

# THE WINDOW

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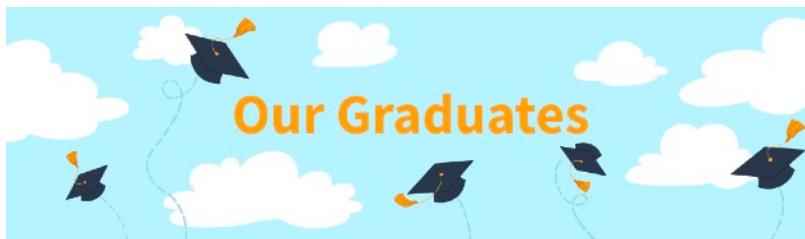
This month, several of the students here at WHLC are preparing to graduate! To honor these wonderful students, WHLC is hosting a reception between the services on Sunday, May 22! Cake will be served, and we'll have a chance to congratulate the students on this awesome achievement. We hope all can join us!

As with senior events in years past, we are currently looking for someone who would like to host the reception. Don't worry, it's not anything complicated at all; essentially it's just the same as someone hosting the usual fellowship time, with the addition of cutting the cake for the seniors! We'll provide all the food and decor for the event, so all the host needs to do is be present to help serve the food and goodies during the reception! If you'd like to help out as the host of the event, please contact Zach.

If you see any of these students around the church in the next few weeks, be sure to say hi and wish them well as they get prepared for this next phase in their lives! We are so proud of all these students for all that they have achieved (and will continue to achieve)!

### Our Graduating Seniors

Bridget Brennan  
Cole Gilbert  
Noah Gilbert  
Luke Juffer  
Bennett Olkiewicz  
Luke Powers  
Samuel Steensen



## Bridget Brennan

Bridget Brennan will graduate from Waukee High School and will attend Central College in Pella, Iowa in the fall of 2022. Bridget plans to study history and anthropology with the hopes of engaging in as many study abroad opportunities as possible. While at Waukee High, Bridget was active in Waukee Theater Arts, vocal music and the Waukee Speech/ Drama team.



## Luke Juffer

Luke is a senior at Des Moines Christian. He has been involved in Student Council, Knowledge Bowl, concert band, jazz band and was a Drum Major for the marching band.

Luke is a member of the National Honor Society and has been recognized on the High Honor Roll every semester of high school. In addition, he is a co-valedictorian for the class of 2022 with Samuel Steensen.

Luke will be attending Iowa State University to study Economics and Statistics.

Bennett Olkiewicz will be graduating from Ankeny High School and attending Augustana University in the fall. In high school, Bennett was active in marching band, concert band, jazz ensembles, Windsor Brass, and CHAOS. He was awarded a Pro Musica Scholarship to continue his trombone playing at Augustana. He will also be in the Journey Scholars Program, which celebrates diversity. He plans to study Business Communications.

## Bennett Olkiewicz



## Samuel Steensen

Samuel Reid Steensen will graduate from Des Moines Christian school as co- valedictorian (along with fellow WHLC member Luke Juffer). Samuel participated in band, knowledge bowl, track, cross country, and baseball while at DMCS. He was baptized and confirmed at WHLC, and enjoyed serving on church council, volunteering at VBS, and participating in CHAOS. He has been accepted into the honors program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Samuel plans to major in biochemistry on a pre-med track.



# Muffins with Moms

## & Bishop Amy Current

You are invited to join us this Sunday, May 8, as we honor mothers during fellowship time in between services and welcome our Bishop Amy Current.

Photos of you as a mom or with your mom have been requested, and we would like them by Friday, May 6. For example, Gregg Gustafson could submit a picture with his mom, Wanda Baraldi; Heidi Hennig could have a picture as a mom with her three children; Pastor Robin submitted a picture with both her

daughter and granddaughter!

We look forward to displaying

them. (P.S. The word is out that the same thing is being repeated for Father's Day)!

Looking forward to seeing all our moms on Sunday!

**Joel Waymire with his mom. She is also a grandma and great grandma!**



**Linda Anderson with her son, Scott.**



# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

## Kits & Quilts Packing

On Saturday, April 23, our church rented a truck to deliver kits and quilts to the South St. Paul warehouse for Lutheran World Relief. In all, there were 21 churches - 15 ELCA, five Missouri Synod and one Presbyterian. The numbers were less this year due to Covid.

