



## West Clermont Lutheran Church

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## April 2023 Newsletter

### Vicar

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### From Vicar Mike: Palm Sunday to Holy Week to Easter

As April begins, we are at Palm Sunday. It is Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. This heralds Jesus' kingship foretold by prophets of old. We then go to Jesus observing the Passover Feast with the disciples in the upper room. This is where we first hear Jesus' words that we hear every communion Sunday. Then Jesus is betrayed and tried by a court that already knows the verdict. We then move to Good Friday where Jesus dies a horrible death on a cross for our sins. The anguish and despair of Friday turns to joy and exaltation on Sunday morning when it is revealed that He is risen! April will be an emotional roller coaster for the church.

Through all the turmoil and emotion of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter, remember that God loves you. God loves You! No matter what we say, no matter what we think, no matter what we do, God loves each and every one of us. In the upcoming weeks of the church calendar, Jesus dies on the cross for each and every sin we have ever committed or will ever commit. He dies for the sins of all people! They are all forgiven! It is humbling to think that Jesus did this to save us humans when we have done nothing to deserve it.

If God can forgive our sins because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can surely forgive the little things we do to each other. With thanks to the Lord our God, we can forgive our neighbors, help each other out, take care of each other, and show God's love to the world. Amen.



### **West Clermont Lutheran Church Council Meeting- March 1, 2023**

Present: Jed Dean, Brant Schrader, Isaiah Ruckdashel, Kyle Wander, Jesse Bassett, Tasha Massman, Randy Wiedenhoff, Wendy Steffens, Diane Butikofer, Sarah Dean, Kathy Wander and Pastor Mike Erickson.

Jed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Motion made by Jesse to approve the agenda. Isaiah second, motion carried.

February minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Brant to approve. Sarah second, motion carried.

Kathy sent out the monthly financial statement for review prior to the meeting. Discussed to transfer funds into general fund to not show negative. Kathy will move \$1,538 from Thrivent fund & parsonage fund \$2,000 to zero out the balance of general fund. Motion made by Jesse, and second by Isaiah.

Motion by Isaiah to approve the Treasurer's Report. Wendy second, motion carried.

Jed reviewed the accounts payable. Isaiah motion to approve the payments. Jesse second, motion carried.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor is 1/3 way through his internship. Pastor has a couple project for his internship and is working on starting a Book Club & also selling West Clermont T-Shirts as a fundraiser designated to the paint project. Free will offering during Lent service will be designated to Opens Hands Food pantry.

**Old Business:** Sanctuary insulation cleaning has started with removing the bats, old insulation, and sanitizing.

**Shechem conference update:** Jesse reported from the recent meeting that our church will receive funds for our youth to get paid bus travel.

**Candle replacement:** We will look at this for next time.

**New Business:** WCLC scholarship will be having applications posted soon for the Seniors to apply for. Deb will be working on that with the scholarship committee.

**Campership:** Right now we don't have any applications from kids at this time.

**Congregational meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>** will be held that day to vote for electronic means if needed for the annual meeting.


**Announcements:** Newsletter items due to office by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Lenten services are posted in the bulletin.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Reed Cummings on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at the church.

Next Paint Committee meeting is Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Isaiah to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Wendy second, motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

 **Congregational Meeting.** *A motion was made at the Annual Meeting to change the bylaws of our constitution to include voting by electronic means for any meeting at the church, which would allow individuals to vote without being in person, as the constitution currently requires. The second vote on this motion was held on **March 26<sup>th</sup>**, with Jed Dean leading the meeting. Stephanie Spain made the motion to allow electronic means to attend and vote in meetings, with Karen Miller seconding that motion. **Motion passed.** Our constitution will be changed and a copy resubmitted to the Synod. There were 45 voting members present. Marcia Wiedenhoff motioned to adjourn with Diane Butikofer seconding. Meeting concluded and worship began.*



## WELCA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 1, 2023

WELCA Board met on March 1 2023 @ 1:08 pm. Those attending were; June Swenson, Deb Guyer, Linda Hyde and Marcia Wiedenhoff.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes read individually. Deb / June / Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Deb Guyer. Checking balance: \$1929.45 Savings balance: \$2770.38

Quilting fund: \$329.18 Motion to approve: June / Linda / Carried

**Old Business:**

1. **Lent Service:** WELCA will host a meal when we host for Lent Services. West Clermont hosts March 29.
2. **Shechem Cluster I Spring Gathering:** West Clermont is to host on April 15, 2023.

