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## May 2023 Newsletter

### Vicar

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### From Vicar Mike: Ascension and Pentecost 2023

As May begins, it's that time of year again, the rush of planting season. The farmers and agricultural workers are going full speed ahead when the weather allows. There is a great rush to get much work done in a short period of time. For the workers, please be careful in the dangerous and important work you do. For the rest of us, please be careful on the roads and watch out for the farm equipment.

May is a busy month for school. Kids finish up their work looking forward to the summer. Teachers finish up grading and get ready for the next year. Spring sports wrap up and summer sports start. There is so much work that needs to get done in a short amount of time.

May is also a busy time for the church, too. At the beginning of May, we are still in the Easter season. Ascension Day is on May 18. Pentecost is on May 28.

Ascension Day is forty days after Easter. On Ascension Day, Jesus ascends into heaven. Although it is tempting for the disciples to just stand there and gaze up at heaven after Jesus has left, they have been told that the Holy Spirit will be upon them to help them in their missionary journeys. We too need to let the Holy Spirit work through us as we journey through our daily lives.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fills the disciples, and they begin to speak in tongues. Although speaking in tongues may be a rare occurrence today, the Holy Spirit does help us to reach out to our neighbors, especially those that are different from us. It helps us to reach out in kindness to all of God's people.

In the midst of all the things going on in our world, it is important to stop and take a breath once in a while. Stop and remember who created all things. Stop and remember who sacrificed it all to save us. Stop and remember to thank God for all that we have. God bless you in the wonderful spring season ahead. Amen.



### **West Clermont Lutheran Church Council Meeting- April 5, 2023**

Present: Jed Dean, Kyle Wander, Tasha Massman, Randy Wiedenhoff, Diane Butikofer, Sarah Dean, Brant Schrader, Kathy Wander and Pastor Mike Erickson

Jed called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Motion made by Kyle to approve the agenda. Tasha second, motion carried.

March minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Diane to approve. Sarah second, motion carried.

Kathy reviewed treasurer report. Transferred \$18,900 from parsonage fund to general to cover the attic that has been approved. Kathy did pay out the noisy can offering for last quarter going to Danice Cummings.

Motion by Brant to approve the Treasurer's Report. Randy second, motion carried.

Jed reviewed the accounts payable. Brant motion to approve the payments. Randy second, motion carried.

**Pastor Report:** Confirmation classes are finished and will be held Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for 3 students. Looking ahead for next year there are 4 students. Pastor is needing to purchase leader books for the program to use for the future. Approximately \$200 for the confirmation books to be purchased for Fall confirmation class that will start in Sept. Kyle made a motion to approve purchase of books. Randy second, motion carried.

Pastor has a couple contacts to look at updating our sound system with wireless speakers. Different options with using Bluetooth with our existing equipment. Pastor will work on getting a couple quote on couple different options. Pastor is the baccalaureate speaker for NFV 2023 graduation ceremony held at the school. Our church donation is printing the invitations, & stamps. Brant made a motion to purchase stamps for the baccalaureate.

**Old Business:** T-shirt fundraiser is currently going on to raise money for painting project. Order form is available at the church. Will check into sizing of shirts.

Breakfast fundraiser held after church service would like to start up again with funds going to painting project. More info to come. baccalaureate

Pastor is doing some research on battery operated candles with LED vs bees wax candles. Will present more detailed on battery operated candle to replace prior to painting be completed. More information at May meeting.

Campership discussed for 1 member going to Village Creek and 1 member going to EWALU. Randy made a motion to table this discussion until next month, Sarah second motion carried.

**New Business:** Synod assembly registration is due to attend. Randy made a motion to pay \$260 for both Pastor & Jesse Bassett to attend the synod assembly. Tasha made a motion for Deb to purchase 7 Easter lilies for the cross for service this Sunday. Sarah second, motion carried.

Noisy can offering for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: Council will keep in mind a family in need for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter noisy can offering to go to. Tabled this for May meeting.

**Announcements:** ICON was renewed for 2023.

Newsletter items due to office by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Second vote took place for constitution change to allow electronic attendance and voting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

WCLC scholarships are now available for graduating seniors. Contact Deb.

