship, Music, & Arts



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 this month?

Children's experiences this March

It is hard to believe that March is upon us. March brings the promise of spring, which is always a welcomed relief! Our days here at the center have a way of moving along quite quickly! Time flies when you are having fun and we enjoy so many magical moments with our little ones here! During the month of March we will be talking about our changing weather and of course everything green! We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and we will all enjoy being Irish for a day on Friday, March 17th when we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Contribution to the Winona Community

We currently have 56 families and 62 children enrolled in our program. We work closely with our families to provide both part time and full time care. We want our children to have the best experience possible at CLC CCC.

We are in the beginning stages of making plans to celebrate our 20th anniversary this fall! We are hoping to make this a memorable community event! We want to share our pride and accomplishments with the Winona community! We are currently working on all the details and raising funds for this special event!

Butter Braids

Sending a big THANK YOU to all those who ordered Butter Braids from our Center's fundraiser! Your orders will help us make a big difference in the lives of our children and their families! Our center raised \$4000, which is amazing! Each classroom is receiving \$1000 for any necessary supplies to help maintain enriching experiences for all of the children we serve. This is all thanks to your continued support!

**May the blessings of each day be the
blessings you need most!**



Making Memories with our youngest community members!



Questions, please contact us... Phone 507.452.5493 Email: childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

Upcoming Events

CLC Book Group

The book group will meet on March 2 at 10 am in Grace Hall. This month we will be sharing our thoughts on "Devotions for Easter" written and compiled by Stacey J. Edwards. In May and possibly June we will be talking about "The God Who Sees" by Karen Gonzalez. The author recounts her family's migration from Guatemala to the U.S. connecting her story with the immigrant stories in the Bible. We then plan to read "Excavating Jesus" and Bill O'Reilly's book "Killing Jesus". We order the books online and they are very affordable. All are welcome, join us anytime.

Volunteer Worship Assistant Update

A larger "volunteer pool" is desperately needed so if you'd like to help but not sure what's involved or would like to shadow someone, contact Shayna and she will get you connected with the appropriate person.

March Worship Volunteers:

Usher 8:30

Usher 10:30

Altar Guild 8:30

Altar Guild 10:30

Communion

Communion

Assistant 8:30

Assistant 10:30

3/05/23	Mike Kolstad Tim Ambuhl David Matzke	Tim Laib Laurie Laib Brent Herber	Judy Benson Janice Brown Karen Hemker	Peggy Twait Sheri Maier Amy Halverson	Mark Jungerberg Kathy Boone	Peggy Twait Karen Jacobson
3/12/23	Paul Berhow Jeremy Johnson Julia Johnson	Mike Bernatz Denise Bernatz Kathy Benke	Jana Brinkman Nancy Hauschildt Myrna Olson	Greta Poser Karen Jacobson	Erica Upton-Wurst Carol Kramer	Paul Birkeland Barbara Birkeland
3/19/23	Dennis VanDrunen Jenny Goede	Don Peterson Dan Blasko Kathy Blasko	Sharon Neitzke Bernita Salmon Judy Benson	Marilee Fish Gayle Garrity Donna Peterson	Sharon Neitzke Kathy Benke	
3/26/23	Brian Nisbit Chris Nisbit Toni Nisbit	Neuberger Family	Joe Palubicki Amy Halverson Janice Brown	Karen Jacobson Marie Holmquist	Michael Bauer Mark Jungerberg	Tim Laib Laurie Laib

FEAST

The FEAST committee is grateful for the many volunteers who make providing a meal possible. Volunteers from throughout the community support our ministry with their repeated service and presence. Several loyal Central members work each week to ensure there is a warm tasty meal available to the food insecure, busy Central families needing a meal before Confirmation, and members that enjoy conversation with community members and Central members. Come, join us!

We are always in need of cooks— be reassured that if you volunteer to cook, you will have menus, groceries provided, and support and encouragement along the way. Most folks that cook come back for "seconds".

March 1: *Shari & Dave Hackbarth*— Chicken stir fry over rice, fruit salad, cottage cheese, bread sticks

March 8: *Laurie Laib & Carol Kramer*— Sloppy Joe on Bloedows bun, baked beans, salad

March 15: *Jay Dureske* — Breakfast for supper-scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bread, fruit

March 22: *Cindy Welke*— Mystery meal to be announced, always a wonderful surprise!

March 29: *Shari & Dave Hackbarth*— Pulled pork on Bloedows bun, macaroni salad, vegetables

Easter Flowers

If you are interested in donating towards Easter flowers, simply fill out this form and place it in the collection basket along with your check, or mail it to the church office. Thank you!

Checks payable to "Central Lutheran Church" with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

Donors & dedications received by Sunday, April 2nd, will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

\$ _____ Amount _____

PRINT YOUR NAME

PRINT DEDICATION ('IN HONOR OF / IN MEMORY OF . . .)

Community

CLC Socials

Sondheim on Sondheim at the Page Theatre, Saint Mary's University, Sat. March 18, 2023, 2:30 PM

Sondheim on Sondheim is a musical revue consisting of music and lyrics written by the legendary composer Stephen Sondheim for his many shows. Sondheim passed away in November 2021 at the age of 91. The revue was conceived and directed by Sondheim's long-time collaborator James Lapine. The revue had a limited run on Broadway in 2010.