**New Business:**

1. **Correspondence:** Thank You from: Women of the ELCA in America, Global Ministries, Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach and LWR.
2. **Lent Meal:** WELCA will serve Scalloped Potatoes and Ham (made by June and Deb J.) Each circle will bring 3 salads and 1 large pan of bars. Marcia will supply Milk. Serve at 5:30 with service at 6:30. Free-will offering will go to the Quilt fund.
3. **Shechem Cluster I Spring Gathering:** West Clermont will not be hosting. The council has voted that we switch to Shepard of the Hill Conference after receiving a letter from the Bishop about Shechem Conference disbanding.
4. **Soup Carry-Out Sunday:** All 3 circles participated. A total of 56 pints and 37 quarts were made from 9 kinds of soups. A few pints and quarts of Bean Soup were put in the freezer and Deb put a note in the food pantry that they could receive some homemade soup. \$670 was given to the Painting Project plus another \$670 from matching funds.
5. **WELCA Directories:** New directories are available in the church office.
6. **Northeast Iowa Synodical Gathering:** Will be held in Belmond Iowa, June 17, 2023. More information next month.
7. **Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach:** Disbanded in December, 2022.
8. **LWR:** Sent a report of mission quilts and kits and how these items were disbursed. A map was received and will hand in the church for viewing.

**Sunday coffee Schedule:** March - Ruth April -Sarah May -Mary

**Altar Duties** (Jan. thru April): **Sarah** **Coffee Hour Area** (Yearly) : **Mary** **Kitchen** (Yearly) : **Ruth**

Motion to Adjourn: 1:38 June / Deb / Carried

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: **April 5, 2023 @ 1:00**

Submitted: *Marcia Wiedenhoff*, Board President/Secretary



**APRIL, 2023**

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION	BREAD
4/2*- Palm Sunday	Aaron Steffens	Bella Dirksen	Kayleen Schrader	Karen Kohls
4/6*- Maundy Thursday	Arline Davisson	Ryan Dean		Deb Jacobsen
4/9*- Easter	Diane Butikofer	Keagan Klemp	Diane Butikofer	Zelpha Henderson
4/16	Layne Kleppe	Peyton Dean		
4/23*-Confirmation	Stephanie Spain	Mark Erickson	Jess Dean	Stephanie Spain
4/30- Rogation	Taylor Dean	Natalie Bassett		

**April Ushers: Aaron Steffens, Les Amundson, and Jerry Anderson**



**Birthdays  
This Month April**

04/03 Jacobsen Alycia  
 04/05 Siebrecht Keaton  
 04/08 Amundson Jennifer  
 04/22 Rowland Shirley  
 04/26 Dinan Joseph  
 04/28 Donnelly Avery  
 04/30 Amundson Cecelia

04/04 Larson Colby  
 04/06 Kittelson Steven  
 04/14 Schrader Teagan  
 04/23 Muxin Julianna  
 04/27 Guyer Arnold  
 04/28 Helgerson Evan

04/05 Schlicht Hadley  
 04/07 Swenson Marsha  
 04/16 Davisson Jennifer  
 04/25 Larson Wendy  
 04/27 Helgerson Milo  
 04/29 Nims Luann



