

# CLC NEWSLETTER

September 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,

During the month of August we focused on a worship series entitled 'Rooted in God's Love' as we worked through the book of Ephesians. The theme centered on being community and living out of God's love in the world. Now as we move into the month of September and into our fall scheduling I was also reflecting on our mission statement of 'Gathered in God's love we connect and serve' and I was struck on how much these two themes worked hand in hand. As such I got excited thinking about all the activities, opportunities and possibilities for us to be gathered in God's love as we connect and serve others in the name of Christ.

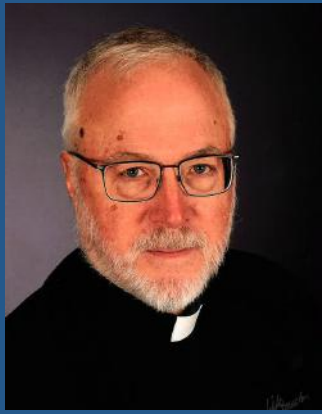
It has been almost a year since Pr. Kristen started her call as our Associate Pastor. In that time, she has made an impact on the ministries of Central particularly with our youth and our families. She has led youth on a mission trip to Duluth and to the National Youth Gathering. She continues to work with Amber and others on our Sunday School programming. She continues to work to engage youth and families inviting them to participate in the life of the church. So I am excited for our Sunday School program and our Confirmation programs this year as we continue to find innovative ways to engage the youngest members of our community with her leadership.

Because Pr Kristen's work, I have been able to focus on setting a larger vision here at Central and to work with the adult ministries to engage our longer time members. This fall we will engage in a new Stewardship program so we can meet our budget needs and to raise funds to care for our organ and update our sanctuary for the decades to come. We continue to explore new ways to engage our adults in the life of the church and in their faith life. Sunday school has always been a vital part of the ministries for our families here at Central. It was there we learned the stories of God at work in the lives of the people from Adam and Eve to Noah, to King David and the prophets. All leading up to the life and the ministry of Jesus our Savior and the life of the early church. Yet how much of those stories do you remember? With the help of Julie, we will explore the stories of our faith, the Sunday School lessons in a deeper way to fully understand how God was and continues to be at work in the world.

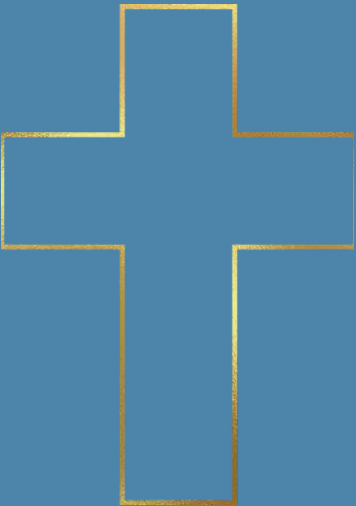
This is but one of the new opportunities you will have in the fall. At the same time, we will continue to need the hands and feet of all our members to be sure the ongoing ministries of Central continue. The FEAST committee is hard at work planning the meals as we reach out to care for the food insecure. The Welcome and Worship committee is organizing and signing up ushers and readers and communion assistants so our worship services are meaningful and run smooth. Eric continues to expand the music ministry by adding to the choir and building up our Glorioso Handbell choir. Not to leave out all the work the Quilters, the WELCA, the Social Concerns and Property committees are doing. There is no lack of opportunity for you to get involved in a ministry which serves your passion as you seek to live out your faith in life.

So I invite you to take a little time to look at the calendar, to consider the ministries which are starting up for the fall, deciding which one you would like to support and how you might participate. There are still needs for Sunday School teachers, Confirmation guides and mentors, worship assistants and so many other opportunities. Come and bring a friend. Come and join us this fall. Come and gather in God's love where we connect and serve others in the name of Jesus.