Vicar Mike will be on vacation from April 14<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school will be leading service on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion made by Randy to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Kyle second, motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



## **WELCA Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 5, 2023**

WELCA Board met on April 5 2023 @ 1:05 pm. Those attending were: Deb Guyer, Linda Hyde and Marcia Wiedenhoff.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Deb Guyer Checking balance: \$2237.58 Savings balance: \$2770.97 Quilting fund: \$579.81 Motion to approve: Linda / Deb / Carried

### **Old Business:**

1. **Lent Service:** WELCA will host a meal when we host for Lent Services. West Clermont hosts March 29. Each circle will provide 1 worker, 3 salads and 1 pan of bars. Marcia will provide the milk. June and Deb J. Will make Scalloped Potatoes and Ham purchased by WELCA.
2. **Northeast Iowa Synodical Gathering:** Will be held in Belmond Iowa, June 17, 2023. Marcia plans to attend. Anyone else interested, please contact Marcia.
3. **Coffee Hour and Communion in the Park:** Will circles hold coffee hour in the park? Will Mary circle be in charge of getting communion ready in the park? Tabled until next month.

### **New Business:**

1. **Correspondence:** Shepherd of the Hills Ministries Newsletter
2. **Lent Meal:** Served 41 before the service.
3. **LWR Truck:** Deliver kits and quilts to Decorah on May 6. Linda and Dean Hyde will deliver. \$25 to Olson Explosive to help with the shipping cost.
4. **Shepherd of the Hill Little Flock Cluster B Spring Gathering:** Elgin Lutheran will be hosting on April 22 @ 9:00. Lunch is \$5.00 @ noon.RSVP by April 14 to Cindy Torkelson. Marcia made a motion to give \$25 for offering. Deb 2nd.
5. **Victor Mike to present Martin Luther:** Mike would like to share his writing of Martin Luther to circles for their Bible study in May. Sarah circle will join Ruth circle on May 17. Mary circle may join also. Time to be determined.
6. **Graduating Seniors:** Mary circle will Honor Seniors in May.
7. **LWR:** We will continue with Quilts and kits. Shepherd of the Hills have their own programs that can be supported individually by church members at this time. Things may change in the future.

8. **Declutter closets and storage rooms:** WELCA Board will start organizing and decluttering storage closets and rooms within the church. A box of cookbooks will be donated to Shepherd of the Hills for them to do with what they wish. Some items will be set aside for sale and may be placed on a rummage sale in the fall.

**Sunday Coffee Schedule:** April -Sarah                      May -Mary.                      June -Ruth  
**Altar Duties** (Jan. - April): Sarah                      **Coffee Hour Area** (Yearly): Mary                      **Kitchen** (Yearly): Ruth

**Motion to Adjourn:** 1:50 Deb / Linda / Carried

**Closing:** The Lord's Prayer

**Next Meeting:** **May 3, 2023 @ 1:00**

**Submitted:** *Marcia Wiedenhoff, Board President/Secretary*



**May, 2023**

DATE	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION	BREAD
5/7*	Karen Miller	Sutton Schrader	Karen Miller	Arline Davisson
5/14	Sarah Dean	Taylor Dean		
5/21	Brailyn Dirksen	Bella Dirksen		
5/28*	Deb Guyer	Ryan Dean	June Swenson	Marlene Yauslin

**May Ushers: Roger Berg, Al Amundson, Rodney Wagner**



**Birthdays  
This Month May**

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|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 05/01 Schneider Laynee  | 05/02 Jacobsen Bob   | 05/03 Oakland Vernon   |
| 05/04 Cummings Amy      | 05/05 Follett Karen  | 05/05 Patterson Victor |
| 05/05 Wiedenhoff Marcia | 05/08 Guyer Karen    | 05/11 Kohls Kenneth    |
| 05/11 Shipton John      | 05/12 Erickson Mala  | 05/15 Kleppe Derrick   |
| 05/19 Schneider Marcy   | 05/23 Herman Gail    | 05/23 Nelson Mark      |
| 05/26 Larson Greg       | 05/26 Siebrecht Lori | 05/27 Schneider Sydney |
| 05/28 Klemp Keegan      | 05/30 Kerner Steven  | 05/30 Klemp Celia      |



**Offerings: March 29<sup>th</sup>, - April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

Food pantry: \$185.00

Lenten: \$60.00

**Total General Fund: \$445.00**

**Attendance: 50**

Regular: \$200.00

**Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Basement Rental: \$210.00

Regular: \$2,685.00

Noisy Can: \$64.22

**General fund: \$3,147.22**

Building/ roof: \$180.00

**Attendance: 81**

Copies: \$40.00

Loose: \$73.00

Painting: \$75.00

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023**

Copies: \$6.00  
Food Pantry: \$100.25  
Regular: \$750.00  
**Total General Fund: \$1,030.25**  
Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 21**

Loose: \$124.00  
Maundy Thursday: \$50.00

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 (Easter)**

Copies: \$0.75  
Paint Project: \$10,280.00  
Initial: \$10.00  
Regular: \$1,470.00  
**Total General Fund: \$12,440.37**  
Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 75**

