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June 2021 Newsletter



From Lay Minister Mike: To Elect A Bishop

It's June already! On June 12, our two delegates and I will be attending this year's Synod Assembly virtually from our Hospitality Area. This year we will be electing a bishop. Electing a bishop is a very important responsibility, and we do not get the opportunity to participate in that very often. We will be conducting our election with an ecclesiastical ballot. That means that voting delegates can submit the name of anyone who is eligible on the first ballot. Any ordained pastor, active or retired, in the ELCA is eligible to be on the ballot. We will be voting electronically instead of in person like we would normally do. The company that the Synod has hired to conduct the assembly and oversee the election process, LUMI, has done several bishop elections in the past year so that should help us have a smooth and successful day. After the first ballot, those that were on the first ballot and have not withdrawn will be on the second ballot. After that, the number of candidates gets smaller in each additional ballot. I have included a table that shows the details of each step. We have to complete the process in one day so it will be a long day.

When considering who would be a good bishop, in addition to a deep and abiding faith commitment, pastors who might serve as bishop will need to have broad skills in pastoral care and preaching, administrative leadership, and the ability to lift up a vision for the church and its ministry. Pastors who serve in all the various arenas of ministry throughout the ELCA— congregations, agencies, institutions, and synodical and churchwide staff—have gifts and skills that may commend

them for consideration in the calling of a new bishop. If you have thoughts or ideas about who would be a good candidate, please talk to one of our delegates before June 12.

BALLOT	WHO IS INCLUDED	VOTES NEEDED TO ELECT
First Ballot	All eligible ministers of Word and Sacrament of the ELCA	75%
2nd Ballot	Eligible ministers from first ballot who have not withdrawn	75%
3rd Ballot	7 persons (plus ties)	66.7%
4th Ballot	3 persons (plus ties)	60%
Subsequent Ballots	2 persons (plus ties)	Majority

West Clermont Delegates: Lay Minister Mike Erickson, Vernon Oakland, & Deb Jacobsen



**West Clermont Lutheran Church Council Meeting
May 12, 2021**

Present: Mark Nelson, Amy Cummings, Vernon Oakland, Gene Ruckdashel, Wendy Larson, Kathy Wander, Jed Dean, Sue Zimmer, and Pastor Mike Erickson

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Motion made by Wendy to approve agenda. Jed second, motion carried.

Kathy sent out the monthly financial statement for review prior to the meeting. Motion made by Sue Zimmer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jed second, motion carried.

On a TEEM update, Pastor Mike presented the council with his six-month report for review. He will have 3 summer classes and will be working on setting up his fall.

Eric Guyer was present and discussed the roof with the council and feels we have at least half of the life of the shingles left. He will be doing some further inspection of flashings.

The council discussed the tuckpointing and we are seeking estimates. The stained glass on the north side has caulking coming loose. Jed is going to check on who will be doing the blacktop this summer for the City to get estimates for the north parking area.

Senior Sunday is all set for May 23rd.

First park service will be held on June 13th.

Wendy reported on the music committee. The committee has agreed to have one contemporary song every Sunday. Music in the park will be printed in bulletins and singing will mirror how the in-church service will be conducted.

Newsletter items are due to the office by May 24th.

Next meeting will be held **Wednesday, June 9th, at 6:30 pm.**

Motion made by Wendy to accept the minutes as read. Vernon second, motion carried.

Motion made by Amy to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Jed second, motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Offerings: April 25, 2021 – May 23, 2021

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Noisy Can: \$36.68

Loose: \$95.00

Total General Fund: \$571.68

Building Fund: \$85.00 (roof)

Attendance: 46

Regular: \$440.00

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Noisy Can: \$24.60

Total General Fund: \$746.60

Roof: \$85.00

Building Fund: \$85.00

Attendance: 52

Loose: \$47.00

Regular: \$675.00

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Loose: \$34.00

Regular: \$3,440.00

Total General Fund: \$3,514.07

Roof - Building Fund: \$85.00

Attendance: 78

Noisy Can: \$40.07

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Loose: \$26.00

Regular: \$1,555.00

Total General Fund: \$1,590.49

Building Fund: \$110.00 - \$85.00 roof/ \$25 building

Attendance: 63

Noisy Can: \$9.49

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Noisy Can: \$17.62

Regular: \$1,010.00

Total General Fund: \$1,075.62

Building Roof: \$85.00

Attendance: 75

Loose: \$48.00



<https://www.facebook.com/100011482533370>

Average Facebook Live views per Sunday in April: 31


Maundy Thursday: 41


Prayer List

Requested: Carlos Delgado, Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Daniel Guyer, Vivian Guyer, Pr. Phil Olson, Beth Zimmer, Heidi Henriksen, Betty Erickson, Jerry Erickson, Bob Kress, Devin Schrad, Richard Schrad, John Yauslin, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Clarice Gass, Albert Schave, Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Khaki Nelson.

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

 Please keep the family and friends of Dave Schutte in your thoughts and prayers. Dave passed away on Sunday, May 16th. He was the father of Diane Butikofer.

 Please keep the family and friends of Alice Johnson in your thoughts and prayers. Alice passed away on May 13th. Her husband was Pastor Clarence Johnson. They ministered at WCLC from 1968-1978. Her full obituary is available in the office.



May God's blessing be upon **Benjamin Phillip Johansen**, son of Nathan & Liz Johansen, who was baptized on Sunday, May 9th. Sponsors for Benjamin are Bryce Adams & Larissa Glen.



May God's blessing be upon **Teagan Renae Massman**, daughter of Jeremy & Tasha Massman, who was baptized on Sunday, May 23rd.