Totals were 1,257 quilts, 898 health kits, 317 baby kits, 73 school kits and 23 fabrics shipped. We are so grateful to the generous members of WHLC for their sewing, collecting and packing of the kits. We learned that 80% of the quilts go to Africa, but we know there is a great need all over the world. The next delivery will be October 15, 2022, so we will be collecting items for delivery then.

Special thanks to Rodger Curnow for driving the truck to the Twin Cities and back, and everyone who helped!

If there are any questions or if you would like more information on this worthwhile project, please call.

Mission Co-Chairs,  
Jan Grannes: 279-8017 & Marilyn Penberthy: 419-4860



# Youth & Family News

## Explore Adventure Island with us at VBS This Summer!

We're excited to officially announce our VBS for this Summer: Discovery on Adventure Island! All students in pre-k thru those entering 6th grade are invited to join us from Monday, July 25, to Thursday, July 28, for an exciting expedition to a mystical island, where we'll learn all about how God's love and light shines in our lives!

Additionally, VBS this year marks the return of our full-day camps, which is what we did back in 2018 and 2019! Each day will begin at 9 a.m., with lunch being served at noontime! After lunch, our pre-K and kindergarten kids will head home for the day, students in 1st-6th grade will partake in cool afternoon activities until pickup time at 3:30 p.m.

Sign-up for VBS and to volunteer at VBS here: <https://www.whlc.org/whlc-vbs-2022-announcement/>

Obviously, with the return of this larger-style of VBS, we will need plenty of help to make this a special week for the kiddos, so we'd love to have you help out! Be on the lookout for fliers, videos and additional promo materials springing up these next few months, as we prepare to turn the church into an exciting island adventure for this special week of VBS! Please contact Zach if you have any questions about VBS, or want to get involved in planning for the event!

We'll release more information on the actual schedule for the week, along with more about the theme, as we get closer to late July! A big thank you to our Parish Ed planning team for bringing this VBS together; we can't wait to share this fun week with all of you later this summer!



## Cardboard & Decor Needed for VBS!



VBS is back this summer, and we're excited to share a fun theme with the kids this year: Discovery on Adventure Island. Like last year, we'll be decorating the entire church to match the theme, so the kids can have an all-immersive experience this July. You'll see various decorations put up throughout the next few months, and we prepare for this special week!

With us planning on decorating throughout the church, we're looking for a few possible donations to help create the decor for VBS. What are we collecting? At this moment, two main things:

- **BIG Cardboard Boxes:** Like last year, we're hoping to collect lots of cardboard to create decor with. **PLEASE NOTE: we're looking specifically for BIG boxes of cardboard this year. Large storage boxes, moving boxes, and refrigerator boxes work best.** *In addition, we can't use anything that previously was used to store/carry food!*
- **Plastic/fake plants & shrubbery:** If you have any old, fake plants like ferns, flowers, vines, etc. that you'd like to get rid of, we'd be happy to take them! Our theme uses lots of forest/jungle imagery, so greenery really helps to set the scene for this VBS!

Please place any donations on or near the table outside the nursery! From there, we'll pick them up and take them to our work room! Any donations of these items would be gratefully appreciated!

# MORE YOUTH AND FAMILY!

## LIFTOFF: ROUND 2

After the success of our last Liftoff event, we're happy to share that it's returning this month! All students in pre-K thru 3rd grade, and their families, are invited to join us on **Friday, May 6**, from 6-7:30 p.m.! We'll be having sub sandwiches and tasty treats for dinner, and, weather permitting, will head outside for some fun outdoor games. A reminder that we'll have adult volunteers on standby the entire evening, so parents are welcome to join us throughout the night or drop their kids off and pick them up when we wrap up! Hope to see you there!



## Join us for our Last Wednesday Night of the Year!

We've made a schedule switch! **Wednesday, May 11**, will now be our final Wednesday gathering of the school year, so we hope you can join us for one final night of community and fun! Pizza will be served around 5:15 p.m. for our meal. Instead of our usual kids activities (Faith Formation, Joyful Noise, Grace Notes and Cherub Chimes), the students will gather together at 6 p.m. for some fun group games, and to sing a few of their favorite songs. Around 6:30, we'll break out a special dessert for the evening; ice cream sandwiches, for everyone to enjoy! Our other groups will meet at their usual times. Hope to see you there as we wrap up the school year on a high note!



## FIRST COMMUNION



Congrats to our students who participated in first communion this past Sunday. They had classes with the pastors the last couple of weeks learning about the sacrament.

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated on Easter Sunday for Cheyenne Dorothy Hennig, daughter of Matt & Heidi Hennig. Baptismal sponsors are Blair & Alison Blake. Welcome to our church family, Cheyenne!

