

THE WINDOW

Windsor Heights Lutheran Church ~ 1240 66th St. Windsor Heights, IA 50324

WHLC Staff:

Rev. Chris Olkiewicz

Lead Pastor

Rev. Robin Coughenower

Associate Pastor

Zach Meyer

Director of Youth and Family
Ministry/Congregational
Life Coordinator

Heidi Hennig

Office Manager

In this Issue:

Holy Week Schedule	1
Easter Breakfast	2
March Council Update	3
Community Meals	4
Kits & Quilts Loading	5
News & Notes	6
Youth & Family	7
Worship Volunteers	8
Treasurer's Report	9
April Birthdays	10
WHLC Shout-Outs	11
He Is Risen!	12



Holy Week

April 10

Palm Sunday

Services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

April 14

Maundy Thursday

Services at noon & 7 p.m.

April 15

Good Friday

Services at noon & 7 p.m.

April 17

Easter

Services at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

7:30 & 9:30 a.m. in Crabtree Parish Hall



After a three year pause, we're so excited to host Easter breakfast one again this year! Two breakfasts will be served on Sunday, April 17, at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; all are welcome to join us for some wonderful food and fellowship. As in years past, the event will work as a youth fundraiser, with students and volunteers assisting in the prep and serving of the meal.

However, unlike in years past, we're turning this into something more of a "group effort." Given how long our hiatus from this has been, and the shorter-than-normal window than we usually have to plan it, we're asking for some additional help! Council will be chipping in to help with the meal, and we could really use some extra hands to volunteer in the kitchen. Don't worry, we're not asking for anything too hard; mostly be things like running the dishwasher and making coffee!

We understand everyone has their own plans for Easter, so helpers usually just pop into the kitchen when they can and work till they have to go somewhere else! We'll start prep around 6:30 a.m. and finish up right before the 10:45 a.m. service, so if you can help during any window of that time, we'd sure be grateful!

Finally, if you want to help but cannot assist in the kitchen, we'll place some "take & prep" pans in the narthex for families to fill and deliver prior to the event. You'll remember we've done this in years past. In the narthex they'll be small baking pans with instructions inside in how to make a cold casserole. Simply take a pan, fill it with the ingredients, and bring it back to us before the breakfast. Then on Easter morning, we'll put those in the oven so they're ready to eat!

This will definitely be the biggest event we've done in the kitchen since the pandemic began, so any help is really appreciated! If you can help with the breakfast, contact Zach and let him know what timeframe you're able to help that day. Hope to see you there on Easter as we celebrate the festive return of group meals here at WHLC!



March Council Update



March Council Meeting

The Council met on March 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

Some highlights of business that was discussed at the meeting:

- The council approved the purchase of a new phone system and a three-year contract for a new internet plan.
- The council approved a new worship schedule for the summer. From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend will hold an outdoor service (as weather permits) on Saturday night at 5:30 pm and one service on Sunday morning at 9:30 am.
- The council discussed possible landscaping needs around the church.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 pm in the church.

-Tony Dahlman, WHLC Council President

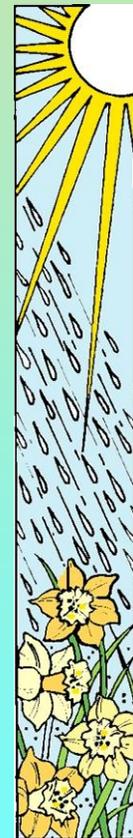
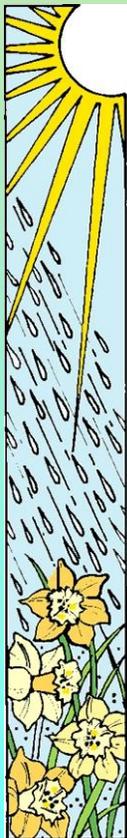
2022 Congregation Council

Officers:

- Tony Dahlman, President
- Kevin Nicolet, President Elect
- Halley Ryherd, Past President
- Barb Waymire, Treasurer
- Jill Hyda, Secretary

Council Members:

- Sharman Blake
- Julie Borseth
- Norm Carlson
- Jessica Chance
- Tracey Hirst
- Pam Lundell
- Matt McNamara
- Michael McNamara
- Sue Crum





Community Meals

They're coming back! With the kitchen cleaned, and Easter Breakfast being hosted, we are happy to announce we're closing out the school year with the return of the beloved Wednesday meals! Starting April 20, the Wednesday after Easter, we will be serving dinner in Crabtree Parish Hall beginning around 5:20 p.m.!

