

THE WINDOW

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Last year, during our worship service commemorating the Festival of All Saints, we recited the names of all of our members who had died in the past year.

This year we will continue that practice at both of our worship services on that day. The names of those who have died in 2022 will be read and a bell will toll.

After the 10:45 AM service all are invited to attend a potluck luncheon in Crabtree Parish Hall. We will gather for a time of food and fellowship. All family members who have lost a loved one this year are invited to attend the service of their choice and the meal.

We hope this will be a time to share memories, stories and condolences with each other on this special day in the church year where we remember all those who are now in the great communion of all the saints.

Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided.



Packing & Loading of the Kits & Quilts for



LUTHERAN WOLRD RELIEF



After some changes, our kits and quilts were ready to ship. A sincere thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who assembled the kits, boxed them and loaded twice. Everyone helped make the project a big success. It was an impressive sight seeing all the boxes being loaded on the truck. A special thanks to Paul Rye for driving the truck.

The totals were 1,449 quilts, 186 health kits, 1,783 school kits, 462 baby kits and 52 fabric kits. We had 604 boxes to load!

The kits are shipped twice a year, in April and October. This month we had 33 churches from SE Iowa that participated. We serve 24 Evangelical Lutheran Churches, 7 Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church - Missouri Conference.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped to make this project a success!

Sincerely in Christ,
Jan Grannes &
Marilyn Penberthy,
Missions Co-Chairs





Treasurer's Report



Attached please find the financial reports September 2022.

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

	September 2022		Year-to-Date		2021 YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Offering	30,551	41,666	353,815	374,994	362,383
Other General Fund Income	1,978	407	8,334	3,663	5,162
General Fund Income	32,529	42,073	362,149	378,657	367,545
General Fund Expense	41,780	42,037	394,547	378,333	359,685
General Fund Net Income	(9,251)	36	(32,399)	324	7,860
Special Offering Income	221		2,381		5,581
Special Offering Expense	323		1,795		3,490
Special Offering Net Income	(102)		586		2,091
Total Net Income	(9,353)	36	(31,813)	324	9,951

Mortgage Balance	723,597.40
Capital Appeal Permanent Fund Balance	104,751.94

General Offerings were down again in September, and for the year are now \$21,179 below budget year-to-date. Additionally year-to-date General Offerings are \$8,568 below General Offerings year-to-date in 2021. 2022 has been a challenging financial year thus far for many of us. We are thankful for the opportunity to resume so many activities at WHLC. It has been a blessing to have groups meeting in our spaces, choirs singing and ringing, brass instruments sounding, kids roaming the halls for Boo Bash and Lift-Off and Chaos, Elderberries gathering for fellowship & fun. We ask that you continue to support the church as you are able.

September 2022 Expenses are slightly below budget, while year-to-date General Fund Expenses are \$34,862 higher than in 2021, and they are running \$16,214 higher than budget. As discussed in previous reports, some of our above-budget expenses are related to the maintenance of the building and are not unexpected as the building ages, but they are higher than when the remodel was first complete. Those expenses include Repairs & Maintenance as well as Yard Care & Landscaping. Overall, expenses are managed considering the budget and the impact of resuming pre-pandemic activity levels and are balanced with General Offerings.

A Certificate of Deposit earning 0.4% matured on September 16, 2022, and a 6-month CD for \$160,000 was obtained from Luana Savings Bank, maturing on 3/27/2023. That CD is earning 2.69%. In November a CD for approximately \$106,000 will mature, and Finance Committee is reviewing all options for the proceeds of that CD.

Despite some of the current challenges in the economy, WHLC remains on solid financial footing with respect to working capital.

Please contact me if you have any questions.
Barb Waymire





Advent Service ~ 2022
"Coming to the Manger"
Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m.
All are welcome!

Tickets will be sold for \$5 between services on Sundays November 13, 20, 27.

Viewing of the tables will begin at 3 p.m. preceding the service.

Once again, donations/gifts will be given to Luther Park and an offering for Easter Seals will be taken during the service.

In order for this to be successful, we need 12-15 people to host a table of 8. You may use your own dinnerware or use the church's.

Any questions and if you'd like to host a table, please notify Linda Anderson (515-491-9242), Sharman Blake (515-664-0681) or Heidi Hennig at the church office (515-277-6277).



Student Advent Program

Sunday, December 4th, 9:30am

Practice during
Wednesday night
programming (11/2,
11/9, 11/16 & 11/30)



Student Advent Program & Practice

The kids advent program is just around the corner! This will take place between the two services on Sunday, December 4. It will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend the program in person. We'll be practicing on Wednesdays nights leading up to the event (November 2, 9, 16 & 30). Like last year, the students will be given the largest voice in determining what this program will look like. We are excited to see what they plan and perform for everyone!