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	March 2022		Year-to-Date		2021 YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Offering	36,931	41,666	149,488	124,998	150,028
Other General Fund Income	289	407	2,270	1,221	1,407
General Fund Income	37,220	42,073	151,758	126,219	151,435
General Fund Expense	51,567	42,037	137,156	126,111	126,295
General Fund Net Income	(14,347)	36	14,602	108	25,140
Special Offering Income	4,257		4,569		2,513
Special Offering Expense	271		503		928
Special Offering Net Income	3,986		4,066		1,585
Total Net Income	(10,360)	36	18,668	108	26,725

Mortgage Balance	809,048.83
Capital Appeal Permanent Fund Balance	218,302.51

A continued word of thanks to all who support WHLC financially. 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 \$135,400 through March versus actual ytd March 2022 General Fund Income of \$149,488. This positive variance continues to reflect the front-end giving of some members, though we expect General Offerings to approach budget levels as the year progresses.

March 2022 General Fund Expenses were \$9,530 above budget. Contributing to the high level of expenses this month are non-synod benevolence payments (generally made each quarter rather than each month), annual maintenance costs for the elm tree, some quarterly insurance premiums, and 2021 snow removal costs allocated from the Town Center.

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

Please let me know if you have questions.  
Barb Waymire



# Kathy Cacciatore Luncheon



**Linda Anderson & Sharman Blake**

*Thank you for helping us celebrate the life and smiles of Kathy Cacciatore.*

An abundance of thanks is extended to the following who assisted with the funeral luncheon for Kathy Cacciatore. Without your generosity, funeral luncheons could not be held. During the fellowship time a guest asked where all the food came from and I told her, "We have grateful hearts at WHLC!" Then she said, "Those homemade salads are out of this world!" Of course, Lutherans are great cooks!

Helping set up tables - Zach Meyer and Jim Spizale

Traffic control - Ken Popken and Chuck Safris

Salads given by - Barb Waymire, Ann Rowland, Elaine Hites, Ellen Graham, Maren Steensen, Kathy Safris, Jan Johnson, Sue Crum, Julie Borseth, Linda Lundgren, Donna Yeager, Jeri Spizale, Inez Boyken, Paula Virtue, Marilyn Penberthy, Cheryl Wheeler, Gayla Russell, Marilyn Deavers, Melissa Krumm and Sharman Blake.

Bars and cookies from - Dana Leahy, Peg Gustafson, Cindy Ambroson, Linda Rye, Susan Brennan, Linda Fasse, Beth Olkiewicz, Linda Russell, Diane Greenfield, Jessica Chance, and Barb Waymire.

The coffee table was hosted by Quent and Inez Boyken

Servers were - Sue Crum, Ellen Graham, Cindy Ambroson, Tracy Hirst, Marilyn Warling Julie Borseth, Jessica Chance, Linda Fasse, Elaine Hites, Sharman Blake and Linda Anderson

Helping with dishes, cleaning up and putting away chairs and tables - Chuck Young, Chuck Safris, John Ambroson, and Quent Boyken.

Taking home the tablecloths to launder - Linda Fasse, Sharman Blake, Sue Crum and Ellen Graham.

As you can see, the number of people involved is just remarkable and if we missed anyone we apologize! Thank you again to all members of WHLC for your generosity!

Linda Anderson and Sharman Blake

Thanks!

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sympathy to Sandy Hansen as she mourns the death of her husband Morry, who died April 4.

Our hearts go out to Jim Cacciatore as he mourns the death of his wife, Kathy, who died April 24.





Happy Birthday!

**LaVon Heston is Turning 90!**

Let's help LaVon Heston celebrate turning **90** in between services during fellowship time on **Music Sunday, May 15.**

There will be cupcakes, donuts and coffee! Let's shower her with cards, too! (No gifts, please). Everyone is welcome!



**A Special Birthday**



- 3 Benjamin Klooster
- 4 Judy Munger
- 5 Jan Bice, Everett Waymire
- 6 Will Canine
- 7 Samuel Steensen
- 8 Cindy Ambrosion, Anne Rowland
- 9 Eric Boyken, Ross Curnow, Brinkley Seifert
- 10 Patrick Fergus, Georgann Johnson
- 11 Dick Wilberg
- 14 Lori Glawe
- 15 Pamela Lundell
- 17 LaVon Heston
- 24 Karen Cluts, Chris Nicolet, Ann Stoen
- 25 Kendra Ziemke
- 27 Ava Valin



Sign up to  
volunteer for  
worship here:

[https://  
volunteersignup.o  
rg/CTRAF](https://volunteersignup.org/CTRAF)



Sign up for altar  
flowers here:

[https://  
volunteersignup.o  
rg/DBYAE](https://volunteersignup.org/DBYAE)



## Summer Worship Schedule

Thanks to the pandemic, we have not had to talk about a summer worship schedule for the past two summers. After discussion among members of the Worship Committee, pastors, and Council, here's what we have planned for this summer. From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend:

Outdoor Worship -- 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays  
Sunday Worship -- 9:30 a.m.