It is important to note that these meals may be a bit smaller than the ones we were used to back in 2019. It's been over three years since we've hosted one of these, and it will take some readjusting too. We're planning to keep the meals to easy options that can serve many, like pizza and sandwiches, along with simple sides and desserts. Wednesday activities run through May 18, so we'll have five weeks of meals before we wrap up for the summer. We could use some help in serving and making these meals, so if you'd like to help in any way, contact Zach!

We're hoping these meals serve as a bit of a "trial run," for what a full return to community meals (we hope) could look like in the fall. Again, this may take some readjusting, but we are so excited to bring back this time of food and fellowship to Wednesday nights. As always, all are welcome to join us for this time to share together. Hope to see you there!



Volunteers Needed for Kits & Quilts Truck Loading For Lutheran World Relief

On Saturday, April 23, from 8-noon, we are in need of greeters and loaders. WHLC is the main hub in the Des Moines area for both ELCA and Missouri Synod congregations to drop off their kits and quilts. They will be transported to Lutheran World Relief. Please contact Jan Grannes at 515-441-2252 if you can help or if you have any questions. Thank you!



WHLC News & Notes

LUNCH BUNCH



There is an informal group of mostly WHLC women who have lost their spouses, whether recently or many years ago, that gather for lunch at various restaurants on the third Saturday of the month. Members are called each month to let them know at which restaurant we are gathering and to see if they can attend that month. This group has grown by word of mouth over the years. However, we want to be sure all WHLC widows who would enjoy the socialization of this group feel welcome. The next gathering will be May 21. We are cancelling the April gathering as it is on Easter weekend.

Please call or email Marilyn Warling if you want more information or would like to attend a lunch.

515-770-2118 mjwarling@mchsi.com

KITCHEN CLEANING



With the recent decision made by the church council to open the kitchen, it needs some attention! The kitchen has not been used in two years. During that time, spoiled and expired food had to be thrown away. The floor in Crabtree Parish Hall was also refinished, leaving a layer of dust.

On April 5 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., you are asked to come lend a hand. Prior to that day, Chuck Young and his crew will run all the cups glasses and dishes through the dishwasher. He could use your help too!

If you have any questions please contact Linda Anderson at 515-491-9242.



I want to thank those who have been remembering me with prayers, cards, phone calls, and other expressions of concern for my health. It is a blessing to be a part of this church family!

While my health needs are yet to be revealed, I am doing quite well, and I look forward to times ahead when I may be able to worship and fellowship with all of you soon. I have very much appreciated the online worship opportunities.

Blessings to all! Bill Lewis



& FAMILY NEWS!



My apologies for being a bit behind with this update; We should have our VBS theme readily released later this month! We're a little bit behind, but with the recent decisions regarding meals and gathering at the church, we've now got a pretty good idea of what our VBS will look like this summer. Zach will make an official announcement during a service this month, and stay tuned to Facebook and the E-Weekly for more info regarding VBS this summer! **A reminder that our Date for VBS this year will be the week of July 25!**



Junior High Night

We're still working on some details before we release the date for this month's JHN, but we're definitely planning on hosting another one this month, with its own fun theme! We've been getting a really good turnout to these the past three months, so we are excited to see this fun ministry continue!

Communion Classes

The pastors are leading a special two-part class on communion for our pre-K and grade school students, starting the Wednesday after Easter! On Wednesdays, April 20 and 27, during our usual Faith Formation time from 6-6:30 p.m., students will be meeting with one of the two pastors for 30 minutes. Pastor Robin will meet with the younger students (Pre-K thru 2nd grade) while Pastor Chris will meet with the older students (3rd grade thru 6th grade); Confirmation students will assist the pastors in the class. At 6:30 p.m., everyone will resume their usual schedules.

Starting May 4, we'll resume normal Faith Formation classes! Contact the pastors if you have any questions!



HOLY WEEK

There will be no Wednesday evening activities for kids during Holy Week. Starting on April 20, we'll return to our regular Wednesday evening schedule!

Ways you can SERVE

April 2022

Have you ever thought about volunteering for worship but maybe haven't because you are unsure of what to do?

Here are a couple of descriptions of different worship volunteer positions.

LECTOR

Lectors deliver the Readings and Prayers of Intercession during the service. Depending on the service, this can consist of the First Reading, Psalm and Second Reading. The office will email you the readings and prayers prior to the service, so you can review and practice any of those famous biblical names and places. The pastors have hard copies to read from at the lectern prior to the service. When it is time for the First Reading, come forward to the altar and read from behind the lectern. Check that the microphone green light is on before reading. An introduction to each reading is recited. A special music offering may occur in between readings. If so, be seated towards the front of the congregation. Return to the lectern after the special music is done. After finishing the Second Reading, you can return to your seat. The Prayers of Intercession are read after the Creed. Proceed forward to the lectern towards the end of the Creed. Check again that the microphone green light is on. At the end, the pastor will read the closing prayer and the sharing of the peace. After the peace has been read, share the peace with others upon returning to your seat. As always, reach out to the pastors or office with any questions. We appreciate your service!

