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June 2024 Newsletter



From Pastor Mike: June 2024

Wow, June already! It is summertime. School is out. Camps and summer programs are starting. Baseball and softball games have started. We will have our Synod C3 (Creative Collaborative Congregations) Ministry Fair on June 1. At the time I am writing this, I have one other person attending with me. We will divide and conquer to attend as many different workshops as we can, and I hope to have a lot of information to bring back to you.

We are starting our services in the park again on non-communion Sundays, weather permitting. On communion Sundays and days with inclement weather we will be in the sanctuary. Please look closely at the calendar this summer because the park Sundays and sanctuary Sundays shift a bit month to month due to the scheduling of other events. There is a lot going on. I am sure your lives are just as busy.

In these busy times, especially when things are going well, it is easy to skip going to church, stop reading our devotionals, and hope that God keeps things on track without any effort on our part. It is precisely these times that we need to stop and take a breath and thank God for all we have and look for God's guidance.

The Third Commandment is: *To remember the Sabbath Day and to keep it Holy.*

It is a day of rest to allow our bodies to relax, recharge, and be refreshed. It is also a day that allows people to spend time listening to God's Word, learning about God's Word, and worshiping God. We can do that on any day of the week. It does not have to be only on Sunday.

Although I would like to see you here every Sunday, I know that is not always possible. If you have an event on Sunday, do not worry. Take time out of your schedule sometime during the week to read a bible story, read in your devotional, or study Luther's Small Catechism. Most of all, remember that God loves you. God loves you so much that God wants you to take time to rest and study God's Word. No matter whether you are gone for one Sunday or half a lifetime, God always welcomes you back with open arms! Amen.



West Clermont Lutheran Church Council Meeting –May 1, 2024

Present: Diane Butikofer, Kathy Wander, Kyle Wander, Kenny Monteith, Tasha Massman, Rodney Wagner, Brittany Bassett, Teagan Schrader, Pastor Mike Erickson & Deb Jacobsen.

Randy called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Motion made by Diane to approve the agenda. Rodney second, motion carried.

April minutes read. Motion made by to approve the minutes. second, motion carried.

Treasurer report: Reviewed the report with nothing out of the normal. Motion to approve Kathy treasurer report. Rodney second, motion carried. Randy reviewed & approved the payments.

Pastor's Report: Ascension Service Day is planned for Shepard of the Hills. Pastor Mike has been invited to do the service at 5:30 p.m. in Garnavillo. Pastor Mike attended a healing service with the Bishop. All confidential healing mentally, physically, or someone in need. Pastor Mike will have WCLC healing service to try it with our congregation & will be held September 29th, 2024. He will be headed to Ames for continuing education this week.

Old Business/Committee Reports:

- A. **Pictorial update.** Deb Jacobsen spoke with photographer representative. Details will be coming soon. Deb will be coordinating this to get on the Fall 2024 schedule. Kenny made a motion to have pictorial update with Deb coordinating through the office. Kyle second, motion carried.
- B. **Offering Envelopes-** Generic envelopes have been ordered for members for generic envelopes that will be available throughout the church
- C. **Constitutional Revisions-** Tabling the revisions until next month for members to review on own time.
- D. **175th Parade Entry.** There is a form online that needs to be completed. Pastor Mike would like to have some ideas on how to decorate the trailers by the end of May. Reaching out to Parish Ed & Luther League to get some help on parade float & walk with the float. Looking at advertising item from Oriental trade to throw out in parade.
- E. **WCLC Scholarship-** Aaron Steffens, Wendy Larson and Kathy Wander are part of this committee with Diane Butikofer. Diane will contact this committee to review both scholarships prior to senior Sunday.

New Business:

- A. **Church Landscaping and maintenance-** Short term Spring clean for outside landscaping, Come & go as you need. Meet on Friday, May 10th 9-3 p.m. with your gloves.
- B. **Worship in the Park.** Summer schedule. Pastor Mike working out schedule for worship in the park with some exceptions. Worship will be held in the church on communion Sundays.

- C. **Synod Ministry Fair @ Wartburg.** This is instead of the assembly. All are welcome. Registration is \$50.00 per person by May 24th. Saturday, June 1st. Motion made by Brittany to pay registration for Synod Fair attendants. Diane second, motion carried.
- D. **Campership applications:** Rodney made motion to approve \$200 per camper from Thrivent fund wanting to attend a summer camp this year. 4 kids have submitted applications. Teagan second, motion carried. Kathy will contact families.