Pr Michael



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

This last month the Massa household did something we never thought we would do- we got a puppy. I'm sure some of you have the initial reaction of "how cute!" or "oh my gosh, they are crazy". Almost two weeks into our lives as new dog owners we feel somewhere in the middle of those two initial reactions. He's so cute, but also such a handful. We almost feel like we somehow just got a third kid. As we divided up duties of dog ownership, I volunteered to be the one who takes him out at night. My previous years of experience getting up in the middle of the night to feed babies has given me the ability to fall back asleep easy, so taking a dog out in the middle of the night would be a piece of cake.

What I didn't expect to find in those early morning hours of watching Boulder sniff to find just the right spot in the yard was the peace it brought me. Waking up in the middle of the night to go outside, and witnessing the juxtaposition of both stillness and activity in the night fulfilled my soul. To be witness to things that aren't normally seen and experienced at 3 am in the morning made me feel like God had given me something special. I experienced surprise northern lights one night, multiple owls conversing the next, meteor showers and a surprising number of birds chirping. The flurry of activity in the natural world while we all sleep has reminded me of all the work that God does in our lives when we don't even know it.

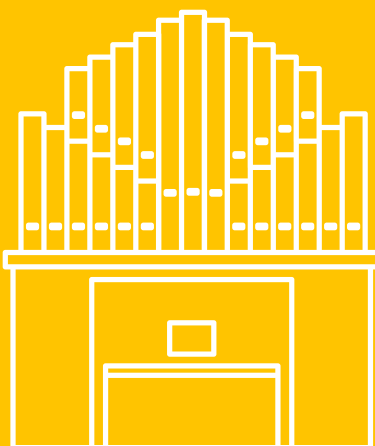
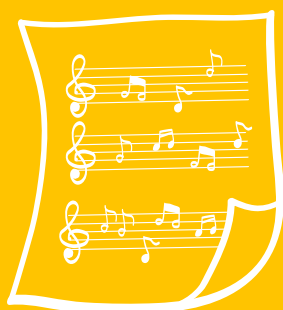
Romans 8:28 reminds us that "all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose". Things work together for good even when we don't see it. As many of us around church have been preparing for the coming season ahead with planning, I am reminded of all the work that God is doing in this church, how things are working together even when we don't see it. Seeds of faith are being planted in the community, we are excited as a church to grow, to find ways to connect and serve. I've had many conversations with people within our church community that are excited about the way that God is calling them to serve. We are even having to have a calendar planning meeting so that we as a church body are all working on the same page. Praise God!

God is working in the details of our community for good. We are working and serving for good. As we move back to two services, start Sunday School and Confirmation back up, God is working in the details, things are working for good even though we might not always notice it right away. It is there, the Holy Spirit is working in our lives and here at church. Take courage beloved, God is working for good in our lives even if, like the 3am owl conversations, northern lights and meteors, we don't always see it.

Blessings and love,  
Pastor Kristen



A. ERIC HEUKSHOVEN



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS DIRECTOR

Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other musical instruments, they sang in praise to the Lord: (Chronicles 5:13)

## BACH TO SCHOOL

In the margins of his well-worn Bible next to the above verse, the great Lutheran composer J.S. Bach wrote, "Where there is devotional music, God with His grace is always present!" On Friday, September 20 at 7 p.m. we will welcome the Bach Society of Minnesota back to Central for another outstanding performance by this award-winning ensemble.

The Bach Society will open its new season with a musical feast featuring scintillating works by Antonio Vivaldi, G. Ph. Telemann, Handel, and J.S. Bach. The musical mastery is powered by the virtuosity and expression of not one, but two soloists per concerto. Bach's famous 5th Brandenburg Concerto will take it even further with three soloists.



## SEPTEMBER ORGAN RECITAL FEATURES INTERNATIONALLY RENOWN ARTIST

Sebastián Modarelli studied at the National Conservatory of Music in his native Buenos Aires, Argentina, earning his degree as salutatorian of his class. He currently serves as Music Director and Organist at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. Come and hear this amazing artist on Wed. Sept. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. You can find out more about this gifted musician on his website:

<https://www.sebastianmodarelli.com/>

The schedule for the remaining recitals and more information are available at:

<https://sites.google.com/centrallutheranchurch.org/hendrickson-30th/home>

## MAKE YOUR OWN MUSIC

Adult Choir and Glorioso Bells will resume rehearsals on Thursday Sept. 5 – Bells from 6-7 and Choir from 7-8 pm. There's always a place for new members in our groups and we hope you'll consider joining one or both of the ensembles.