Communion Assisting for Intinction

Communion assisting is fairly easy. Come forward after the Lord's Prayer. Use the hand sanitizer available on the communion table. Pastors will administer the wafer, and you will hold the chalice which holds the wine and grape juice. After stepping down from the altar, each cup bearer should stand far enough to the side of the pastor so as not to interfere with the next person in line receiving the wafer. When each participant comes to you, you announce: "The Blood of Christ shed for you". After serving people, take the chalice back to altar. If you are the only assistant, the pastor will administer communion to you, and you will give communion to the pastor by giving the wafer and wine and saying "The Body of Christ given for you" and "The Blood of Christ shed for you". Then return to your seat. If you help at 10:45 service, after worship you will be responsible for removing communion vessels from the sanctuary to the sacristy for cleaning and putting away. Just ask the pastors if you have questions or for help.

SIGN UP BELOW TO FILL WORSHIP VOLUNTEER NEEDS!

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER!](#)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Below is a brief summary of the results for the General Fund followed by Special Offerings:

	February 2022		Year-to-Date		2021 YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Offering	61,486	41,666	112,557	83,332	111,979
Other General Fund Income	1,182	407	1,981	814	1,475
General Fund Income	62,668	42,073	114,538	84,146	113,454
General Fund Expense	41,459	42,037	85,589	84,074	82,053
General Fund Net Income	21,210	36	28,949	72	31,401
Special Offering Income	171		312		220
Special Offering Expense	131		232		335
Special Offering Net Income	40		80		(115)
Total Net Income	21,250	36	29,029	72	31,286

Mortgage Balance	813,542.02
Capital Appeal Permanent Fund Balance	215,693.51

General Offerings were very strong again in February, primarily due to the fact that some members give their offerings in a lump sum early in the year. We expect the General Offerings to approach budget levels as the year continues. Thanks to all members for your continued weekly, monthly, and other offerings in support of the ministries at WHLC. We are indeed blessed to have each of you. Based on prior giving patterns (which attempt to neutralize months with 5 Sundays and when holidays occur) expected General Fund Income should have been around \$93,000 through February versus actual ytd February 2022 General Fund Income of \$112,557.

February 2022 General Fund Expenses were \$578 below budget. Overall, year-to-date expenses are in line with what we expect, recognizing seasonality in expenses.

WHLC remains on solid financial footing with working capital sufficient to meet our obligations.

Please let me know if you have questions.
Barb Waymire

April

BIRTHDAYS

A decorative graphic featuring the word "April" in a large, bold, teal font, with "BIRTHDAYS" in a smaller, grey font below it. The text is surrounded by several teal and white butterfly silhouettes. Below the text is a decorative flourish with a central candle icon.

- 1 Beth Olkiewicz, Ellen Roose, Taylor Santi
- 4 Ryland Boyken, Dana Leahy
- 5 Ellen Graham
- 6 Julie Borseth, Olivia Charlton, Al Schornack, Megan Seifert
- 7 Marilyn Colby
- 10 Marilyn Warling
- 11 Patrick Baldus, Ben Schramm
- 12 Henry Fergus
- 16 Gregg Gustafson, Maren Steensen
- 17 Sue Crum, Matthew Eakins, Karen Jansen, Hannah Parker
- 18 Judi McGowan
- 21 Liz Nelson
- 22 Gale Russell
- 23 Debra Goss
- 24 Darrell Klooster, Dorothy Nicolet
- 25 Mike Johnson
- 26 Julie Swanson
- 27 Jan Grannes, Stephanie Opsal, Joseph Schramm
- 28 Anton Wheeler
- 30 Linda Lundgren, Bob Prigge



WHLC SHOUT-OUTS!

On behalf of WHLC Prayer Shawl group, Sharman prayerfully gave a prayer shawl to Ukrainian foreign exchange student, Koast. He is a student at Johnston High School. His mother and younger brother went thru Poland and are safe in Denmark. His father is with the Ukrainian military.

Thank you and blessings, Sharman!



Sue Crum has been making clothes for the dolls that are being given to some of the Afghan refugee daughters. Aren't they beautiful?! You are a blessing to so many, Sue!



Have you noticed beautiful Lent accents and decorations around the church? Thank you to Jim & Jeri Spizale for their time and talent!



Is there someone at WHLC that deserves a shout-out? If so, email Heidi at office@whlc.org so they can be recognized in the Window next month!



HE IS RISEN

Hallelujah