The songs, including well-known, less-known and cut material, are from nineteen Sondheim shows (including student shows) produced over a 62-year period, including several songs each from West Side Story, Company, Follies, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Sunday in the Park with George, Merrily We Roll Along, Passion, and Into the Woods.

Lapine describes the revue as "a collage of Sondheim's life, in which who he is and how he got there comes in to focus."

The show will mark the final chapter of director Judy Myers' long and successful career as Professor of Theatre at Saint Mary's.

The performance is free and open to all. Central Lutheran will reserve a block of tickets in advance.

Please contact the Shayna as reservations must be made by **March 3rd** even though there is no charge for the performance. When contacting Shayna at the church office, indicate if you'd like to join the group for dinner afterwards.

Thank you for your generous support of the WELCA Christmas Bake sale

Pictured on the right is Denise Bernatz, Co-Chair of the WELCA Christmas Bake Sale, presents a check for \$600 of the bake sale proceeds to Gloria Freiheit, Chair of the Knitted Knockers Project at Winona Health.



Pictured on the left is Gloria Freiheit, WELCA Bake Sale Co-Chair presents a check for \$1,200 of the bake sale proceeds to Judy Davis, Co-Chair of Winona Immigration Network.

Plant Sale

Spring is around the corner! What better than a basket of flowers to embrace the season! Starting March 12th, the Mission Trip group will be selling baskets of flowers to raise money for their trip. Baskets of Calliope Geraniums, Dragon Wing Begonias, and Easy Wave Petunias are available. Flowers will be available for pick up on May 13th (just in time for Mother's Day!). Baskets are \$35 each, and supplied by Pork & Plants.

Gift certificates are also available in amounts of \$25 and \$50.

Interested? See one of the following mission trip participants to buy one: Lincoln Bilderback, Keira Bratland, Hadyn Brown, Korbin Frie, Logan Gappa, Alexis Graves, Lauren Indra, Miriam & Eben Jackson, Julia Johnson, Jackson Leger, Jacob Looman, Rylan Marish, Colby & Clayton Mlynczak, Carson Prodzinski, or Hailey Stoltman



Community

Erik Floan Memorial Scholarship

Purpose of the Erik Floan Memorial Scholarship Fund: To provide a scholarship to a WAPS senior who is gifted in theater and/or music, preferably choir or organ/piano. Preference will be given to someone who is seeking further education at a school with a religious affiliation. Further information or application is available at the Winona Senior High School counselors' office.

Winona Immigration Network Update

We congratulate Edelber on his employment with Behrens Metalworks in Winona! Thank you to all who gave generously at the Free Will Offering Chili Lunch. We appreciate your support!

Please keep Edelber in your prayers as he continues through the immigration process.



Eucharist Ministry

The Eucharist Ministry committee meets every three months to coordinate the home visits provided by committee members to those unable to attend worship services. These visits are much appreciated as they provide fellowship as well as the gift of Holy Communion. Members are Pastor Linda Helberg, Linda Bouck, Gayle Garrity, Sue Hahn, Marylou Hurley, Judy Inman, Carolyn Larson, Sylvia Pecsénye, and Chris Wilmot. We welcome new committee members to assist in this mission. Please contact Shayna in the church office if you are interest in joining.

Call/Transition Team

The team met and began the process of gathering the information and filling out the paperwork for the MSP (Ministry Site Profile). Part of the information needed was the survey of Central's characteristics and gifts. Thank you to those who filled out a survey in worship the other week. We will be doing so again on March 19th so everyone will have an opportunity. A QR code is included if you would like to complete the survey online.

We value your input as we make this important move to calling a second pastor here at Central. Please take time to complete the survey and respond when as additional request come as we continue the process. If you have questions, please feel free to contact any of the team members or Pr. Michael.

Team members: Scott Mlynczak, Tim Laib, Myrna Olson, Peggy Twait, Tammy Swenson Lepper, Aleisha Leger



Winona Humane Society Drive Success!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Central Lutheran's Collection Drive: Winona Humane Society. We were able to provide blankets, cat litter, dog and cat food, toys, and treats among many other items to help our furry friends in our community. We also collected a few office supplies for the staff at the Winona Humane Society.

Thank you all for making this drive successful.