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



# September Center News

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

## Popcorn Sales

CLC CCC had a fundraiser in July of Poppin' Popcorn. We were able to raise \$1700 for the center that will go towards creating new experiences for the children in every classroom.



## Welcome Back, Students!

Central Lutheran Church Child Care Center welcomed back our college students staff the middle of August. We have students from various colleges around the area that come to work for us and gain experience that will help them further their careers. We are so happy to see their smiling faces once again!

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

**Sending you all bright blessings!**

## Fun in the Sun!



Summer 2024 brought so many great memories for the child and the warmer days brought us wonderful opportunities to learn and make new experiences outdoors!



**Questions, please contact us...**

[childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org](mailto:childcarecenter@centrallutheranchurch.org)

I'm not sure how many years we've been offering welcome bags for students when they move to Winona for college. Five at least. Seven? However many years we've been sharing these bags of goodies, we've also made sure to have gluten-free options in the mix. We fill colorful paper gift bags with Easy Mac, popcorn, granola bars, mints, sticky notes, highlighters, pens, info on the LCC, stickers from the LCC, etc. For the last few years we've included prayers I wrote specifically for college students just starting on this new journey in their lives.

Last year, at Winona State's Welcome Week Club Fair, another campus ministry director noticed we had bags specifically for students who have a gluten allergy. She said, "If anyone was going to have gluten-free stuff, it'd be you." I felt proud of the LCC and our intentional hospitality.

We also gave out our welcome bags at a new event. We decided to rent the cotton candy machine from Steak Shop again, because we always have so much fun with the sticky puffs of sweetness. We hauled it over to the gazebo on campus and gave out bags and cones of cotton candy as new students walked around after dinner and got ready for the outdoor movie that night.

As a group of three waited for their cotton candy to be spun, we asked if they'd like a welcome bag. One first year student A new student noticed we had gluten-free items and was so surprised. "I never get stuff! This is for me?! Thank you!" She brought four friends to dinner the next night at the LCC and stayed for worship. Even though I didn't get to see much of her once her busy schedule picked up, I was so grateful for her presence and that we could offer a welcome that included her gluten-free needs. That she felt included.

You all have been so generous in many ways, including making dinner for students on Sunday nights. I know it can be a challenge to figure out gluten-free options at times, but when we have it ready for someone who needs it, the welcome is felt deeply. Thank you, dear church.

In Christ,  
Pastor Corrine Haulotte



# COMMITTEE EVENTS

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Annual Fall Mum Sale** sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee. **Sunday, September 8th** your generous donation for a beautiful plant supports the Lutheran Campus Center and Habitat for Humanity, Winona County.



## FEAST

The FEAST committee is eager to start the 24-25 meal season. The FEAST will resume on Wednesday September 11, serving from 4:45-6:00 pm. Join us for our kickoff meal- an “end of summer” meal of brats, beans, mini sweet corn, and chips.

It takes many hands to host the FEAST meal each week. This is a significant community outreach ministry formour church, and we need members to step forward and volunteer for some of the many tasks of providing this meal. Volunteers are needed for silverware wrapping, set up (these are short tasks, less than 2 hours); dishwashing/drying (about 1-1/2 hours), and delivery of meals to homebound members (1 hour). If you can volunteer for any of these tasks, please call Laurie Laib 507-454-6746.

We always welcome new people to come prepare meals and desserts. If you can make desserts for a meal, or want to explore cooking a meal, know that support is there to help plan a menu, groceries are provided for you. If you want more information, please call Pam Davick 507-459-2806.

