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## November 2022 Newsletter

### From Vicar Mike:

It's hard to believe that it is November already. Things are a little different this year. I am finishing up my last class and starting my internship. My intern supervisor is Pastor Jenny Edinger from Washington Prairie. I will be meeting with her on Monday afternoons until the end of October 2023.

We are setting up an Internship Committee here at West Clermont. The Committee Chair is Stephanie Spain and the other committee members are Aaron Steffens and Marcia Wiedenhoff. I will be meeting with the committee monthly. The first two months will be spent determining my specific goals in each of the twelve competency areas required by the ELCA and Wartburg Theological Seminary. If you have comments or suggestions as I go through the internship process, please contact a member of the committee.

As part of my internship, I will also be changing my title from Lay Minister to Vicar so do not be alarmed when you see that title in the newsletter or bulletin. What is a vicar you ask? Depending on what denomination you are talking about, vicar has different meanings. In the ELCA, a vicar is a **candidate for ordained pastoral ministry** serving in an internship.

November is also the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. I give thanks to God for my opportunity here at West Clermont. In Ephesians 5:20, it says "Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." As Paul instructs the Ephesians, we are charged with: Giving thanks always for all things unto God. As Christians, we have been given a very good deal by our God. No matter our earthly lot, we are saved by the life, death, and resurrection of

Christ. He only asks that we actively acknowledge that fact in prayer and thanksgiving and in sharing his love with our neighbors.

God grant you and your family a warm and blessed Thanksgiving as we gather joyfully with family, friends, and God.

Peace,

*Mike*



### **West Clermont Lutheran Church Council Minutes – October 5, 2022**

Present: Jed Dean, Brant Schrader, Wendy Steffens, Amy Cummings, Isaiah Ruckdashel, Kathy Wander and Pastor Mike Erickson

Jed called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Motion was made by Brant to approve the September minutes. Isaiah second, motion carried.

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

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

Pastor Report: Pastor is now in the middle of his last class and will be done in the middle of November, and will transition into internship, which runs until October 31, 2023. Pastor has recruited his internship committee, Stephanie Spain is the chairman, with Marcia Wiedenhoff and Aaron Steffens as additional members.

Paint project fundraising is underway. Ham ball dinner is set for October 30<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for pie makers, servers/workers and silent auction baskets. Amy presented the Congregational letter to be sent to all members seeking donations towards the paint project. Isaiah made a motion to approve the congregational letter, Brant second, motion carried.

Pastor presented the organ maintenance contract. Brant made a motion to approve the contract update. Brenden second. motion carried.

Northeast Iowa Bat Control gave the council a bid for the sealing up of the church to eradicate the bats for \$2,500. Wendy made a motion to approve the bid. Amy second, motion carried.

Shechem Meeting is to be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> in Eldorado, at 1:30 p.m. Pastor is still looking for a representative to go with him to attend.

Council discussed returning to normal communion procedures. Council has decided to table a decision to the next meeting. Offering will return to normal operations starting with October 16<sup>th</sup> service.

Council will be seeking bids for insulation in the attic, which was recommended by Riehle Painting, who will be painting the sanctuary.

Council will be seeking bids for a new window to be placed in the old office on the East side of the church

Newsletter items are due to the office by October 24, 2022.

Next council meeting will be held **November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

Motion made by Amy to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Isaiah second, motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



## **WELCA Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday October 5, 2022**

WELCA Board met on October 5, 2022 @ 12:57 pm. Those attending were; Mae Becker, June Swenson, Linda Hyde, Deb Guyer and Marcia Wiedenhoff.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Deb Guyer. Checking balance: \$2454.13 Savings balance: \$2767.51 Quilting fund: \$329.18 Bills: Devotionals Motion to approve: Linda / June / Carried

### **Old Business:**

1. **Quilt Fundraiser:** \$1300 went into the WELCA general fund
2. **Garage Sale:** Held September 16th and 17th. Total take in was \$1221. Suggestions to price the pies higher and have children's clothing. Times and days were great.
3. **Truck or Treat:** Marcia will do a trunk for WELCA and pick up treats to hand out. Deb / Linda / Carried