Announcements & Important Dates

- A. **Newsletter items** are due by Friday, May 24th.
- B. **Copper Creek Service** is Wed., May 8th @ 10:30am.
- C. **LWR Truck** is in Decorah on Sat., May 4th.
- D. **Pr. Mike First Call Retreat** is May 2nd-4th.
- E. **Acsension Day Service** is May 9th @ 5:30pm. The service is at Pioneer Rock Church. Pr. Mike will be giving the sermon. Meal to follow.
- F. **Senior Fun Day** is May 8th & 22nd from 2-4pm.
- G. **Senior Service** is May 12th. Two seniors: Olivia Kleppe and Kierra Alexander.
 - a. **Gabe Hiner** (our musician from Decorah) also graduates. He will be given a quilt on 5/5
- H. **Church Mutual Insurance 2024 Policy** is available in the church office for review.
- I. **Baptism:** Jakobi Richard Stevenson on Sunday, April 28th. Son of Ericka Jacobsen & Kwon Stevenson.

Closing Prayer/Adjourn

Motion made by Kyle to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. second, Tasha motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



WELCA Board Meeting Minutes- Wednesday-May 1, 2024

WELCA Board met on May 1, 2024 @ 1:04 pm. Those attending were: Linda Hyde, June Swenson, Deb Guyer, Mae Becker, and Marcia Wiedenhoff.

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

Treasurer's Report: Checking balance: \$2524.58. Savings balance: \$3,221.66. Quilting fund: \$393.05. Motion to approve: Linda/June/Carried

Old Business:

1. **Little Flock Cluster B Spring Gathering:** April 27 - St. John's Luana. Marcia attended along with approximately 57 other women.
2. **SWO 36th Annual Gathering:** June 15 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly. 8:30 - 2:00. Need 1 voting member to attend. Contact Marcia Wiedenhoff for more information on attending. June will check her calendar.
3. **LWR Truck:** May 4 at 7:30 - 10:00. Marcia will deliver. Quilts-73, Personal Care Kits-12, Baby Care Kits-19, School Kits-10
4. **Quilt for Shepherd of the Hills 2024 Hog Roast Fundraiser:** Quilts are to be delivered to SOH by August 1st and will be Silent Auctioned on SOH Facebook Page August 15 to October 5th at midnight. In person bidding resumes October 6th and ends at 6:00pm. Quilts go to the highest bidders.

5. **Clermont 175th / Montauk 150th:** Marcia and Deb Jacobsen will get things together for handouts and prizes for “*Spin the Wheel*” for July 6th in the city park. Marcia will have a work schedule ready at our next meeting. (2 members from each circle)
6. **Synod Assembly:** June 1 as a C3-Event at Wartburg. A day long program with workshops, lunch, and worship.
7. **Clock in Music room:** Linda is looking for a clock.
8. **Fridge in Coffee Area:** Marcia asked Kenny Monteith to check on stabilizing the shelf and electrical outlet.
9. **Meeting at EWALU:** Joint Circle meeting at EWALU for a tour of the grounds, Bible study and lunch. Arline Davison will set this up in the fall.
10. **Gather magazine:** 1st subscription for 1 year to new circle members will be paid through WELCA funds.

New Business:

1. **Correspondence:** EWALU
2. **Synod Assembly:** Marcia will be attending. WELCA will be sending 10 “Birthday Cake Kits” that will be collected that day and share with food pantries in Northeastern Iowa. Deb/Linda/Carried
3. **Church in the Park:** Services will be in the park except for Communion Sundays and Bad Weather, in which it will be at the church.
4. **Rummage/Bake Sale:** Set for Friday, September 13th 2:00 - 6:00 and Saturday, September 14th 9:00 - Noon. Sunday, September 15th after church if no other conflicts. *This event is now Sept. 20th-22nd.*
5. **Graduating Seniors:** May 12th. Mary Circle.
6. **EWALU Campership:** Leave this matter to Men’s group and/or Council.

