

CLC NEWSLETTER

October 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,

Changes are happening at Central. I know change can be fearful for some at the same time change also offers an opportunity to take a fresh look or get a renewed sense of purpose and mission.

First, is the change in the leadership of our Childcare Center. On Sept 9 th , Kelly Dicke offered me her resignation. This change for Kelly unplanned but sometimes we need to embrace opportunity when it arises. We are sad to see her leave after 12 years of serving as the Director of our Childcare Center. At the same time, we are excited for her as she takes her energy and spirit into this new career opportunity. We will be celebrating her time with us on Wed, Oct 9 th .

The other change comes with an invitation to you to embrace an opportunity to think differently about stewardship and your on-going support of the ministries of the church. Since my arrival our stewardship program each year was a letter in the fall thanking you for your support and asking you to fill out a pledge card and inviting you to get involved. This is one of the least effective ways of conducting a stewardship program.

Stewardship within the church involves all aspects of living out our faith in life. It means supporting the ministries of the church with your financial resources. It means supporting the ministries of the church with your time, volunteering to ensure worship and committees function properly. It means supporting the church by remembering the church in your estate so it can remain viable for the next generation. Stewardship means all of this and so much more.

Central was invited to participate in a pilot program within our synod called 'Generous Together'. This is a new intergenerational way of looking at stewardship. Over the course of the next year, Pr. Kristen and I along with a few other members will learn about The Generosity Project and invite you to participate in gatherings so we can all come to better understand what it means to be 'Generous Together'.

In a kick off meeting we were encouraged to embrace three concepts of The Generosity Project: Openness, Collaboration, Curiosity. Understanding change can be scary, embracing openness allows us to be receptive to new ideas and possibilities. Embracing collaboration means working together as a community, both locally and across the synod to achieve our goals. Being curious embraces a desire to learn and to explore how God is at work within us, the church and our community.

So how can you participate in The Generosity Project? The program for The Generosity Project calls for congregations to hold regular sessions (6 over the next year) to explore new ideas, to work together across generations and learn what being generous looks like. We need you your participation and your feedback. At each event we will take time to reflect upon what scriptures say and how that informs our life of faith. We will take time to play together as a way to think differently about what being generous means to us in our daily life. There will be many opportunities for you to be involved and to be curious about becoming generous together for the sake of the ministries of Christ's church in the world.

Watch for our first event coming soon then join Pr. Kristen and myself as we open the possibilities, working together in support of Central as we serve others in the name of Jesus.

Pr Michael



REV.
MICHAEL
SHORT





REV.
KRISTEN
MASSA

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

This last month we have kicked-off so many wonderful things with our families and youth. Sunday School started with faces both new and old and families have enjoyed getting back into their Sunday morning routines now that school has started. Through this I have witnessed our church showing up. People showed up and bought out our mums to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and the Lutheran Campus Center, dozens of people donated items to the rummage sale, and a core group of dedicated volunteers showed up day after day to price and go through them. People have showed up for the feast by helping cook, and our community has showed up and joined us for a meal. Showing up matters. It matters to the people in our lives, and it matters to God.

There are countless ways in which Jesus showed up just when he needed to. Showing up to heal Jairus' daughter, or waking up in the boat, showing his powers at just the right time. God showed up for humanity by sending Jesus. In our faith, we recognize that God shows up for us, Jesus showed up for others and show us for us. We also recognize the need for us to show up for others, show up to this church that we call home, show up for those we love.

On God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 8, we celebrated what work Central Lutheran has done to be the hands and feet of God. We also committed to what we can do in the future to do the work that God has called us to. The lobby was beautifully filled with hands and commitments from our church body. These commitments are a true testament of how God is working in our lives and how the Holy Spirit has called us into loving and serving our neighbor.

As we live out in our commitments, I want to encourage you by saying "Thank you!" for all the work that you have done at Central and in our community. We see you showing up and are truly appreciative and grateful for all the work that you do. I also want to encourage you to keep showing up for others both in and out of the church. Part of loving people is simply showing up for them.

I look forward to seeing where God takes us this program year!

Blessings!