March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 First Day of Women's History Month 4:45 pm- FEAST meal 6:00 pm- Lenten Service :45 pm, Youth Mission Trip meeting	2 10:00 am- Book Group 7:00 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal	3	4
8:30 am- Traditional Worship 10:30 am- Modern Worship	6	7 9:00 am- Quilters	8 4:45 pm- FEAST meal 6:00 pm- Lenten Service	9 10:00 am- Welcome & Worship 7:00 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal	10	11
Daylight Savings Time	12 9:00 am- WELCA	13 9 am- Quilters	14 5:00 pm- Property Meeting 6:00 pm- Personnel Meeting 6:30 pm- Council Meeting	15 1:30 pm- Esther Circle	16 1:00 pm- Hannah Circle 7 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal	17
8:30 am- Traditional Worship 9:30 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Modern Worship	18 5:30 pm- Welcoming Table 6:30 pm- WIN	19 5:00 pm- Property Meeting 6:00 pm- Personnel Meeting 6:30 pm- Council Meeting	20 4:45 pm- FEAST meal 6:00 pm- Lenten Service 6:30 pm- Confirmation/ WNW	21 1:00 pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal	22	23
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Charter Service- Monday's @ 7 pm--channel 986		7:00 pm- Sons of Norway				

Church Council

PAST PRESIDENT

Chris Nisbit

PRESIDENT

Jeremy Johnson

PRESIDENT ELECT

Steve Ringlien

TREASURER

Mark Boysen

SECRETARY

Myrna Olson

AT LARGE

Scott Mlynczak

AT-LARGE

Tim Laib

Council Report: January 17, 2023

PRESENT: Pastor Short, Jeremy Johnson, Chris Nisbit, Mark Boysen, Steve Ringlien, Scott Mlynczak, Tim Laib, Myrna Olson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeremy moved, Chris seconded, carried to approve the December 20, 2022, minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark presented the following December 2022 Financial Report:

December 2022 was over budget in donations and expenses. Income was budgeted at \$87,361 while \$91,002 was received. Expenses were budgeted at \$53,037 while actuals were \$64,871. The actual Income of \$91,002 over expenses of \$64,871 gave the month a gain of \$26,131.

Year to date income is \$893,645 less year to date expenses of \$631,150 gives a total of \$262,495 in revenue through year end, giving the year a very good income to expenses ratio and starts next year on a continued good footing with previous years gains.

Extra expenses were Garage Electric service and outlets were put in for \$1,364 and snowplowing was \$1,876.

Child Care Fund:

The Child Care Fund had income of \$62,418 less expenses of \$78,206 giving it a monthly loss of (\$15,788). The YTD gain is still positive at \$28,594.

Following discussion, Steve moved, Chris seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is recommending to Council the following nominations for 2023:

President-Elect: Kati Stoltman

Secretary: Myrna Olson

Nominating Committee: Greta Proser, Steve Everson

Foundation: Paul Ness, Mike Bernatz

Following discussion, Tim moved, Scott seconded, carried to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Council, Nominating Committee, and Foundation positions for 2023.

Church Council

PAST PRESIDENT

Chris Nisbit

PRESIDENT

Jeremy Johnson

PRESIDENT ELECT

Steve Ringlien

TREASURER

Mark Boysen

SECRETARY

Myrna Olson

AT LARGE

Scott Mlynczak

AT-LARGE

Tim Laib

Council Report (Continued)

2023 Proposed Budget

Pastor informed the Council the budget continues to be worked on and will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 12, 2023.

Transition/Call Process

The Transition Committee, which includes Scott Mlynczak, Tim Laib, Peggy Twait, Alisha Leger, Tammy Swenson Lepper, and Paul Ness, will be meeting on January 24, 2023, to discuss the process with the Synod Office. Pastor will be installing the members during an upcoming worship service.

NEW BUSINESS

LCC Dinner

The Council decided they will provide a meal to the Lutheran Campus Center on Sunday, February 26. Menu will be decided at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

- Confirmation Classes continue meeting with Pastor Dana
- A mission trip is being planned for the youth in July 2023
- Planning for Lent and Easter. Holden Evening Prayer will be used for Wednesday services during Lent.
- Working with WIN group – Edelber has a job
- The Child Care Center has 62 children enrolled serving 55 families
- The Child Care Center received a December base grant income \$7,871.60

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were reviewed.

- The Feast continues providing the Wednesday evening dinners
- Welcome and Worship planning for Epiphany and Lent.
- The Property Committee is setting goals for 2023

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

Chris Nisbit was thanked for his years of service on the Church Council in which he served as President-Elect, President, and Past President.

Next meeting is February 21, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Myrna Olson
Secretary

OPERATING FUND - January, 2023

Total Income: \$68,229.44
Total Expenses: \$48,557.07

Offering Goal :

March \$54,008.10

Thank you for your support of Central's ministry.

Gifts in memory or honor of someone

MEMORIALS

January 17, 2023 through February 21, 2023

UNDESIGNATED

Memory of Gerald Goede

Given by Peggy Twait, Robert & Bettie Bunke,
Bev Spande

BUILDING FUND

Memory of Helen Keiper

Given by Linda Bouck

YOUTH

Memory of Logan Monk

Given by John Bartholow

THRIVENT DOLLARS

Rich Garrity, Gayle Garrity, David Matzke,
Sandy Matzke

Designated Gifts in January

Building Maintenance Fund.....	\$868.00
Resettlement WIN.....	\$499.00
ELCA World Hunger.....	\$100.00
WVS Food Shelf.....	\$95.00
Youth.....	\$120.00
Memorials.....	\$120.00
Sunday School.....	\$62.00
Feast.....	\$788.22
Funeral Fund.....	\$125.00



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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



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What's coming up?

6 PM- Wednesday Lenten Services with Holden Evening Prayer
"Telling the stories of our windows"