## Menu

September 11: *Golf Group*- brats, baked beans, mini sweet corn, chips

September 18: *Social Concerns*- shredded chicken with baking powder biscuits

September 25: *Bonnie Burdick*- beef stew, coleslaw, bread

**Thank you to these CLC members and employees for cooking our September meals!**



## You're Invited! "A Taste of Latin America"

Sunday September 22, 11:30-1:30  
at Faith Lutheran Church

If you like Latin American food you are in for a treat! WIN and our families will be cooking up a delightful experience for your palate.

Tickets will be sold in the Narthex after services on September 1, 8, 15, and 22. Pre event tickets are \$13. Tickets at event will be \$15. Come and enjoy while supporting WIN! Questions? Call Denise Bernatz or Judy Davis.

### Menu:

Cerdo Con Yuca, (pork with yuca)

Savory Plantains

Ensalada, (cabbage salad)

Gallo Pico, (rice and beans)

Arepas con Queso, (white corn meal cakes stuffed with mozzarella)

Colombian Lentils

Limonade, (lime drink)

Tres Leches Cake, (three milk cake)



Jim Bromeland, Alex Saenz, and Jazmina Penado enjoyed taste testing foods for the upcoming WIN fundraiser.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CLC SOCIALS

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

## Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

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

More information to come. Watch for information on Facebook and Central Currents.

## 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>.

## WSU Move-in Thank You

Thank you to Midtown Foods for their donation of bottled water and granola bars. Volunteers handed them out during WSU move in day, the students and parents were appreciative of the little treat.

**SEPTEMBER 20TH 3-6 PM & 21ST 8 AM-1 PM**

**RUMMAGE SALE**



September is approaching quickly and so is our rummage sale. We are looking for items that are in good condition such as fall clothes, home decor, jewelry, and more! We will **not accept** furniture, electronics, and car seats.

We are in need of large paper bags! People can start dropping off items 2 weeks before the sale, preferably in between services or weekdays 8am-4pm.

We will sell baked goods this year. If you can volunteer to bake a sheet of dessert please contact Karen Jacobson.

There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help make this successful.



**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CLC YOUTH**

## 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.

# Central Happenings

## GODS WORK OUR HANDS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8



Celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America-one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. During the month of September we ask that you commit to acts of service that positively impact our church, your neighbor, our community and the world.

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU, ON SEPTEMBER 8 TH,  
TO RAISE YOUR HAND IN COMMITMENT TO DO  
GOD'S WORK!**

## CENTRAL LUTHERAN YOUTH AND FAMILY

2024-2025

AUGUST:

25- RALLY DAY/BACKPACK BLESSING

SEPTEMBER:

8- START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/SING IN WORSHIP  
18- FIRST DAY OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

OCTOBER:

13- SERVE SUNDAY, KIDS SING AT 10:30A  
13- PK/3RD BIBLE PRESENTATION, BOTH SERVICES  
20- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
26- TRUNK OR TREAT AT CLC  
27- CONFIRMATION

NOVEMBER:

10- SERVE SUNDAY, KIDS SING AT 10:30A  
24- ADVENT FAIR (FAMILY SUNDAY), 9-10:30A

DECEMBER:

1- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
7- BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
8- SERVE SUNDAY  
21- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL, PK-6, 9-10A  
22- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 10:30 SERVICE  
29- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

JANUARY-

12- SERVE SUNDAY, KIDS SING AT 10:30A  
12- EPHIPANY (FAMILY SUNDAY), 9:30-10:30A

FEBRUARY

9- SERVE SUNDAY, KIDS SING AT 10:30A  
21- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

MARCH:

9- SERVE SUNDAY, KIDS SING AT 10:30A  
16- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

APRIL:

12- FIRST COMMUNION CLASS, 9-11A  
12- EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT  
13- SERVE SUNDAY, KIDS SING AT 10:30A  
13- PALM SUNDAY (FAMILY SUNDAY), 9:30-10:30A  
17- FIRST COMMUNION DURING SERVICE  
19- EASTER VIGIL- FAMILY FRIENDLY  
20- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, EASTER SUNDAY

MAY:

4- LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FAMILY SUNDAY, 9:30-10:30A  
7- LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION



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*Be the Light*

**CENTRAL LUTHERAN  
CONFIRMATION**

Starting September 18th

## SAFETY AND SECURITY TRAINING

**Wednesday** **Sunday**  
**Sept. 11 @ 6PM** **OR** **Sept. 15 @ 9:30AM**

A one hour training for all ushers, sunday school and confirmation teachers, volunteers, council, and all interested!