Pastor Kristen



A MESSAGE FROM OUR WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS DIRECTOR

“And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren, the singers, with instruments of music, lutes, and harps, and cymbals, that they should sound aloud, lifting up the voice with joy.” (1 Chronicles 15:16)

ANOTHER BUSY FALL

The verse from Chronicles befits all the wonderful music and worship on the calendar this fall.

MEMBERS SERVING MEMBERS

Our return to two services brings with it the return of numerous music groups.

- The Sunrise Singers at our 8:30 worship and Central Singers at 10:30 are two faithful groups who assist in leading the liturgy and hymns each and every week.
- Adult Choir sings every two to three weeks alternating between service times. Our membership is steady at about 15 but all are welcome to join us. The choir rehearses weekly on Thursday from 7 – 8 p.m.
- Our community handbell choir, “Glorioso Bells”, also practice on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. The group has two performances planned at Sugarloaf Senior Living and St. Anne’s / Callista later this fall. They will also be involved in at least one worship service during Advent.

CENTRAL TO THE ARTS

Fall also brings a wealth of concerts to our wonderful and welcoming space.

- Bach Society of Minnesota opened their 24-25 season in Winona with a “Double Concerto Extravaganza” on September 20
- Winona Community Chorale returns on November 8 and 9
- Messiah Sing-In is set for December 7 at 7 p.m.
- Hendrickson Organ Recitals continue through December on the third Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m.

It appears worship and the Arts at Central are getting back to pre-pandemic levels. Now is the time to assess where our efforts need to be to grow other groups in our congregation. As always, I welcome your suggestions.

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

Blessings, always.

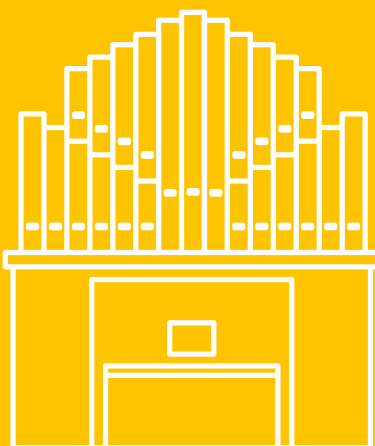
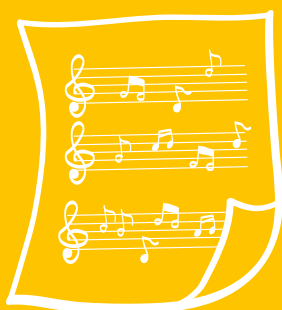
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A. Eric Heukeshoven, M.S.
Director of Worship, Music & Arts



Daniel Lewis performs at the August Hendrickson Recital

A. ERIC HEUKSHOVEN





Central Lutheran Church
Child Care Center

October Center News

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

21 Years of Service

We are so honored to continue serving as one Central Lutheran's ministries. For 21 years we have been supporting the needs of the youngest members of our community, along with their families, as they learn and grow through the early years!



Trunk or Treat

October 26
10:00 - 11:00 am

This will be the fifth year the child care center is hosting a trunk or treat event. This year we are excited to collaborate with the church and create an even bigger event that is a safe place for our community to enjoy some Halloween

Growing Through Play



Our teachers at CLC CCC work hard to plan fun and engaging lessons that are also preparing children for their futures. Fine motor skills are always a focus in every classroom to help build muscles in little hands as they learn to grip small objects and prepare for their futures.



SCHOLASTIC
It's **BOOK FAIR** *time!*

November 10 & 17
9:00 am - 11:00 am

COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE

Proceeds go towards books for CLC CCC

Shop with Book Fair eWallet for cash-free purchases

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

Questions, please contact us...

childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org

COMMITTEE EVENTS

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Your generous donations at the mum sale raised over \$400. The proceeds will be directed to the Lutheran Campus Center and Habitat for Humanity, Winona County.



FEAST

The FEAST is off to a great start to the fall season- thanks to all who have worked to make that happen. We served 122 people for our first meal.

The FEAST is in need of the following volunteers:

- Dessert makers:** If you can make desserts for a FEAST meal, you'd be making a huge contribution to our meals.
- Silverware wrappers:** Spend an hour prepping the silverware for the FEAST. Work it into your schedule on Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Delivery of meals to homebound members:** Spend an hour or less delivering meals to homebound CLC members. This is a significant outreach to our Central members who can't attend in person. We particularly need drivers as winter approaches.
- Meal Cooks:** The FEAST doesn't happen without cooks! If you volunteer you will have input on what to cook, support for what to do, and groceries supplied and ready for you. Please consider giving 3 or so hours to prepare a meal. Most people commit to another meal once they have tried cooking.

