

THE WINDOW

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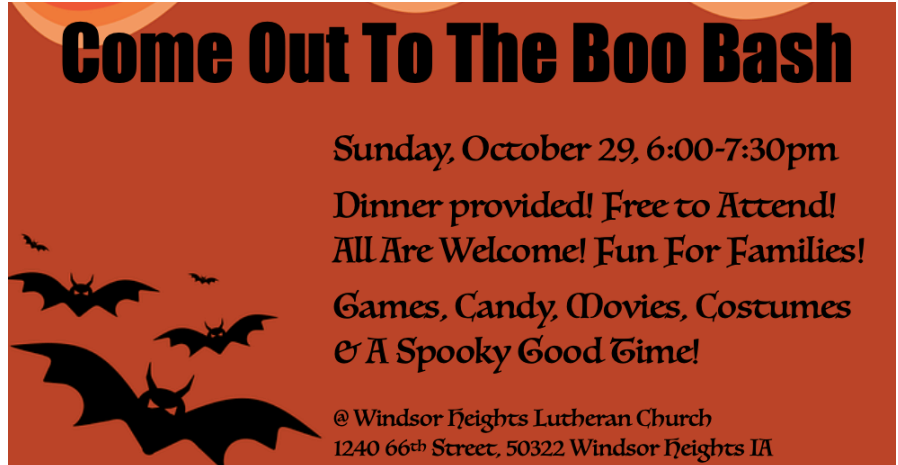
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Come Out To The Boo Bash

Sunday, October 29, 6:00-7:30pm
Dinner provided! Free to Attend!
All Are Welcome! Fun For Families!
Games, Candy, Movies, Costumes
& A Spooky Good Time!

@ Windsor Heights Lutheran Church
1240 66th Street, 50322 Windsor Heights IA

Join us for Boo Bash this Month!

Sunday, October 29 from 6-7:30 p.m.

October is here and that means the return of our annual Boo Bash! Starting at 6 p.m. on October 29th, all are welcome to join us in Crabtree Parish Hall, and across the entire 1st floor of the building, for a fun night of Halloween activities! Pizza will be provided by the church. While this event is certainly targeted towards the younger kiddos, there'll be something for everyone to do! Be sure to come in your own fun (or spooky, if you prefer) costumes!

This is always a big event, and it draws in a great crowd from the community! With such a big event coming up, we could sure use your help! Spread across the space will be various activities for kids to do, including a cookie walk, pumpkin decorating & the blacklight lab. At each station, we'll need a volunteer to hand out candy to students. We promise none of these activities are hard to learn or manage! Anyone in 6th grade and up is welcome to be a volunteer!

To sign up, you can either go to the website, fill out a sheet in the narthex, or contact Zach at zach@whlc.org. If you'd like to help with VBS, but cannot be there on the 16th, another way to help is through candy donations! Simply drop off bags of candy at the church office, and we'll use them to hand out at the event!



This is a free event open to the general public, so all are welcome! Invite friends and family, and be sure to spread the word! If you have any questions or ideas about Boo Bash, please contact us; we'd be glad to hear from you! Hope you can join us on the 29th for a spooky good time filled with laughs, sweets, community and fun events!





During worship on All Saints, November 5 we will recite the names of all members of the congregation who died in the past year. We always want to include names of your loved ones who are not WHLC members. If you would like submit an additional name or names to be read, just email Heidi at office@whlc.org by Wednesday, November 1.

Between services there will be a special reception for all in Crabtree Parish Hall. All family members who have lost a loved one this year are invited to attend the service of their choice and the reception.

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 join us on October 28 at 2 p.m. for our Fall Clean-Up at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church. We need people of all ages to vacuum, dust and wipe down the sanctuary, and nursery. Rather work outside? We also need individuals to rack, trim and pick up the grounds around the building. The clean-up is meant to be a multi-generational event, so everyone is welcome to help. During the clean-up snacks and beverages will be available. We hope to see you on October 28 at 2 p.m. to show off your cleaning talents.

Thanks, 2023 Church Council





Join us for Liftoff Round 9!



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

Friday, October 6th 7:00-8:30pm

OCTOBER FUN AT LIFTOFF ROUND #9

Liftoff returns this month, and we hope to see you there for a fun evening! We're meeting a little later than our usual time, this month from 7-8:30 p.m., and we'll have a fun halloween theme to match the season! Liftoff is a night of games, community and fun for kids in Pre-K through 3rd grade, and their families! Dinner is provided by the church!

Plenty of adult helpers will be around to help throughout the night. Families are welcome to stay through the activities or drop their students off and pick them up at the end of the event! Students are welcome to invite as many friends as they like. See you there!

Windsor Heights Fall Festival

WHLC will be a booth set up on Saturday, October 7 from 2-7 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Fall Festival, right by the church at Colby Park! At this booth we'll be handing out fliers showcasing upcoming events and families ministries at WHLC, and sharing with the community all the awesome things going on at the church. If you got some free time on Saturday, come on down and support the booth! We could also use another volunteer or two more to simply be present at the booth, talking the community. Contact Zach or Maren Steensen if you'd like to help!