Sponsors for Teagan are Jason Winkler & Rachel Bohr.

Dear West Clermont Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the noisy can donation! It is such a blessing to be supported as I recover from brain surgery, finish school, and am preparing to get married in August. I'm so grateful that the body of Christ supports a brother or sister in need, even if you don't know each other personally. Again, thank you for the donation and I hope to visit West Clermont Lutheran Church soon!

Beth Zimmer



Congratulations to our First Communicants! (Sunday, May 2nd)

Bella Dirksen, Taylor Dean, Peyton Dean



Congratulations to our Graduating High School Seniors

Hunter Cummings, Lynzee West, Isaiah Corbin



June 2021

DATE	READERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
June 6*	Carol Berg	Mark Erickson	Kenny or Diane Butikofer
June 13	Amy Cummings	Lainy Donnelly	
June 20 (<i>Father's Day</i>)	Sarah Dean	Cece Cummings	
June 27*	Avery Donnelly	Lainy Donnelly	Bob or June Swenson

**Holy Communion*

June Ushers: Brant & Kayleen Schrader and Jed & Peyton Dean



06/01 Sampson Dean
 06/05 Helgerson John
 06/08 Madole Robin
 06/09 Swenson June
 06/13 Guyer Katlyn
 06/18 Cummings Hunter
 06/21 Guyer Vivian
 06/25 Helgerson Michael

06/02 Butikofer Diane
 06/07 Dean Ryan
 06/09 Brainard Marsha
 06/11 Butikofer Kenneth
 06/14 Dean Jared
 06/18 Larson Noah
 06/22 Steffens Wendy
 06/26 Swenson Grace

06/04 Steffens Aaron
 06/08 Davisson Arline
 06/09 Massman McKenna
 06/12 Guyer Violet
 06/15 Wagner Nathan
 06/20 Guyer John
 06/23 Wander Kathy
 06/29 Cummings Stacy

*If you have a June birthday & do not see your name, please let the office know.

In February, the office received this letter;

To the Sunday School;

I have had a lot of work in the Clermont/Elgin area. I donate a portion of every log sale I have to kids. Kind of a deal I have with God.

I'm a free spirit, please spend it foolishly on the kids. No school supplies. Do something that gets them laughing and having fun!

God Bless!

Chad Hauschild, Logging

On Sunday, May 2nd, the donation that Mr. Hauschild made was used for an end of year Bowling Party for all the youth of the church.



June 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Through our Early Childhood Services, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. And through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, our licensed foster dads are there to help guide them.

This is only possible through your support of LSI! If you would like to make a gift, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Finding Paradise

Perseverance is a familiar quality for Mon, who after spending decades living as a refugee from an early age was recently able to place roots in Iowa and succeed in building a life for his family.

After living in a Nepali refugee camp for almost 24 years, Mon's family was able to resettle in the U.S. When they arrived in Iowa, they moved directly into a tiny apartment. But the single room was not sufficient for their family – especially once their youngest daughter was born. They stayed in the apartment for four years, but Mon was determined to create a better home for his family.

Mon secured housing for his family through the Habitat for Humanity program, and through LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services, he was able to get on track and save and earn money towards his goal of homeownership. With guidance from staff in LSI's Match and Save financial program, he was able to open a savings account and develop a monthly savings plan.

Mon and his family moved into their new home last year, and he said LSI and Habitat for Humanity were critical steps in helping him learn about U.S. finances and savings – lessons that will pay off during his journey as a homeowner.

"I felt very sad when I left my country," Mon says. "I felt as if I lost my paradise. But when I got the key and when I entered my house, I felt that I regained my lost paradise. So that was the happiest moment in my life and right now, I, my family, and kids are super happy to live in this new house."

www.LSIowa.org

The Bulletin Board



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.



Mobile Food Pantry @ Crossfire Church will be on Monday, June 14th from 4:30-5:30pm.



West Clermont is **Live** on the **RADIO**. Please tune into FM 99.5 @ 9:30am to listen to the service. We are not sure how far the reception will go on any given day. We know that the parking lot and most of town are able to receive the service.



Noisy Can Offering for 2nd quarter (April-June) has been designated to raising funds for gas cards to have on hand in the event a parishioner needs one for medical travel, an emergency, or if anyone knows of someone in need.



Congratulations to Isabella & Brailynn Dirksen who have received camperships to attend Village Creek Bible Camp in Lansing at the end of June!



Looking for new or gently used baby flannel receiving blankets and sleepers for Baby Care Kits. Items can be dropped off at church during office hours. Thank you!



Congratulations to Hunter Cummings and Lynzee West who each received \$250 West Clermont Scholarships for 2021.



The **Music Committee** has decided to keep our Special Music during worship a contemporary song until we have a choir once again. Members can make requests by calling or emailing the office, or by contacting Stephanie Spain. You may also make requests for hymns to sing as well. The committee wants our congregation to have the opportunity to sing some of their favorite hymns.



Congratulations to Lynzee West who was crowned Miss Clermont 2021.



WELCA delivered the following to the LWR Truck on May 1st; 69 quilts, 12 personal care kits and 10 baby care kits.



LaVonne Nelson, a life-long member of West Clermont Lutheran Church, passed away April 14, 2020. Her family would like to invite you to celebrate her life on Sunday, June 13th at 1:00 in the West Clermont sanctuary with a service of prayer, memories, scripture and song.



Our summer worship schedule is on the calendar. We will post “*Church Sunday*” and “*Park Sunday*” on our electronic sign each week, with reminders via email. If there is rain on a Park Sunday, service will move to the church. The summer schedule will run June, July and August.

Church Sundays: 1st and 4th
Park Sundays: 2nd, 3rd, and 5th

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