Join us for
Liftoff
Round 5!



Dinner, games, and fun
for kids in pre-k thru 3rd
grade & their families!

Liftoff is back this month! All students in Pre-K through 3rd grade, and their families, are invited to join us from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 4. The event is free, and dinner will be provided by the church. Students are encouraged to invite their friends, and spread the word. Parents can either choose to hang around through the duration of the event, or drop their kids off and pick them up when it wraps up. We'll have several adult volunteers present throughout the event if anyone needs anything. Contact Zach if you have any questions!

No Kids Programming Wednesday, November 23

We won't be hosting our regular Wednesday programming or meal for the kids on the 23rd, as most will be busy or traveling for Thanksgiving the next day. Regular programs will return on the 30th!



MORE Youth and Family News!



Junior High Night Presents: The Cold Front, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m.

All students in 5th - 9th grade are invited to join us on Friday, November 18, from 6-8 p.m. for the next JHN! Our theme for this month will be the Cold Front, a winter adventure theme! Dinner is provided by WHLC, and students will have the chance to hang out, while running around the entire church. Students are welcome to invite as many friends as they like!

There is no sign up for the event; to RSVP, contact Zach at zach@whlc.org and let him know how many you're planning on bringing to the event. That way, we know how much food to get for everyone. Contact us if you have any questions, and hope to see you there for a chilly good time!

BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated on Sunday, October 9, for Mia Rose Brnilovich, daughter of Dave & Krista Brnilovich. Baptismal sponsors are Erik Carlson & Whitney Staples. Grandparents are Norm & Jan Carlson and Alex & Donna Brnilovich. Welcome to our church family!



ELDERBERRIES

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG



On Tuesday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m., Jan Carlson and Wendy Prigge will present a musical program and then play some of our favorite Christmas hymns for a sing-a-long. We hope you can come! All are welcome!

~The Rev. Robin Coughenower



Last month the Elderberries worked on a special art project with different colored paints and canvas, led by Dana Leahy. Dana then put together this gorgeous display, showcasing everyone's beautiful artwork. You can view it on the landing from the narthex. Thank you, Dana!



FALL GATHERING



WELCA Cluster 10-11 Board and the ladies of
Windsor Heights Lutheran Church invite all women
to the

Fall Gathering

Saturday, November 5, 2022

1240 66th St

Windsor Heights

9:00 a.m. Registration

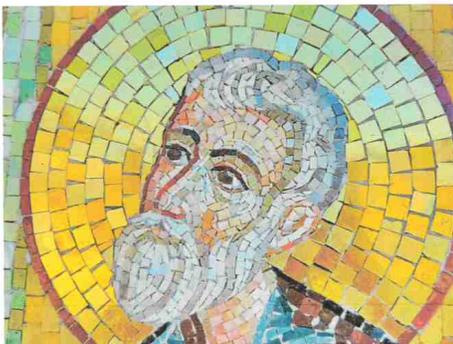
9:30 Welcome & Devotions



A Walking Tour of Biblical Mosaics by artist Dana Leahy

Mosaics are featured on the walls of the sanctuary and hallways.

Project 66 is a body of mosaic artworks reflecting different books of the Bible which Dana began working on in the Spring of 2006. Each piece is composed of a framed, stained (pine wood) backdrop. The backdrop of each piece not only features the number of each book, but also scriptural references, design icons and the Hebrew or Greek translation of the featured book of the Bible.



Cash offerings will be received for the work of the Cluster Board and Urbandale Food Pantry.

In-kind items for the food pantry will be received. Toothpaste is especially needed at this time.


WHLC NEWS & NOTES



Pastor Chris is back at WHLC!
We pray he had a restful sabbatical!

WANT TO JOIN WINDSOR BELLS?

Windsor Bells is still looking for a couple more bell ringers. A musical background is preferred but handbell experience is not required. If you are interested in joining, please contact Shelly Siemer at 208-521-1288 or windsorbells@whlc.org.


LET'S GO OUTDOORS!


Please see this video created by Ann Reynolds in memory of her mother, Elaine Hamilton and in celebration of Residents Rights Month. Elaine loved going outdoors when she was growing up and it became even more important in her later years. Ann was able to take Elaine outdoors every day Ann was home since early July up until her death. Here's the link: Let's Go Outdoors (with Elaine Hamilton)

<https://youtu.be/DToysSw9lbE>



Mel Nielsen

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Quent & Inez Boyken

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Urbandale, IA 50323

Need Help Signing Up for the E-Weekly?

Would you like to receive the E-Weekly but aren't sure how to sign up? Call Heidi at 515-277-6277 and she will get you signed up.

Wednesday, November 23

No Wednesday night meal, activities or rehearsals on November 23, as Thanksgiving is the following day.