We received lots of interest about putting together a group for this summer's upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering, and we're excited to move to the next step in the process. This month, we'll finalize our group for the gathering, and begin to look into travel options. We'll also start our monthly Gathering Team Building meetings, in which we dive deeper into our theme and what the Gathering means!

We'll gather in the youth room, and it is critical that all participants in our group attend this meeting if able! These meetings are critical to planning out our week, team building, exploring why the Gathering is so important, and what steps we take next. The closer we get as a group leading up the Gathering, the more powerful the experience becomes this summer!

If you cannot make this next meeting but are still interested in the Gathering, please contact Zach at zach@whlc.org. Gathering Priority Registration is now online, and the sooner interested students & volunteers register, the more affordable the cost to attend is. WHLC offers camperships to help go towards the cost of students & volunteers, and we'll be fundraising as a church throughout the year to help pay for travel & trip expenses! Registration forms can be found in the youth room or the WHLC office.

To register for the event, please fill out a form and return it to Zach, along with a check cut to the church. A \$150.00 non-refundable deposit is due with every individual registration; full registration prices can be found at the Gathering's website: <https://www.elca.church/gathering>.

Once all the forms and checks have been turned in, each church registers as one group, and we pay the entire amount of every participant on the church's credit card. Additional details on expenses, travel, and packing lists will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

There's still time to register and join us! Even if you are unsure and just curious, you are welcome to attend any of our meetings or reach out to the church about it. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for students & adults, and we'd love to have you join us for it!

Advent Worship Service & DESSERT FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

The beloved WHLC annual tradition event of ushering in the Advent season will be celebrated on Sunday, December 3. The theme this year is “Advent Preparations and Christmas Memories.” This event is no longer just for women. Men and older youth are also invited. The viewing of the beautifully decorated tables in Crabtree Parish Hall will begin at 3:00 with the worship service in the sanctuary starting at 4:00. Following the worship service, the dessert fellowship will take place in Crabtree Parish Hall. Tickets are again \$5 and will be sold between services on the four Sundays in November: Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, and Nov. 26. Heidi has graciously agreed to sell tickets on the days that she is in her office at church (T, W, Th). We will again collect unwrapped gifts for the residents of Luther Park. Come to prepare your hearts and minds for Advent and Christmas.



WHLC NEWS & NOTES



OCTOBER ELDERBERRIES



The Elderberries will meet on Thursday, October 5, at 11:30 a.m. in Crabtree Parish Hall.

Following our devotions and potluck lunch, we will be painting rocks Halloween style— think smiley pumpkins, grinning candy corn and goofy ghosts. Not only will it be easy, fun and festive, but all supplies will be furnished, as well as a little help for those who may need an outline to follow. Please bring a dish to share with your friends and your Halloween spirit!

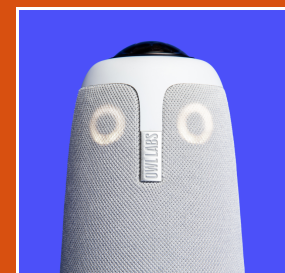
Little Hunger Hike October 15, 11:45 a.m.



We really miss the Crop Walk, so to kick-off World Food Week, you are invited to walk around Windsor Heights to raise awareness about food insecurity and to walk by the little food pantries. (We will begin by crossing to the SW corner of 63rd and University, then walk on the down University to 66th. We will cross over to Windsor Lutheran church. We will return on the north side of University to Windsor Presbyterian). Bring a water bottle and wear a church t-shirt if you have one! Donations for DMARC or items for the little food pantries will be accepted, but are not necessary. You will work up an appetite, WPC invites you to stay for fellowship and lunch. We will be serving enchilada casserole, rice, and beans. (Gluten free, meat free, dairy free and vegan options will be available.) You may RSVP (515-277-8379 or info@windsorpc.org), but there is always enough, so the more the merrier!

MEETING OWL

Hoot! Hoot! We now have a Meeting Owl 3, an intelligent 360-degree meeting camera. During hybrid meetings (meetings that are in-person and online simultaneously), the Owl camera swivels automatically to point at the speaker, which dramatically improves the online experience for virtual participants. There is a greater sense for both online and in-person participants of everyone being in the same room, even though some are there via their computers or other devices. The Meeting Owl is currently being used for the Pastor's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:15. If you can't make it in person, consider joining the discussion on Google Meet. Just click on this link: <https://meet.google.com/fid-vgit-ayb> and we will see you there!





MORE WHLC NEWS & NOTES



Would you like to help write birthday cards every other month to church members



as part of the Care and Nurture Committee? Jan Grannes is currently doing this each month but is looking for a helper so that the duties could be shared. The church provides the cards, envelopes and postage. You would just provide your time every other month. If interested, please call Jan Grannes at 515-279-8017.

