

THE WINDOW

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BISHOP AMY CURRENT
SEIA SYNOD - ELCA



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RACHEL KURTZ
MUSICIAN

SATURDAY MAY 20
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

**GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY
DES MOINES**

SCAN ME



- WORSHIP
- INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC & SPEAKERS
- LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS MINISTRIES
- BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET
- RAIN OR SHINE (INDOORS IF RAIN)
- FOOD AVAILABLE
- ALL AGES, ALL ARE WELCOME
- FREE! NO RSVP NEEDED

PRESENTED BY:



Southeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Our Southeastern Iowa Synod is having a revival, and you all are invited! What is a synod revival? It is a one-day event presented by the Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA designed to nourish and connect people and to reimagine our relationships in and with the church. This event is free of charge and intended to be a joyful fun gathering for all ages full of inspiration, worship, food, and prayer. Bring your friends, neighbors, family, or anyone and watch what God does!

Music — led by Rachel Kurtz. Kurtz has been touring and singing for almost 20 years. She speaks frankly about love, God, parenting, heartbreak and her infectious laugh is peppered throughout her concerts. Her songs are rife with emotion and can make you get up and dance. Whether she is singing in a bar or church, her voice can cut through the noise and gives the listener a place to rest. Learn more about Rachel and listen to some of her music on [her website](#).

Speakers — Bishop Yehiel Curry, bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod ([Metro Chicago Synod website](#)) and our own Bishop Amy Current ([Southeastern Iowa Synod Website](#)).

Varied Ministries Building — If you've ever been to the Iowa State Fair, you've probably been to the "varied industries" building, a giant exhibition area with just about every business, nonprofit, and college from Iowa you can imagine. In an effort to connect with the many ministry partners and nonprofits that exist in Southeastern Iowa, across the nation and across the world there will be an exhibition center of the "varied ministries" building.

Children's activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. for those who arrive early. Food will be available onsite. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for outdoor seating. The revival will take place rain or shine (we will gather indoors in case of rain.)

**All of this happens on the campus of Grandview University
from 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.**

Food — Light snacks and coffee will be freely available until lunch time. There will be a \$5 lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, a drink, a side, chips, and a cookie) and a la carte snacks available for purchase during the event. Free popcorn will be available at the varied ministries building.

I will be there all day with my friend Kristen Opalinski, one of our ELCA Churchwide colleagues in Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations. Join us for a great day! You can always find more information at [synodrevival.org](#).

Faithfully,

Pastor Chris





Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The summer worship schedule will begin the weekend of Memorial Day.

Saturday night worship will return May 28 and begin at 5 p.m. on the WHLC front lawn, weather permitting.

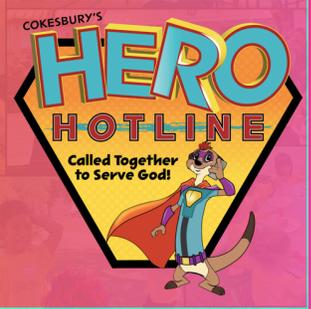
Starting Sunday, May 29, there will be one 9:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary.

We hope you can join us!

VBS May Update: Join us for Hero Hotline!

You may have noticed that registration and information for our VBS this summer is now up on the website. Yay! Kids are already signing up, and now that summer is here, we're really starting to bog down on preparing for VBS. You can find the registration forms for VBS (both student & volunteer) on the homepage of our website, right under the invite grow serve line as a clickable bubble. You can also access the forms through our Facebook page, or find them below!

WHLC 2023 VBS Daycamp
July 17th - 20th
9am - noon (pre-K)
9am - 3:30pm (K - 6th grade)
Free to attend!
All are welcome!



VBS runs from July 17-20, 9 a.m. - noon for Pre-K students, and until 3:30(ish) for K-6th grade. Lunch is provided each day, and each student gets a free VBS t-shirt! Our Hero Hotline theme explores how we can work as a team, each using our unique super powers, to serve our community, showing God's love! Students are welcome to invite their friends and families, and there are many volunteer opportunities for middle and high school students!

Contact Zach at zach@whlc.org if you have any questions about VBS. We'll have some sharable fliers available in the narthex this month as well, so if you know of a spot to post VBS info, please take a flier and share all about this fun event!

VBS Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/hRD6D7HtkxuWuNTW9>

VBS Volunteer Link: <https://forms.gle/sCLZYKQaW1rSdzkN9>

VBS Donations Needed!