### **New Business:**

1. **Correspondence:** Star, Global Health Ministries, Lutheran World Relief and EWALU
2. **Coffee Hour Serving Area:** Circles will rotate yearly, keeping the coffee hour area supplied and organized. Ruth circle will finish out this year. Linda / Deb / Carried
3. **Gifts from Rose Schutte:** Rose made fabric coasters to give to Circle members. Presidents will hand out at meetings. If we need more, she will make more.
4. **EWALU Quilt Auction:** Voted to give \$100 instead of a quilt for auctioning. Also, EWALU is asking for donations to help modernize Cedar Lodge. Voted to give \$50 to that project. June / Mae / Carried
5. **Fall Ham Ball Dinner:** Marcia passed on information received from Amy Cummings and Jess Dean, to Circle Presidents to share at circle meetings. They are to report back to Amy and Jess on how circles can help with the dinner.
6. **LWR Truck:** Truck will be in Decorah on November 5. Circles are to have their boxes ready to go. \$25 to Olson Explosives to go toward shipping costs.
7. **Thankoffering:** Will be on November 20, 2022. Marcia will find a way to inform the women and possibly young girls about the importance of this offering.
8. **Shechem Cluster I Fall Retreat:** No event will be held this fall. Planning to have a Spring Gathering!
9. **Quilting:** Mae shared that the quilters are looking for material to make quilt tops. Anyone wanting to share their material and/or sewing skills, quilt tops need to measure 60 X 80 inches. Check in with Mae Becker for details. Also, Flat twin size sheet, make the best quilt backs. Pick them up a thrift stores or wherever you can get them at a reasonable price.

**Sunday coffee Schedule:**      October - Sarah      November - Mary      December – Ruth

Motion to Adjourn: 1:38pm Deb / Mae / Carried

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: **November 2, 2022 @ 1:00**

Submitted:      Marcia Wiedenhoff,      Board President/Secretary



## November, 2022

DATE	READERS	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION
11/6*	Sunday School Youth	Cece Cummings	Stacy Cummings
11/13	Deb Guyer	Brailyn Dirksen	
11/20	Stephanie Spain	Sutton Schrader	
11/27*	Diane Butikofer	Mark Erickson	Kenny or Diane Butikofer

**November Ushers: Aaron Steffens, Aric Steffens, & Randy Wiedenhoff**



## November

11/02 Nelson Denise	11/06 Rowland Everett	11/06 Wiedenhoff Randy
11/07 Wagner Rodney	11/09 Anderson Jerry	11/11 Bassett Natalie
11/12 Amundson Tyler	11/14 Phillips Juniper	11/15 Ruckdashel Jamie
11/16 Anderson Shane	11/16 Steffens Delainee	11/16 West Lee
11/17 Dirksen Brailyn	11/18 Miller David	11/19 Lerch Loxley
11/20 O'Dell Rebecca	11/21 Erickson Mike	11/22 West Logan
11/25 Shekleton Jennifer	11/26 Becker Terry	11/27 Knutsen Marilyn
11/28 Becker Sam	11/30 Wescott Kevin	



## Offerings: September 25, 2022 – October 23, 2022

### Sunday, September 25, 2022

Noisy Can: \$10.86

Regular: \$1,940.00

Painting: \$25.00

**Total General Fund: \$3,058.57**

Building Fund / Roof: \$180.00

### Attendance: 72

Loose: \$11.00

Misc - copier buyout ck: \$1,071.71

### Sunday, October 2, 2022

Loose: \$1.00

Regular: \$1,605.00

**Total General Fund: \$1,702.82**

Bldg / roof: \$90.00

### Attendance: 54

Copies: \$9.50

Noisy Can: \$87.32

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

**Attendance: 47**

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**Attendance: 47**

Regular: \$585.00

Loose: \$1.00

Noisy Can: \$60.52

Paint Project: \$1,550.00 (\$1,500 reg donors; \$50 IMO Dale Oakland)

**Total General Fund: \$2,196.52**

Building/Roof: \$90.00

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**Attendance: 50**

Loose: \$14.25

Copies: \$6.00

Basement Rental: \$130.00

Regular: \$1,095.00

Painting: \$1,120.00

Noisy Can: \$554.09

**Total General Fund: \$2,919.34**

**November 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

**National Adoption Month**

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption services, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, healthy home.

LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment. But more work needs to be done. Thousands of children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care into a "forever family".

To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit [LSIowa.org/Foster](http://LSIowa.org/Foster), or contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit [LSIowa.org/church-relations](http://LSIowa.org/church-relations) or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

*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 [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

**A Picture of Foster Care and Adoption**

The goal of foster care is to reunite children with the parents when possible. The foster family can play an integral part in making that happen, often becoming mentors to the birth parents, helping them learn parenting skills they may not have had modeled to them.

An LSI provider told me about a picture she had recently received. Imagine, if you would, a photo of two women, one on each end of a bench, and four kids with them. All happy. All smiling. It looks like they were enjoying a beautiful day in the park.