Finally, please join us for a meal on Wednesdays. Be apart of welcoming the Winona community to our Central family. Contact Pam Davick at 507-459-2806 or Laurie Laib at 507-454-6746 to volunteer for the tasks above.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Was celebrated at Central Lutheran Church on September 8th. It was an opportunity to celebrate the many acts of service in our church and community made possible by the willing hands of our congregation. On that day the membership also pledged to continue God's work through the coming year in our relationships at home, at school, at church, at work and with the world around us.

Through our faith, we become the hands and feet of Jesus. We become the body in which God works through.

All of life in Jesus Christ- every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Menu

October 2: *Tim Vodak*- Chili /Chicken noodle soup, garden salad, bread

October 9: *Jay Dureske*- Chicken breats, baby red potatoes, veggie, caesar salad

October 16: *CLC Council*- Burrito stacked bake, bread

October 23- *Cindy & Friends*- Pasta bake, salad, bread

October 30- *Joe*- Taco, refried beans, spanish rice, lettuce salad, bread

Thank you for cooking our October meals!



We don't do this work because we have to, we do this work because we overflow with grace and love.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER BREAST CANCER STROLL

Join us on October 6th between services for a Breast Cancer Stroll. We will have activities such as rock painting, music, a raffle for pink lap quilts, tribute screen, and pink pumpkins available for donation. The Knitted Knockers group will also be there! Come and show your support for survivors and those fighting.

All donations go to the Breast Cancer Fund at Winona Health



FALL INTO Christmas

2024 Quilters Craft Sale Schedule

Sunday, November 17th- Thanksgiving Holiday Craft Sale

Saturday, December 14th- Holiday Craft Sale & WELCA
Bake Sale & Lunch

Sunday, December 15th- Holiday Craft Sale

As the weather gets colder and you find yourself spending more time indoors, why not take up crafting? The CLC Quilters are needing donated crafts for their upcoming craft sales. Our craft sales are a big success thanks to the generosity of our donors. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Freiheit at 507-450-5132 .



Central Happenings

TRUNK OR TREAT @ CLC!



OCTOBER 26TH

Join us on

October 26th for trunk or treat in the large parking lot!



We are asking for candy donations as well as people to decorate their trunks and hand out candy.

Blood Drive

Central will be hosting another blood drive on October 31st 9:00-3:00 PM. If you are able to donate please sign up online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give>.

CLC Book Group

The book group will meet in Thursday, October 3rd at 10 am in the library. This month we are discussing an old book- "Cry the Beloved Country" by Alan Paton. This book was written in 1948 about a black family in South Africa. Will this book have any meaning or relevance to us? Join us for our discussion-all are welcome.

Food Shelf

During June-August 2024 you have donated 246 pounds of food and \$631.00 in cash which converts to a total of 1,508 pounds of food. This brings our grand total to 3,874 pounds of food donated this year. Thank you to everyone who participates in this very important mission. You are making a change to the community.



SWEET SOUNDS



JAZZ & DESSERTS EVENT TO BENEFIT THE LCC
FEATURING H30 JAZZ TRIO

OCTOBER 6, 2024

2-4PM | FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

1717 WEST SERVICE DRIVE, WINONA, MN

ACCEPTING FREE WILL OFFERING

OUTDOOR SETTING

HOMEMADE TREATS

We are excited to bring you another fall afternoon event with H30 providing music as we relax and indulge in desserts. We will be in the beautiful backyard at Faith Lutheran on Sunday October 6th from 2-4 pm. The Lutheran Campus Center is busy with the new school year, come and hear about what is happening and support our efforts to provide a safe, welcoming environment for all to experience the joy of God's love.



See what's happening at Central:



NEW Member Class

We are excited to invite you to officially join our church family!



Our new member class is on Sunday, October 20th between services. During this time we will answer your questions and what it means to be apart of Central Lutheran including service opportunities and ways to get involved. We will give you a tour of the building and talk about the security measurers we take to protect everyone.