As with last year, our theme involves a ton of decorating, and will be a months-long process of transforming the church into a fun VBS environment! This year, we're building an incredibly fun superhero cave inside the church, and we need your help with supplies to make it happen!

In order to transform our church into a magnificent explorational cave, we're asking for the following donations.

- **First off, brown Kraft and Butcher paper, in big rolls, is our #1 need** (trust us, these work really well in creating cave walls).
- After that, we're also collecting black, brown and grey disposable tablecloths.
- Finally, the old VBS staple, we'll need plenty of cardboard boxes (though perhaps not as many as last year).
- In addition, any fake rocks or cave-like decor that you'd like to get rid of we can put to good use!

These donations can be placed on the desk in front of the nursery, where they'll then be moved up to our workroom on the 3rd floor. Any donations are very appreciated! We are excited to create such a fun and welcoming space for the students this year at VBS!

VBS Volunteering

Whenever VBS rolls around, our biggest need is volunteers to help work with the increasing numbers of students we have joining us each year. It might sound daunting at first, but trust us, VBS is a fun, unique and simple way to serve the community! No experience or special skill is needed to help at VBS, just a willingness to have fun alongside everyone else! The task most of our volunteers fall under is simply accompanying the kids through the activities each day at VBS. In addition, we have all volunteers work in at least groups of two, if not three to four at all times.

We understand everyone has their own busy schedules each summer, so we simply tell volunteers to help out whenever they can. Whether that's for just an hour each day or VBS, or only able to help on select days of VBS week, we'll take any help we can get!



Finally, we want to mention that VBS is a great volunteer/service opportunity for middle and high school students! VBS volunteering can meet things like Silver Cord, community work, and is great training for students who are looking into future jobs working with kids. We're happy to sign off on any forms that meet volunteer/service requirements! If you have any questions on volunteering, please contact Zach!

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Thank you to everyone for your generosity this Lenten season. Enough money for over 600 kits was collected through your donations and Wednesday night offerings. On Monday, April 10, a group of 23 members assembled 505 kits. In a little over an hour, they were completed and boxed! Thank you again! ~Linda Anderson



Loading of the Kits & Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Saturday, April 15, The Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts were transported to South Saint Paul. They were gathered, collected, assembled and boxed. Linda Anderson did a wonderful job of getting the supplies, and organizing the 500 personal care kits. They were then boxed in one of the many boxes collected from local grocery stores and from our WHLC members! Sue Crum did the computer work. Thanks, Sue!

There were 19 churches that brought their kits and quilts. WHLC had 500 personal care kits, 30 quilts and 26 baby kits. The total from all of the SE Iowa churches was 1,310 personal care kits, 1,023 quilts, 278 baby kits, 99 school kits and 3 fabric kits.

These pick-ups are here at WHLC are twice a year in October and April.

A big thank you to Dan and Deb Goss, who took the kits and quilts to the LWR warehouse in South Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Many thanks to all who helped this wonderful cause. We'll see you in October when another Lutheran World Relief collection will happen. ~Jan Grannes & Marilyn Penberthy



Check out this cool video Zach Meyer made of the loading of the kits & quilts:

<https://vimeo.com/818881998?share=copy&fbclid=IwARo56cNB5q77tpFsTY-Ogpppec5SVyE-Hm1HKO2BorccrJarLYbPEv2LXLk>



Active Shooter Training

Ezekiel 38:7 reads: Be prepared and get yourself, you and all your company who have been mobilized around you; you will be their guard.

Much of life requires preparation. God has given us the ability to be prepared. Unfortunately in today's world, we must protect ourselves against violence. The WHLC Church Council has arranged for Officer Matt Palmer, with the Windsor Heights Police Department, and Polk County Emergency to provide an active shooter training on **Wednesday, May 31 from 6 to 8 p.m., in Crabtree Parish Hall.**

This will be a redacted version of the power point ALERRT. Training will focus on the following modules:

Module 1

Participants will recognize the course goal, enabling objectives, course schedule, and course performance requirements.

Module 2

Upon completion of this module, participants will identify response options as a civilian in an active shooter or other life-threatening incident before, during, and after the event. Participants will identify common traits of Active Attack Events that have formed the basis of civilian response during an active attack event.

At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to

2-1 identify the importance of learning from past active attack events to assist in preparing for future events,

2-2 discuss landmark events and lessons learned by law enforcement, and

2-3 identify common traits of 242 domestic events and lessons that can be applied to citizen response during an actual event.