Outdoor worship on Saturdays will be on the front lawn under the elm tree when weather permits. If it is rainy or too hot, we will gather indoors. Please bring a lawn chair. Amanda and members of the Praise Team will lead our singing. The single service on

Sunday mornings will be followed by a time of fellowship in Crabtree Parish Hall. The Sunday service will be live-streamed.

Please note that the summer schedule starts on Memorial Day Weekend (May 28-29) and continues through Labor Day Weekend (September 3-4).



Worship  
Schedule  
for the  
Summer

## A Note from Pastor Robin

On April first, I began a new position as the part-time visitation pastor at Augustana Lutheran Church in Boone. Pastor Dan Solomon is the senior pastor at Augustana. I will be preaching there 1-2 weekends a month depending on my preaching duties here at Windsor Heights. I will also be providing pastoral care with visits to bring communion to home-bound members of Augustana 1-2 days per month. This position does not affect anything regarding my call here at Windsor Heights.



My other part-time position as the Parish Steward in Adel concluded on April 18.

## Windsor Elementary "Girls on the Run" Thanks You!

Using funds given during our autumn personal needs drive for Windsor Elementary, WHLC has provided 15 girls (3rd - 5th grade) with nutritious after school snacks. These girls are participating in a national program called "Girls on the Run". They meet after school twice a week for 10 weeks. The curriculum places an emphasis on developing competence, confidence, connection, character, caring, and contribution in young girls through lessons that incorporate running and other physical activities. The course concludes with a celebratory 5K event, giving the girls a tangible sense of achievement. Thank you to everyone for enthusiastically supporting Windsor Elementary! ~Julie Borseth

<https://www.girlsontherun.org/>

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Girls\\_on\\_the\\_Run](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Girls_on_the_Run)



Our family was overwhelmed to receive your many thoughtful cards and compassionate messages. During Morry's declining health, the generous acts of kindness and support were comforting to him. He truly enjoyed receiving the prayer shawl, home visit and communion with Pastor Chris as well as when others stopped by for friendly chats.

My husband's memorial service was extra special with a lovely handbell duet by Shelly Siemer and Jill Hyda, Jan Carlson's superb piano and organ playing, and Henry Hyda beautifully sang The Lord's Prayer, all favorites of Morry's.

We would like to extend an extra special thank you to Pastor Chris for his eloquent sermon, so befitting of Morry. Many thanks to all who provided delicious salads and desserts and to the women and men serving the food at the luncheon.

We are very grateful to all who have shown their love and support and gift of friendship, love and prayers.

~Sandy Hansen and family



Thanks  
Many Thanks  
Thanks  
Thanks  
Thanks

Thank you for the get-well cards, well-wishes and prayers while I was recovering from my hospital stay in December. I feel very blessed to have such a caring church family.  
~Edna Eakins



"Our mission is to honor the deceased and their legacy, with a time of fellowship following the service."

That mission was met recently when we honored the lives of Morry Hansen and Kathy Cacciatore. We cannot achieve that without the generosity of you, the members of WHLC. From the help setting up tables and chairs, the salads and bars brought in, the helpers that set the tables and served the food, our cleanup crew (representing the Men's Bible Study) and finally the cleanup - putting away tables and chairs and taking home the tablecloths and napkins to launder.

Just an idea of what was brought in for two luncheons: 34 salads and 16 pans of bars!

If you would like to help out, please contact Linda Anderson or Sharman Blake. You are all a blessing! Thank you!

# WHLC SHOUT OUTS!

Thank you for all you do!

**A big shout out to Jan Grannes for all of her coordination and organization to make the Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts truck loading here at WHLC such a success! We are grateful for you, Jan!**



Shout out to the Bake Shoppe! They generously donated the hot cross buns that we served at Easter breakfast. They had extras and wanted to share them with us. It's great having such good neighbors.

*A shout out to all who helped with the deep clean of the kitchen this month!*