**Offerings: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

Loose: \$31.00

Painting: \$50.00

Lenten: \$25.00

**Total General Fund: \$845.52**

**Attendance: 63**

Regular: \$675.00

Initial: \$10.00

Noisy Can: \$54.52

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

Copies: \$5.75

Regular: \$11,075.00

Noisy Can: \$50.77

**Total General Fund: \$11,592.52**

Building Fund / Roof: \$180.00

**Attendance: 39**

Loose: \$28.00

Painting: \$433.00 - potato bar

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Loose: \$5.00

Regular: \$2,395.00

**Total General Fund: \$2,439.90**

Building fund: \$90.00

**Attendance: 38**

Noisy Can: \$39.90

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Loose: \$41.00

Regular: \$380.00

**Total General Fund: \$450.23**

Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 35**

Noisy Can: \$29.23

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

Loose: \$28.00

Regular: \$575.00

Paint: \$20.00

**Total General Fund: \$723.66**

**Attendance: 59**

Noisy Can: \$95.91

Copies: \$4.75



**Men's Group** will meet Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am at the church.



**Quilters** meet on Tuesday's @ 9am.



**OFFICE HOURS** Mike Erickson has **office hours** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **9:30am-noon**. To schedule an appointment you may contact the office. Drop ins welcome. You may also contact Mike @ 423-5122 (home) or 563-422-1687 (cell) at any time.



**WCLC Camperships** are available for those attending a faith-based summer camp in 2023. Stop in the office.



**CCC Easter Egg Hunt** is Sat., April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10am in the City Park.



**Community Club Bingo** is **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch starts at noon. Bingo begins at 1pm. Funds go toward area NFV High School Students going on a German Exchange this summer.





**GRADUATING SENIORS:** Applications for the WCLC Scholarship are now available. Completed applications are due back to the office by Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Worship @ 9:30am- <i>Holy Communion</i>
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:30pm- <i>Holy Communion</i>
Friday, April 7	Good Friday Worship @ 6:30pm @ <i>Elgin Lutheran</i>
Sunday, April 9	<b>EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30pm.- <i>Holy Communion</i></b>

 We are now taking orders for the **WCLC T-shirts**. Shirts are \$18 each. 2x are an additional \$2. 3x and larger are an additional \$3. We will take orders until the last Sunday in April (4/30). Only a few extra shirts will be ordered, so make sure you get your shirt (s) now. The order sheet is in the Fellowship area.

 In February, the decision was made to switch from Shechem Conference to **Shepherd of the Hill Conference** within our Synod. The switch became official on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Our newsletter will now feature the Shepherd of the Hill newsletter.



The **Northern Lights Women's Chorus** will present its spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Decorah Lutheran Church. An intermission freewill offering will be taken, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to local nonprofit organizations.



The **Shepherd of the Hill Women's Spring In-Gathering** is @ Elgin Lutheran on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 9am. The cost for lunch is \$5. Please RSVP to Cindy @ [torkel15@alpinenet.com](mailto:torkel15@alpinenet.com) or call 563-880-2859 by 4/14.



**Confirmation Sunday** is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**Rogation Sunday** is April 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Prayer List

**Requested:** Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Bob Kress, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Jerry Erickson, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, LaVerne & Grace Swenson, Karen Kerner.

**Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins:** Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, John Yauslin, Marilyn Knutsen, Marilyn Shipton, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Rodney Guyer.

**In the Military:** Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Major Stephanie Wilkins, Kennedy White.



*Easter Blessings*

# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

## NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2023



### Consider Becoming a Host Family for International Guests

We are expecting up to 30 participants from around the world during the weekend of April 16-18 for the Rural Ministry Conference at Wartburg Seminary. Part of the experience is to visit rural areas in the host country to see and discuss similarities in rural life and ministry. This requires host families to share hospitality and offer educational sightseeing events to local farms and industries. Congregations may wish to see if they could provide more than one host family so there could be shared activities. Even if you do not attend the conference, please feel free to host a family. If you know of others who may be interested in hosting a family, please send them this information.

#### Host family responsibilities:

Picking up their guest(s) from Dubuque IA by 1 pm on Saturday April 15

Returning them to Dubuque by 3 pm on Sunday April 16

Provide three meals: Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, Sunday lunch.

Provide opportunities for sightseeing to local farms, agritourism spots and local attractions as well a meeting and visiting with farmers, church members and local pastors.

Provide housing for one night. Take guest(s) to weekend worship.

Interested in or have questions about serving as a host family? Contact Rev. Mark Yackel-Juleen at [m4698@hotmail.com](mailto:m4698@hotmail.com) or call 563-329-1367.

### Clothing center updates

Mark your calendars! Saturday, APRIL 1, 2023 will be our OPEN HOUSE CLEARANCE SALE. This is your opportunity to see what we have in the store and changes we have made. Mostly everything will be half off. That means shirts, jeans, shoes, houseware etc... will only be \$.50 each. Cash sales **only** from 9 am till 4pm. (This is NOT an April Fools joke)

Spring is in the air so after April 1, we will no longer accept winter items.