Sunday coffee Schedule: May- Mary June- Ruth July- Sarah
Coffee Hour Area (Yearly): Sarah **Kitchen (Yearly):** Mary **Fresh Flowers/plants and**
Seasonal Decor (Yearly): Ruth
Altar Duties (May, June, July and August): Ruth
Motion to Adjourn: 1:55 June / Mae / Carried
Closing: The Lord’s Prayer **Next Meeting:** June 5, 2024 @ 1:00pm
Submitted: *Marcia Wiedenhoff*, Board President/Secretary



June, 2024

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION	BREAD
June 2*	Amy Cummings	Ryan Dean	Marcia Wiedenhoff	Marcia Wiedenhoff
June 9 In the park	Lois Miller			
June 16 In the park	Rodney Wagner			
June 23*	Kathy Wander	Natalie Bassett	Stacy Cummings	Linda Hyde
June 30 Baptism/Quilt of Valor	Taylor Dean	Keegan Klemp		

June Ushers: Mark Nelson, Rick Swenson, Vernon Oakland



06/01 Sampson Dean
 06/05 Helgerson John
 06/08 Madole Robin
 06/09 Swenson June
 06/13 Guyer Katlyn
 06/18 Larson Noah
 06/22 Steffens Wendy
 06/26 Swenson Grace

06/02 Butikofer Diane
 06/07 Dean Ryan
 06/09 Brainard Marsha
 06/11 Butikofer Kenneth
 06/14 Dean Jared
 06/20 Guyer John
 06/23 Wander Kathy
 06/29 Cummings Stacy

06/04 Steffens Aaron
 06/08 Davisson Arline
 06/09 Massman McKenna
 06/12 Bishop JoAnn
 06/18 Cummings Hunter
 06/21 Kleppe Vivian
 06/25 Helgerson Michael



Offerings: April 28, 2024 – May 26, 2024



Sunday, April 28, 2024

Regular: \$1,200.00
 Loose: \$3.00
 Copies: \$4.00

Total General Fund: \$1,286.68

Roof: \$180.00

Attendance: 62

Noisy Can: \$64.68
 Initial: \$15.00

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Regular: \$1,620.00
 Loose: \$55.00

Total General Fund: \$1,715.89

Attendance: 67

Noisy Can: \$40.89

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Loose: \$86.25
 Regular: \$2,015.00

Total General Fund: \$2,142.23

Building / Roof: \$180.00

Attendance 77

Noisy Can: \$40.98

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Loose: \$1.00
 Noisy Can: \$26.37

Total General Fund: \$842.37

Building regular giving: \$50.00

Attendance: 37

Regular: \$815.00

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Loose: \$15.00
 Noisy Can: \$52.34

Total General Fund: \$367.34

Building / Roof: \$90.00

Attendance: 38

Regular: \$300.00



Prayer List

Requested: Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, Karen Guyer, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Karen Kohls, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Julie Albertson, Danice Cummings, Larry Kohls, Jennifer Ruckdashel, Karen Kerner, Terry Cummings, Sarah Updegraff-Murray, Marilyn Knutsen.

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins: Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, Marilyn Knutsen, Bud Siebrecht, Karen Follett, Judy Nelson.

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

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024



Our Back to School event is August 7, 2024 from 9am to 5pm. We **NEED** your help to make this successful!

Last year we filled 335 backpacks. We have seen a steady increase of need in the area. Families are struggling to make ends meet and this is one area we can alleviate the burden. The best way to invest in a child's future is to give them the "tools" to succeed. If you like doing fundraisers, this is your opportunity. Many churches, 4H groups and work places like to get the community involved and this is a perfect way to do that. Thrivent cards are a great way to support this event as well.

All donations can be sent to the SOTH office.

If you would prefer me to shop for you and would like to send a check, please send the support to PO Box 36, St. Olaf, IA 52072. We will be accepting physical donation drop-offs from July 15- August 5 during normal business hours. We are expecting to fill around 350 backpacks this year, so please consider supporting our youth in this event. A list of the supplies is attached for a reference of what we are in need of. We are very grateful for all the support we receive from the community. Thank you!

Clothing Center Updates:

Our spring and summer items are coming in steady. Please continue to schedule your donations as this makes it easier to staff and sort through things quicker. We have a nice selection of tank tops, shorts, capri, swimsuits and short sleeve shirts. Come and take a look at our newly renovated houseware area. We are open to the public for your shopping needs. As always, most of our items are only \$1.00. You can't afford not to shop at Shepherd of the Hills.

Shepherd Conference News:

We have several pastors that will be celebrating their ordination anniversary. Please help us congratulate and celebrate their special day!