On the left is the birth mother of those kids. She will be the first to admit, things haven't been easy – but she loves these kids.

The other woman is the foster mother. She loves these kids too. Two of the kids were adopted by the foster family, one lives with the birth mom, and the foster child on the mother's lap was soon to be reunited with the birth mom. They are celebrating Mother's Day together.

Foster families provide more than a safe place for children to land. This foster/adoptive parent is a wonderful mentor for this birth mom!

## Prayer List


**Requested:** Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Bob Kress, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jake Noggle, David Wieczorek, Karen Guyer, Karen Kohls, Lynzee Henrikson-Makowski, Ardell Fortune, Inez Oakland, Jerry Erickson, Julie Albertson.


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


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

 Please keep the family and friends of Kevin Noggle in your thoughts and prayers. Kevin passed away on October 14<sup>th</sup>. He was the cousin of Mike Erickson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS


 **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.


 **Noisy Can Offering** for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct.-Dec.) will go to the Karen Kohl's family for expenses incurred while undergoing treatment for some health issues.


 **Confirmation Class** is on Wednesdays following school (2:30-3:30pm).


 Do not forget to set your clocks back an hour on November 6<sup>th</sup>.


 **Men's Group** will meet Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am at the church.


 **Quilters** meet on Tuesdays @ 9am.

 The TigerHawk Wrestling Club will be holding our 2nd annual **pancake breakfast** on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fayette County Fairgrounds from 8am-1pm. Cost is \$5 per person (freewill donations accepted). Serving: pancakes, sausage, eggs and beverage.

 **Norwegian Meatball Dinner (Drive Thru Only)** @ Elgin Lutheran is Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am until they run out. Serving: Norwegian meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, buns and Norwegian delicacies. Freewill Offering.

 Donations are now being accepted for **Operation Christmas Child 2022**. Our youth will be filling shoeboxes on **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Items can be dropped off in the box outside the church office.

 **Taste of St. Peter's** is back on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-1pm @ St. Peter's in Clermont. Adults: \$10 Children under 5yrs.: \$5. Come enjoy a sampling of recipes from the congregation members.

 **Sunday Brunch for November** is **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, following worship. Mary Circle is hosting the brunch and funds go toward the paint project. Serving: Breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls and fruit. Freewill Donation.





The Cresco Theatre & Opera House present **The Looney Lutherans Hold the Lutefisk: *It's beginning to smell a lot like Christmas!*** on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm. Tickets are \$25 each and will be available in early October. This would be a fun group activity!



**Christmas Giving Tree** will be up by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. We are sponsoring 2 families again this year!



**WELCA Thankoffering** is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, during worship.



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** is @ **Illyria** on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm.



### Operation Christmas Child



**Now thru Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> we are collecting items. Boxes will be put together on this date.**

Below is the **list of acceptable items** to be donated. If you have questions, please contact Amy Cummings @ 563-380-9549.

**Personal Hygiene Items:** Bar of soap, comb or brush, stick deodorant, hand wipes, nail clippers, small first aid kit, tissues, toothbrush, non-liquid lip balm, washcloth. No liquids please.

**School Items:** Calculator, chalk, colored pencils, coloring/activity book, crayons, dry erase board, dry erase markers, erasers, highlighters, inflatable globe, ink, pencil sharpener, pencils, pens, small chalkboard, small notebooks, small picture book, stamps, stickers, watercolor paints.

**Items for Play:** Action figure (no guns or GI Joe's), balloons, cars, duplos, finger puppets, foam gliders, hacky sack, jacks, jump rope, kazoo, LEGOs, magnetic rocks, magnetic tic tack toe board, marbles, matching cards, Mini Connect 4 game, Origami kits, paddleballs, paper airplane kits, plastic toy animals, playdough, puppet, ring toss, rubber bouncy ball, Rubik's Cube, sculpting clay, silly putty, slinky, small checkers or chess set, small football, small puzzle, small stuffed animals, spinning top, tennis ball, Velcro whiffle ball & glove, yo-yo, dolls, cars, playdough w/cookie cutter.

**Building Items:** Bolts, Compass, duct tape, flashlight w/extra batteries, level, measuring tape, nails, nuts, screwdriver w/changeable heads, screws.

**Clothing Items:** Baseball cap, flip-flops, handkerchiefs, pair of shorts, socks, t-shirt, underwear, watch, sunglasses, watches.

**Containers:** Collapsible cup, water bottle, plastic bowl or plate, plastic spoon/fork.