Loose: \$41.00  
Easter: \$540.00  
Maundy Thursday: \$5.00  
Noisy Can: \$93.62

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Loose: \$17.00  
Regular: \$550.00  
**Total General Fund: \$610.11**

**Attendance: 57**

Noisy Can: \$43.11

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 (Confirmation)**

Noisy Can: \$45.15  
Regular: \$730.00  
Insurance Return: \$1,599.00  
**Total General Fund: \$4,468.15**  
Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Attendance: 90**

Loose: \$94.00  
Prop. Maint - \$2000.00



**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.



to our 2023 Confirmand who were confirmed on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Cece Cummings  
Lainy Donnelly  
Teagan Schrader*



# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023



School is winding down and that means we are gearing up for the following 2023-2024 school year. We are asking for your help with our Back-to-School program. This year we are hoping to supply each student with a NEW package of under ware and socks, backpack and their needed supplies for school. From now until June we want to collect as much as we can of NEW socks and under ware in the original package. Then from June to August we will be accepting donations of the needed supplies for school. Our backpack giveaway will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup> for families with a referral. As always, NE Iowans have always been very supportive of our missions, especially when it comes to the youth. We are very thankful and appreciative for all you do.

### Clothing center updates

Spring has sprung so that means I am no longer accepting winter donations. I **will** accept your spring and summer items as long as they are in good condition. All donations must be scheduled (so I can make room for your donations).

Thank you to everyone that shopped our CLEARANCE SALE on April 1<sup>st</sup>! It was a big success! As a reminder we are open to the public for your thrift store shopping/donating needs. If you want to donate but cannot make it here during business hours, call me to make arrangements.

Please like us on Facebook as I will be posting sales, Saturday pop-up dates and more. This is the best way to share the news and inform your friends/ family what is going on at Shepherd of the Hills.

### Shepherd Conference News

Welcome to West Clermont Lutheran Church in Clermont, Iowa as they have joined the Shepherd of the Hills Conference.

Ascension Day Service will be held May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30 pm- Potluck to follow at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo. Please bring a dish to pass.

#### 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:

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

**August 9<sup>th</sup> 2023: 9 am-4 pm  
Back-to-School Event for  
referred families**

\*Any event may be subject to change\*

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## May 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and empower all the strong, loving women in your life. At LSI, we provide mothers, and soon-to-be mothers, with the education and resources they need to build the brightest future for their children.

LSI's Foster Care and Adoption Services work to bring families together and to help them throughout the process of becoming licensed for foster care and approved for adoption. Our Family Centered Services uses a strengths-based approach to keep Iowa families together by equipping parents with skills they need to be successful, independent, and healthy.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember that your support helps empower Iowa moms. If you are looking for a way to help these moms, or to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### Staying Connected to your Roots

LSI Foster Care and Adoption is proud to be part of the Native Families for Native Children (NF4NC) project, which is a collaborative effort between the four native tribes of Nebraska, human services agencies and private agency partners in Nebraska and Iowa. As part of the project's efforts, we recruit, train, license, and support Native American families in accord with the traditions, needs and resources of their communities.

Rebecca and Kirby expanded their family when they adopted their son in January. The couple had the opportunity to work with the Omaha Tribe and were able to participate in the second Customary Adoption in the State of Iowa.

Through their Customary Adoption, the family completed a culture plan with the tribe and will be able to keep their newly adopted son connected to his cultural roots with the Omaha Tribe. The new family also was able to keep their son connected to his biological siblings, so he can continue to be involved with them.

LSI is proud to help connect families, like Rebecca and Kirby, with the resources they need to continue to grow their families and build the brightest future for Iowa children.



**Men's Group** will meet Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am at the church.



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.



**Bible Presentation** will take place on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Senior Service** is Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship to follow service.



The **In-Kind Offering** for the Synod Assembly is kits for Lutheran Services in Iowa for those in need. Enclosed in this bulletin is a list of each kit and the items needed. A container is set up to collect items and monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office. Items will be collected until the end of May.



The **Decorah Chorale** will present a spring concert Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. in the Decorah High School Auditorium. The concert program, titled “*Love: A Wild Force,*” includes sacred music, thematic music that celebrates new love and setting love free after death, and honors those who have stood tall in the face of adversity. A free-will offering will be taken to support the mission of the Decorah Chorale. The Decorah Chorale is an adult mixed choral ensemble with members from Decorah and surrounding communities.



**Victor Mike to present Martin Luther to WELCA Circles:** Vicar Mike would like to share his writing of Martin Luther to circles for their Bible study in May. Circles will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.