New Kitchen Garbage Disposal

There is finally a new garbage disposal installed in the kitchen. It is NOT an industrial grade so it is to be used like using yours at home:

- Turn on the water
- Be sure a drain basket is in place to catch large pieces of food.
- Turn on disposal
- Do NOT over load it; it cannot handle a large serving!
- Continue running water for a few seconds once the disposal is shut off.
- Even tho we have a grease trap, large amounts are NOT recommended! If in doubt collect in a container

and put in the garbage.

Thank you for respecting the use of the kitchen equipment.



Pick up your 2023-24 directory on the counter in the narthex anytime!

KITCHEN UPDATE

There are now red drain baskets in each of the sinks in our kitchen. We are hoping we can minimize the amount of food that goes into the garbage disposals. After using, dump your large pieces in the garbage. Just another reminder there are no disposals in the 3-stage sinks but now they do have the red drain baskets. Thank you!



TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	August 2023		Year-to-Date		2022 YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Offering	40,225	39,886	334,638	319,088	323,264
Other General Fund Income	1,403	1,298	13,784	10,384	6,356
General Fund Income	41,628	41,184	348,422	329,472	329,620
General Fund Expense	40,151	41,150	309,712	329,200	352,768
General Fund Net Income	1,477	34	38,710	272	(23,148)
Special Offering Income	778		2,535		2,160
Special Offering Expense	895		2,232		1,472
Special Offering Net Income	(117)		303		688
Total Net Income	1,360	34	39,013	272	(22,460)

Mortgage Balance	662,005.40
Capital Appeal Permanent Fund Balance	148,417.88

This month general offerings continued at a strong pace, and year-to-date offerings remain ahead of budget. Considering our patterns of month-by-month giving over the last few years, we are at 105% of expected. Last year at this time we at 97% of expected.

Overall expenses are running below budget, even when adjusted for some 3rd quarter expenses that will be paid in September but are budgeted in July and August. Year-to-date we are running higher than budget notably for Repairs & Maintenance, which includes the cost of replacing the kitchen garbage disposal, some plumbing fixes, and some electrical fixes.

During August we renewed a \$100,000 CD at Luana Savings Bank for one year at 5.07%. It had previously been earning 2.58%.

Capital appeal contributions remain strong and WHLC re: working capital sufficient to meet our obligations.

Please let me know if you have questions.
Barb Waymire



THANK YOU FOR GIVING!



- 1 Victor Glawe, Heidi Hennig, Matt Klein
- 3 Matt Hennig, Jaime Nicolet
- 5 Alice Barrett
- 9 Paul Cartwright
- 12 Sally Watson, Charles Young
- 13 Hadley Rogness
- 18 Judy Risvold
- 19 Philip Crum, Kurt Paulsen
- 22 Deborah Hudik
- 23 Kaia Brnilovich, Kianna Collier
- 24 Andy Anderson
- 29 Paul Axness
- 30 Olivia Franklin, Makenna McNamara,
Jack Nelson, Dean Paulsen, Jerome Richards
- 31 Robert Johnson, Wanda Loehr

Is your birthday missing? Email Heidi at office@whlc.org and she will get you added! Thanks so much!



Sympathy to Paul Axness and family as he mourns the death of Sandy. Her funeral was at WHLC Tuesday, October 3, with a luncheon following.

Sympathy to Jim and Marile South as they mourn the death of their son-in-law, Brandon.



God's Work, Our Hands

We certainly had many willing hands implement the funeral luncheon in honor of Sandy Axness.

Much appreciation is extended to our kitchen helpers: Cindy Ambrosion, Linda Anderson, Marc and Mary Anderson, Sharman Blake, Jessica Chance, Cheyenne Hennig, Karla Koudelka, Zach Meyer, Marilyn Penberthy, Carol Popken, Cheryl Rigler, Chuck Safris, Paula Virtue, Marilyn Warling, Sally Watson and Chuck Young.

The delicious salads and bars were provided by Cindy Ambrosion, Colleen Armstrong, Jessica Chance, Tracey Hirst, Georgann Johnson, and Jan Johnson, Karla Koudelka, Dana Leahy, Harriet Lewis, Pam Lundell, Kathy McCracken, Marilyn Penberthy, Marian Perman, Carol Popken, Cheryl Rigler, Valarie Rowland, Gayla Russell, Linda Rye, Kathy Safris, Jeri Spizale, Maren Steensen, Marilyn Warling, Barb Waymire, Cheryl Wheeler, and Paula Virtue.

Thank you to Wayne Barrett and Mark Fasse for setting up tables.

In preparation for our next event, the following launderers were Sharman Blake, Linda Fasse, LaVon Heston, Jan Johnson, Judy Munger, and Carol Popken.

One of the observant gentlemen attending stated, "Your lunch was so delicious, and only in a Lutheran church would the jello salad match the liturgical colors of the season!" Thank you, Jessica Chance for your green jello salad!

It takes a village to make celebrations successful, and members of WHLC graciously do that!

THANK YOU!
Linda Anderson and Sharman Blake

We're thankful for you!