CHURCH COUNCIL

PAST PRESIDENT
Steve Ringlien

PRESIDENT
Scott Mlynczak

PRESIDENT ELECT

TREASURER
Mark Boysen

SECRETARY
Myrna Olson

AT LARGE
Tammy Swenson-Lepper

AT LARGE
Tim Laib



COUNCIL REPORT: JULY 9, 2024

PRESENT: Pastor Short, Pastor Massa, Scott Mlynczak, Steve Ringlien, Tim Laib, Mark Boysen, Tammy Swenson Lepper

ABSENT: Myrna Olson

Scott called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Tammy opened with devotions. Steve will have devotions in August.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June meeting will be reviewed at the August meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark provided the following June financial report:

June 2024 Central Lutheran Church Financial Report Operating Fund

June had income of \$32,472 and expenses of \$51,111 giving it a loss of (\$18,639).

	Monthly	Budget	Budget vs Actuals
Income	\$32,472	\$43,853	\$11,381
Expenses	\$51,111	\$56,185	\$5,074
Net	\$18,639	\$12,332	\$6,307

YTD Operating Fund

YTD income is \$209,710 and YTD expenses are \$329,559 with a YTD loss of (\$119,849)

	YTD	Budget	Budget vs Actuals
Income	\$209,711	\$286,097	\$76,386
Expenses	\$329,560	\$337,476	\$7,917
Net	\$119,849	\$51,379	468,470

Child Care

Monthly income of \$64,207 and expenses of \$67,066 with a loss for the month of (\$2,858). YTD income of \$439,789 and expenses of \$412,191 with a gain of \$27,598. Total Fund balance is \$141,812.

Following discussion, Tammy moved, Tim seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee for Organ Refurbishment / Sanctuary Renewal

Discussion was held on the listening session that was held on June 23. Pastor Michael commented he did not expect the conversation about the cross hanging in the sanctuary or comments on how busy the altar area appears to some members. Discussed the inclusion of a play/pray area for young children and families and where it might be located.

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Minutes prepared by:
Myrna Olson
Secretary



COUNCIL REPORT CONTINUED

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

General agreement the walls need to be painted and flooring redone. Desire to keep the pews and pew cushions. Next meeting will be August 11. The hope is to take suggestions and create a plan to present to congregation early 2025 as the fundraising part of the project starts. Desire to have a meeting in the fall after families return from the summer.

Appointment of President-Elect

Still in consideration.

Child Care Center Expansion at Faith Update

Pastor Michael updated the Council on the conversation. Following review of the expansion report, Council was concerned if Kelly and staff were able to make this happen. If Faith was aware of all that needed to be accomplished to make the space acceptable. Pastor Michael shared that building changes would be the responsibility of Faith. Equipment for the rooms would come from grants. Staffing expense would be on the Center. Next meeting at Faith is on Wednesday, July 10, and then to have the building inspected and approved by the Fire Marshal.

NEW BUSINESS

Change of Meeting Date to Third Tuesday of Month

Following discussion, it was decided to keep the Council meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.

Generous Together – Synod Stewardship Program, one year commitment

Pastor Michael and Pastor Kristen discussed the program we have been invited to join with other churches in the synod. Informational sheet was included with the reports along with timeline for next year. Much discussion on ideas of stewardship and history of stewardship at Central. Names of possible members to make up the team of five to six people. Tammy shared we might want to expand our offering of electronic means of giving to include Venmo or even Apple Pay as these are two methods used by younger people in society. Mark moved, Tammy seconded, carried to be a part of the Generous Together stewardship program.

Cooking/Serving at the FEAST

Steve indicated he was approached by Pam about the Council cooking or serving at the FEAST in the fall. Council was in agreement and will be selecting a date to do so.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed.

- Pastor Michael reminded everyone of the community service on July 28 at Unity Park.
- Planning for summer worship
- Working with WIN
- Reported on Vacation Bible School
- Preparing for confirmation class
- Planning summer events for youth and family
- Duluth Mission Trip
- Preparing for National Youth Gathering
- Child Care Center is exploring the option of establishing an additional site.
- There are 68 children enrolled at Child Care Center serving 48 families

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Feast – Pam Davick is arranging for cooking and serving volunteers
- Safety and Security met on Wednesday to discuss safety and security training
- Property Committee and Chris are working on a priority list of repairs.
- LED lighting, carpet, painting Child Care entrance door

Steve moved, Tammy seconded, carried to approve the staff and committee reports.