2-4 identify and discuss the phases of Disaster Response Psychology and how to limit their impact on potential victims,

2-5 define and identify the typical and atypical active attack events,

2-6 identify and explain the Avoid, Deny, and Defend/Run, Hide, and Fight civilian response protocols as they relate to an active attack event, and

2-7 discuss the Virginia Tech University attack as a case example for civilian response options

Participants will conclude with specific definitions of actions to be considered providing safety for all. Participants will also be informed on the realism of choosing specific actions.

You are highly encouraged to attend this informational event. We pray that this training will never have to be utilized but it is important to be prepared.

WHLC News & Notes

ELDERBERRIES

Thursday, June 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Save the date for Elderberries on Thursday, June 1 at 11:30 a.m. The topic is TBD but we can promise it will be something fun! We hope you can join us!



When you are using the kitchen please help out by ...

- Taking the wet towels and dishcloths home to launder and then return the next time you come to church. Do not leave them hanging off the counter edge.
- If you have food left over please have someone take it home.
- Remember at this point the garbage disposal is NOT working near the stove. We are checking to see if the old can be removed and the water turned back on.
- Rinse out the coffee pots in the 3-stage sink.
- If you see that the recycle tub is full, please take it out to the bin.
- Return the silver carts to the kitchen after using.



Dress in your comfy cleaning attire and join us on **Tuesday, May 23, at 9 a.m.** to help make the kitchen sparkle and shine! Any amount of time you can devote will be greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!



Please be a “jewel” and donate your old jewelry to be used as prizes during bingo at Luther Park. Perhaps you have some clip on earrings, bracelets, or necklaces that belonged to your mother that you would like to donate in honor of her as recognition for Mother’s Day. A basket is in the narthex where you may drop off any jewelry that you wish to donate. **Have the jewelry in the basket by Sunday, May 12.** Thank you for making bingo games more special for the Luther Park residents!

TREASURER'S REPORT

WHLC Council,
Attached please find the financial reports for March 2023.

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

	March 2023		Year-to-Date		2022 YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Offering	70,208	39,886	161,110	119,658	149,488
Other General Fund Income	3,328	1,298	5,000	3,894	2,270
General Fund Income	73,536	41,184	166,110	123,552	151,758
General Fund Expense	35,564	41,150	115,643	123,450	137,156
General Fund Net Income	37,972	34	50,467	102	14,602
Special Offering Income	820		2,001		4,569
Special Offering Expense	804		920		503
Special Offering Net Income	16		1,081		4,066
Total Net Income	37,988	34	51,548	102	18,668

Mortgage Balance	691,658.46
Capital Appeal Permanent Fund Balance	168,263.39

In March we had a very strong General Offering. While we continue to see some members give their offerings in a lump sum causing some of these spikes, we also have many members give offerings in a periodic pattern through Simply Giving and in-person offerings. We are very grateful for all the ways in which you support Windsor Heights Lutheran. Based on prior giving patterns (which attempt to neutralize months with 5 Sundays and when holidays occur) expected General Fund Income should have been over \$138,000 through March 2023 versus actual ytd March 2023 General Fund Income of \$166,110. We expect the General Offerings to approach budget levels as the year continues.

March 2023 General Fund Expenses were \$5,586 below budget and year-to-date expenses are \$7,807 below budget. Being early in the year, much of this difference is due to the fact that expenses are not incurred uniformly throughout the year. For instance, based on direction from Council our additional mortgage principal payments included in the 2023 budget will be made in a few lump sum payments later in the year, rather than monthly. Buildings and Grounds expenses are also cyclical and running below budget for the first quarter of 2023 (think Yard Care & Landscaping). Overall, year-to-date expenses are in line with what we expect, recognizing seasonality in other 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

First Communion Celebrated

Maundy Thursday

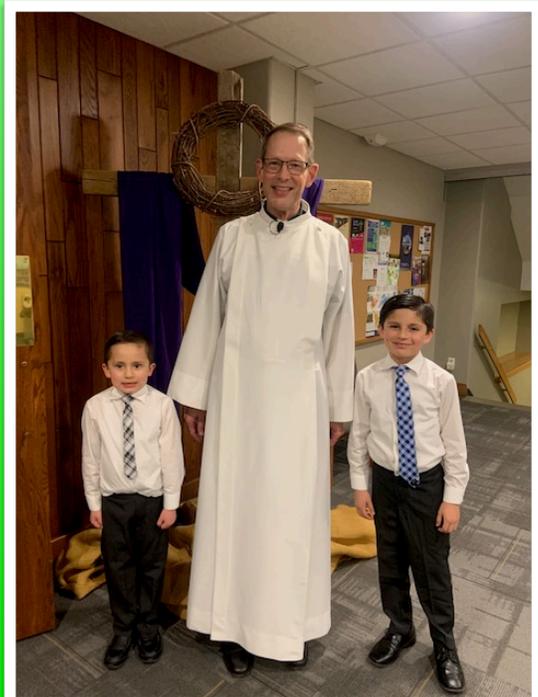
First communion was celebrated Maundy Thursday.
Congratulations to:



Annabelle Lubben
Emilia Lubben



James Sporleder
Jon Sporleder



FUNERAL RECEPTION FOR KIM GREENFIELD AN IOWA STATE THEME

We would like to thank EVERYONE for your help in one of many ways as we joined Dianne Greenfield and her family in fellowship following the funeral for Kim. Thank you, Linda Anderson and Sharman Blake! Lunch was catered by friends of Dianne: BBQ sandwiches with beans, potato salad, coleslaw and mac & cheese. WHLC provided the bars.



BARS & COOKIES

Cindy Ambroson
Linda Anderson
Colleen Armstrong
Peg Armstrong-Gustafson
Sharman Blake
Julie Borseth
Inez Boyken
Sue Crum
Ellen Graham
LaVon Heston
Jan Johnson
Delores Koch
Dana Leahy
Harriett Lewis
Carol Popken
Cheryl Rigler
Ann Rowland
Barb Waymire
Mary Wilke-Adair

Coffee Table

Quent Boyken
Ellen Graham

SERVERS, SET-UP HELP

Cindy Ambroson
Linda Anderson
Sharman Blake
Quent & Inez Boyken
Sue Crum
LaVon Heston
Ellen Graham
Dana Leahy

HELP CUTTING & PLATING BARS PRIOR TO THE SERVICE

Harriett Lewis
Zach Meyer
Cheryl Rigler

Special thanks to the
Alzheimers
Association and the
Cyclone Club for their
donations.

DOOR HOSTS

Bill & Harriett Lewis
Paul & Linda Rye

SET-UP & TAKE DOWN OF TABLE & CHAIRS

John Ambroson
Linda Anderson
Quent & Inez Boyken
Dana Leahy
Zach Meyer
Paula Virtue
Chuck Young

KITCHEN CLEAN UP

ALL the servers plus:
John Ambroson
Jessica Chance
Zach Meyer
Chuck Young

PARKING

Roger Curnow
Dennis Graham
Ken Popken
John Swanson



Sympathy to the family of Ruth Lightly. Ruth, 86, passed away March 31, 2023, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sympathy to Dianne Greenfield, Megan Seifert & family and Kendra Ziemke & family, as Kim Greenfield died Easter Sunday.

Sympathy to the family of Marge Seegers. Marge, 89, died Tuesday, April 11. If you would like to send a card, you can send it to this address:

Rita Elliott (Marge's daughter)
3210 Sylvania Dr
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Sympathy to Tony Dahlman on the death of his mother, Nancy Dahlman.



MAY BIRTHDAYS



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



Birthdays Blessings



I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all who helped at Kim's service. Thank you to Pastor Chris, Heidi, Amanda, and Jan. Thank you to the ushers, communion servers, door greeters, and parking attendants. And thank you to Linda and Sharman and the rest of the awesome friends who helped set up, serve, clean up and bring desserts for the awesome "tailgate" celebration following. I so thankful to all of you for handling all the details and for making our family and friends feel so welcome.

Also thanks to all who have supported Kim and I over the last several years in thoughts and prayers as well as with cards and meals. Every bit of it was appreciated! I am blessed to have such wonderful church family among all of you.

Praising God in gratitude,
Dianne Greenfield



I would like to thank Pastor Chris for his visit to hospice to see Tony and his thoughts and prayers. Thank you for

the beautiful prayer shawl. Thank you to Linda Anderson and Sharman Blake for coordinating the luncheon. Thank you to everyone that worked, provided bars, and for the set up and clean up. It was all very nice. Thank you. -Cheryl Wheeler and family

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
HELPED WITH
THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR
KIM GREENFIELD:**



GREETERS- PAUL & LINDA RYE

**USHERS- JOHN AMBROSON, DUANE DANIELSON,
GREGG GUSTAFSON, BONNIE HYDA & JIM PETERSEN**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS- ELAINE HITES, DANA LEAHY
& CHERYL RIGLER**