Donations need to be scheduled as I do not have much room for storage space.

### Shepherd Conference News

Congratulations to Pastor Lynn J. Noel from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville on his celebration of his ordination. (4-11-2013)

Little Flock Cluster B Spring Gathering will be held at the Elgin Lutheran Church April 22 @ 9:00 am. Lunch \$5.00 at NOON. RSVP Cindy at [torkel5@alpinecom.net](mailto:torkel5@alpinecom.net) or (563)880-2859 by April 14th, 2023

#### Shepherd of the Hill's Needs:

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities.

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

*Ascension Day Service  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30 pm-  
Potluck to follow at St. Peter  
in Garnavillo. Bring a dish  
to pass.*

*Synod Assembly- June 9-10,  
2023 @ Luther College*

\*Any event may be subject to change\*

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## 2023 COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

### 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Brant Schrader	2023	563-880-1294	<b>Vice President</b>
Jed Dean	2023	423-5133	<b>President</b>
Jesse Bassett	2023	563-605-7271	
Wendy Steffens	2024	563-518-1005	
Tasha Massman	2024	563-380-4257	<b>Secretary</b>
Isaiah Ruckdashel	2024	563-412-8664	
Randy Wiedenhoff	2025	563-380-3406	
Diane Butikofer	2025	563-880-1657	
Kyle Wander	2025	563-380-0437	
Sarah Dean	2023	Youth Representative	

Kathy Wander **Financial Director**

**VICAR: Mike Erickson**

### PARISH EDUCATION (2 Year Term)

*\*Tasha Massman*

Kay Schrader	2024	563-380-9097
Jess Dean	2024	423-5133
Brittany Bassett	2023	563-605-7270
Alaina Dirksen	2023	563-380-3109

### MEMBERSHIP

*\*Isaiah Ruckdashel*

Carol Berg		563-380-4245
Deb Jacobsen		563-422-7209
Kathy Wander		423-5437

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & PARSONAGE (2 Year Term)

Vince Spain	2023	563-419-2498
<i>*Randy Wiedenhoff</i>	2023	563-380-3406
Amy Cummings	2024	563-380-9549
Greg Larson	2024	423-7289

### AUDITING COMMITTEE (1 Year Term)

*\*Kyle Wander*

Marcia Wiedenhoff		563-380-5753
Amy Cumming		563-380-9549

*\*Kyle Wander*

### WORSHIP, MUSIC, & ARTS (2 Year Term)

*\*Diane Butikofer*

Stephanie Spain	2023	563-419-2498
Wendy Larson	2024	563-423-7289
June Swenson	Music	423-5941

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (1 Year Term)

Brant Schrader	2023	563-880-1294
Jed Dean	2023	423-5133
Jesse Bassett	2023	563-605-7271

### MEMORIAL & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

*\*Jesse Bassett*

Kathy Wander	Treasurer	563-380-0417
Amy Cummings		563-380-9549
Stephanie Spain		563-419-2498

### LUTHER LEAGUE SPONSOR      None

### SHEPHERD OF THE HILL REPRESENTATIVE

*\*Jesse Bassett*

## **MEN'S GROUP**

Bob Swenson                      President                      423-5941

## **HEAD USHERS**

Kenneth Kohls                      423-5978

Bob Swenson                      423-5941

## **FUNERAL USHERS**

Bob Swenson                      423-5941

Kenneth Kohls                      423-5978

Ralph Hoeck                      563-419-0148

Rodney Wagner                      423-5958

## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

Marcia Wiedenhoff – President                      563-380-5753

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Deb Guyer – Treasurer                      423-7193 or 563-380-1950

Mae Becker – Co-Action- Quilt Stewardship                      563-379-7676

Linda Anderson – Co-Action- Quilt Stewardship                      423-5991

June Swenson – Mary Circle Chair                      423-5941 or 563-419-7898

Linda Hyde – Ruth Circle Co-Chair                      423-5933

Mae Becker – Sarah Circle Co-Chair                      563-379-7676

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