Mary Circle Bible Studies

11/10 at 2:00 p.m.
12/8 at 2:00 p.m.
Room 127

Any women of WHLC that would like to join are welcome to do so!



Sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Bartels. Ruth died peacefully at home on Sunday, October 2.

Please pray for Bill Lewis as he mourns the death of his brother, Jack Lewis.

CENTENARIAN ~ EVOLUE BAXTER ~

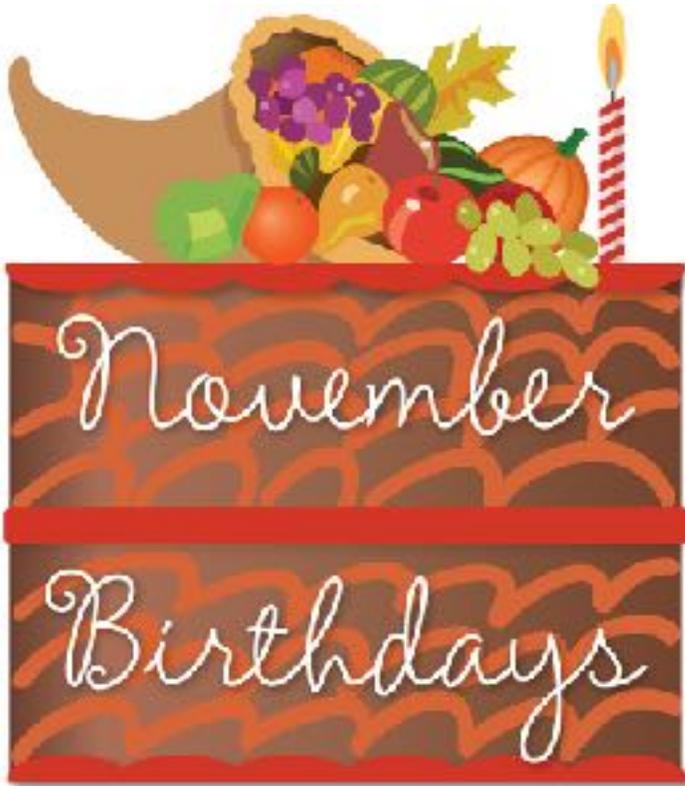


On November 29, 1922, Evolve Eleanor (nee' Carlson) Baxter was born on the family farm near the Swedish community of Gowrie, Iowa. She was the youngest of two brothers and one sister. After attending country school and graduating from Gowrie High School, Evolve came to Des Moines to attend AIB (American Institute of Business). Upon completion of her studies at AIB, she gained employment at Bankers Life. While at AIB, she met her future husband, Loren Baxter. Being WWII, Loren had entered the U.S. Navy- Air Corps, and they were married on November 14, 1944, in Norfolk, Virginia, while Loren was stationed on the East Coast. Evolve worked at various jobs while Loren was stationed on the seas. In 1948, they had their first son, Craig. Craig had a heart condition. Sadly, he passed during surgery in 1956. In 1958, a second son, Robb, was born. Robb and his wife live in Cedar Rapids. Robb is employed by the city of Cedar Rapids. After Robb reached school age, Evolve worked various jobs. She worked for 10 years with West Des Moines Schools and retired from the school system.

In December 2020 Evolve contracted Covid- 19. In the metro area, Evolve was one of the first patients to receive the monoclonal antibody infusion therapy, which kept her symptoms on the mild side.

Evolve is a 70-year member of the former First Lutheran Church (Capitol Hill Lutheran Church), Des Moines. She now enjoys viewing WHLC's worship services on livestream.

Evolve is one of the very few members of WHLC to become a centenarian. **You may congratulate her by sending a card to 6300 School St. #219, Windsor Heights, IA 50324.**



- 3 Joel Waymire
- 4 Jerry Toft
- 9 Elly Ratliff
- 11 Jessica Chance
- 12 Lois Owen
- 17 Jill Hyda
- 18 Carol Popken
- 22 Paige Jansen,
Kevin Nicolet,
Wilma Nielsen,
John Reed
- 26 Don Beck
- 27 Henry Hyda
- 29 Evolve Baxter



My Gobble-let Overfloweth with Gratitude

THANK YOU TO THESE WHLC MEMBERS & FRIENDS!



A big thank you to Jim Spizale, Inez Boyken and the Arts and Environment Team for making this beautiful fall display that can be seen from both inside and outside the church!

Devin Allen with Easter Seals helped carry some heavy boxes of supplies to the custodial office and organized the toilet paper. A big thanks to helpful Devin!



Jan Grannes & Marilyn Penberthy deserve a round of applause for all of their efforts, time and organization for the loading of the LWR kits and quilts. You are blessings to WHLC, Jan & Marilyn!

Many thanks to all of our Boo Bash volunteers! It was a spooky good time! We couldn't have done it without your help!