The next meeting will be September 9, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2024
 Total Income: \$65,082.20
 Total Expenses: \$78,602.05



Offering Goal: \$37,207.68
 Thank you for your support of Central's Ministry

Gifts in memory or honor of someone **Memorials Aug 21, 2024 through Sept 17, 2024**

UNDESIGNATED

Memory of Ardyce Paulson
Given by Myrna Olson, Thomas & Sue Ryan, Michael & Jane Voelker, Conway Elton, Bonnie Tranberg, Richard & Carol Kramer, Dorothy Sorum

ORGAN FUND

Memory of Ardyce Paulson
Given by Phillip & Hope Anderson, Edward & Marcia Wahl, Randy Streukens, Carl & Patricia Wahl, Shirley & James Engbrecht, Dennis & Yvonne Johnson, Dennis & Karen Cleveland

FEAST

Memory of Chuck Lehnertz
Given by Cheri Tuxen, Vickie & Jon Cada, Rosie Speltz, Lisa Jonsgaard, Nicole Lebakken, John & Pat Brandt, Kathy & Dan Blasko
Given by his family: Ondrei, Tammy, Andy, Austin & Anna Lubinski, Tracy Lehnertz, Tiffany Lehnertz

In Honor of Arnold & Alanna Fenske's 70th Anniversary
Given by Rich & Eugenia Moe

CLC FOUNDATION

Honor of Don & Joni Klagge's 59th Anniversary
Given by Marie & Keith Holmquist, Rich & Eugenia Moe

HONOR OF

Eugenia Moe's Birthday
Given by Don & Joni Klagge

Designated Gifts in August

Building Maintenance Fund	\$863.00
WIN	\$1,186.00
WVS Food Shelf	\$345.00
Youth Fund	\$420.00
FEAST	\$165.00
Organ Fund	\$1,019.00
Funeral Fund	\$100.00
Memorials	\$210.00
Sunday School	\$23.00
CLC Foundation	\$59.00

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:00 am, Quilters	4:45 pm, FEAST Meal 6:30 pm, Confirmation	10:00 am, CLC Book Group 6:00 pm, Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 am, Traditional Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 9:30 am, Breast Cancer Stroll 10:30 am, Modern Worship 2:00 pm, LCC "Sweet Sounds" Fundraiser		9:00 am- Quilters 5:00 pm, Property Committee 6:30 pm, Council Reports	12:00pm, Safety & Security Mtg 4:45 pm, FEAST Meal 6:30 pm, Confirmation	10:00 am- Welcome & Worship 6:00 pm- Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30 am, Traditional Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:30 am, Modern Worship 10:30 am, Sunday School Children Sing	9:00 am, WELCA	Newsletter Articles Due 9:00 am, Quilters	12:00 pm, Hendrickson 30th Organ Recital 1:30 pm, Esther Circle 4:45 pm, FEAST Meal 6:30 pm, Confirmation	1:30 pm, Hannah Circle 6:00 pm- Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				8:45 am, Newsletter Volunteers 6:00 pm- Clorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal		10:00 am, Trunk or Treat
8:30 am, Traditional Worship NO Sunday School 10:30 am, Modern Worship	9:00 am, Social Concerns 5:30 pm, Youth Committee Meeting	9:00 am- Quilters	4:45 pm, FEAST Meal 6:30 pm, Confirmation			
27	28	29	30	31		
				9:00 am, Blood Drive		
Confirmation Sunday 8:30 am, Traditional Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:30 am, Modern Worship	6:15 pm, WIN	9:00 am, Quilters	4:45 pm, FEAST Meal 6:30 pm, Confirmation			

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

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



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What's Coming Up

October 6- 9:45 am, Breast Cancer Stroll
2:00 pm, LCC "Sweet Sound" Fundraiser

October 13- 10:30 am, Sunday School Children Sing

October 15- Newsletter Articles Due

October 16- 12:00 pm, Hendrickson 30th Organ Recital

October 26- 10:30 am, Trunk or Treat in large parking lot

October 31- CLC Blood Drive



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