Pastor Erika Lenth, St. Paul Lutheran, Monona (June 1, 2013)

Pastor Josh Schunk, Zion Lutheran, Oelwein (June 12, 2004)

Pastor Margaret Yackel-Juleen, St. John, Arlington; Hope, Littleport; St. Sebald, Strawberry Point; St. Paul, Volga (June 14, 2009)

Pastor Ron Roberts, East Clermont Lutheran, Clermont (June 23, 1996)

Thank you to everyone that attended the Ascension Day Service on May 9th. We had a beautiful, fun service (part was in German) with Pastor Mike Erickson and Vicar Jeremy Wolfe presiding. 45 people were in attendance. A fellowship potluck was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo.

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 and our sponsored events throughout the year

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

Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:

Back to School:

August 7th

9am-5pm

***** Referral is required to participate**

*Any event may be subject to change

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9am-12pm and 1pm-4 pm



 **Noisy Can Offering** for 2nd Quarter (April - June) will go to Jo Kramer from Waucoma, for her ongoing health concerns and cancer treatments. Jo writes a blog about her experiences with her illness.




Senior Game Day is on June 12th and 26th, from 2-4pm. Come join us for some snacks and fun! All are welcome!



Direct Deposit Offering is available for your weekly/monthly offering. Simply contact the office for account and routing information. It's fast and easy!



Blood DRIVE for **Elgin/Clermont/Wadena** from 12:30-5:30pm @ Elgin Legion Hall on Wednesday, June 5th.

 I am looking for some **committee members** to help with the **pictorial directory**. We will be scheduling appointments this fall. Committee members will help with signing in members for their photo sessions and assist in the layout of the pictorial. If you are interested, please contact Deb in the office, 423-7170.

June 2024 – School is out, but LSI continues to serve

School may be out for the summer, but LSI continues to serve Iowans year-round. Our Early Childhood team continues their in-home visits, ensuring young families are supported and connected to their community as they raise the next generation of Iowans. Our therapists are talking and, most importantly, listening to individuals struggling with mental health challenges, difficult situations at home, and seemingly simple everyday problems. Children in our Foster Care and Adoption services are bonding with their foster parents as they grow and learn in their community. Immigrant and refugee learners gather at LSI offices in Des Moines, Sioux City, and Waterloo to attend class as they prepare for their citizenship test, learn how to become financially stable, practice their English skills, and more. Global Greens farmers are busy at the farm or selling their produce at the Global Greens Farmers Market in Des Moines.

Summer is a great time to get involved with LSI! Volunteer with our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services, check our social media pages to see what donations our services need most, or give a financial gift to support numerous services benefiting children and families across the state. Visit our website (LSIowa.org) to learn more about getting involved this summer.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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.

School Supply List for Shepherd of the Hills

(** variety of colors)

- Back pack (17 inch is ideal)
- (Back packs with characters are great for elementary)
- **Dry Erase Markers
- **Washable Markers
- Bottles of Glue
- Glue Sticks
- **Pocket Folders- Lots!!!!
- **Crayons
- Scissors
- **Wide Notebook
- **Narrow/College Ruled Notebooks
- Composition Books- Wide and Narrow
- Loose Leaf Paper- both wide and Narrow
- Kleenex
- Pencil Box
- **Highlighters- Lots!!!
- **Thin Markers
- **Classic markers
- Pink Big Erasers
- Pencil cap erasers
- **Colored Pencils
- Red/Black Pens
- Pencils
- Mechanical Pencils
- Scientific Calculator (Texas Instrument 30X)
- Index cards
- 1 in Binder

If you have any questions, please call Heather
at (563) 783-2409

LWR News



After the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed in March, there were 11 ships stuck in the Port of Baltimore. Unable to leave their ships for over a month, the crews relied on local organizations to bring food, fresh water and other necessities. Because this disaster happened just miles from our headquarters, **Lutheran World Relief provided handmade quilts and Personal Care Kits to the stranded seafarers.** After all, these hardworking neighbors make our worldwide distribution of LWR Quilts & Kits possible!

LSI 2023 Iowa Statewide Impact



1,181,043
pounds of food
grown by former
refugee farmers
through the LSI
Global Greens
program



**More than
11,000**
home visits to 711
Iowa families to
promote healthy
development and
prevent child
abuse



400,000+
service hours provided
by Direct Service
Providers
to individuals with
disabilities



15,201
virtual and in-person
therapy sessions
provided for Iowans
of all ages



4,270
community
behavioral health
sessions for 222 BHIS
clients