## Adult Sunday School

Looking to dive deeper into stories of the Bible you learned as a child? Join us in between services starting September 8th.

BACK TO  
**Sunday  
SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL START:  
SEPTEMBER 8TH  
BETWEEN SERVICES**

CONTACT PASTOR KRISTEN WITH QUESTIONS:  
PRMASSA@CENTRALLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG

# FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2024

Total Income: \$35,090.50

Total Expenses: \$44,186.31

Offering Goal: \$31,406.11

*Thank you for your support of Central's Ministry*

Gifts in memory or honor of someone **Memorials July 15, 2024 through August 20, 2024**

## ORGAN FUND

Memory of Ardyce Paulson  
Given by Marylou & Jim Hurley

## MUSIC

Memory of Ardyce Paulson  
Given by Gayle & Rick Garrity,  
Lois Larson

## FEAST

Memory of Chuck Lehnertz  
Given by the FEAST

## THRIVENT DOLLARS

Arlan Runningen

## Honor of Arnold & Alanna Fenske's 70th Anniversary

Given by Judy Davis, Lois Larson,  
Lynn Theurer

## WIN

Memory of Signe Cone  
Given by Judy Davis



## Designated Gifts in July

Building Maintenance Fund	\$908.00
WIN	\$2,790.00
WVS Food Shelf	\$741.10
Youth Fund	\$645.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$1,728.00
FEAST	\$275.00
Organ Fund	\$434.00
Technology	\$20.00
Funeral Fund	\$125.00
Music & Arts	\$80.00
Sunday School	\$17.86

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 am, Blended Worship	Office Closed in Observance to Labor Day	9:00 am, Quilters		10:00 am, CLC Book Group 6:00 pm, Glorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 am, Traditional Worship 9:30 am, First Day of Sunday School 10:30 am, Modern Worship	9:00 am, WELCA 6:30 pm, WIN	9:00 am- Quilters 5:00 pm, Property Committee 6:30 pm, Council Reports	12:00pm, Safety & Security Mtg 4:45 pm, FEAST Meal 6:00 pm, Safety & Security Training	10:00 am- Welcome & Worship 6:00 pm- Glorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30 am, Traditional Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 9:30 am, Safety & Security Training 10:30 am, Modern Worship	9:00 am, Social Concerns 5:30 pm, Welcoming Table 5:30 pm, Youth Committee	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- Glorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal	3:00 pm, Rummage Sale 7:00 pm, Bach Society Concert	8:00 am, Rummage Sale
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		9:00 am- Quilters	4:45 pm, FEAST Meal 6:30 pm, Confirmation	8:45 am, Newsletter Volunteers 6:00 pm- Glorioso Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal		
29	30					
8:30 am, Traditional Worship 9:30 am, Sunday School 10:30 am, Modern Worship 3:00 pm, Winona Boat Tour/ Sullivan's Trip						

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

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



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## What's Coming Up

**September 2-** Office Closed in Observance to

**September 8-** Move to 2 services 8:30 & 10:30

9:30 am, First Day of Sunday School

**September 11-** 4:45 pm, FEAST meals begin

6:00 pm, Safety & Security Training

**September 15-** 9:30 am, Safety & Security Training

**September 18-** 12:00 pm, Hendrickson 30th Organ Recital

**September 20-** 3-6 pm- Rummage Sale

**September 21-** 8 am-1 pm- Rummage Sale

**September 29-** 3 pm, Winona Boat Tour/Sullivan's Trip



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