

## *Dekorra Lutheran Church*

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### **September 2023 Newsletter**

*Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. As the disciples made their way, they were picking the heads of wheat. The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look! Why are they breaking the Sabbath law?"*

*He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he was in need when he and those with him were hungry? During the time when Abiathar was a high priest, David went into God's house and ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat. He also gave bread to those who were with him." Then he said, "The Sabbath was created for humans; humans weren't created for the Sabbath. This is why the Human One[b] is Lord even over the Sabbath."*

- **Mark 2:23-28 (CEB)**

Hello You,

Did you miss me?

A vacation week overlapped with my pastoral column writing time. I figured I should model good sabbath-keeping, so we did without a letter from the last newsletter.

One of my summer projects has been doing the annual review of our membership records. Despite our constitution (both current and previous versions), it does not appear this has been done in a while.

I appreciate Bill Priske, Ellen Keller, and Paul Loewenhagen for working with me my first time through this process. Council has been helpful. Oleg has been a rockstar too! You will hear about some cool things coming out of this process soon.

Let's continue our discussion about vital congregations.

As a reminder, during All Committee Nights, we engage in a little devotion, bible study, and discussion about how the Holy Spirit is changing the church-universal. By "church-universal", I am referring to that thing in our creeds we call "the holy catholic and apostolic church". The healthiest congregations have shifted their expectations and assumptions about the church, the world, and God to follow where the Spirit leads. The folks that regularly attend All Committee Nights have explored and reviewed all thirteen shifts.

In this column we have looked at five of those shifts: 1) Shifting from Seeing God Mainly Working Inside the Church to God Mainly Working Outside the Church; 2) Shifting from us Using Language About the Action of the Church (and Ourselves) to Language About the Action of God; 3) Shifting from Performance to Participation; 4) Shifting from Using Language about Development to Language about Journey; and, 5) Shifting from Church Membership to Discipleship.

This month let's eyeball one shift – **6) From Speaking to Listening.**

My Monday night “class” my first semester in seminary was a spiritual practices “class”. I put class in quotes because while we did learn about spiritual practices, we mostly did (or practiced) spiritual practices. The hardest one for me was moving from speaking to holy listening. Every week for months we read the same story (Luke 10:1-23). We would then sit with a partner and share either something that caught our imagination or something I would want to ask a New Testament scholar about.

What was the partner's job?

To SHUT UP and listen. Don't talk. Don't make noise. Don't think about what you are going to say next. Just do holy listening. Just understand and maybe you'll hear the Holy Spirit talking to you.

This was so hard for me. You know, I like to argue with the people I love. I like to debate. I like to win. I like to appear smart. I like to appear like I am truly plugged in by adding my two cents or at least a “yup” or an “mmmmm” (with a knowing nod) or an “uh huh”. None of those things are listening.

It took practice to learn to be still in body, mind, and mouth. It took weeks of practice to listen to my neighbor and hopefully hear my God. I am better but I am not perfect, or even that good at listening. But, I am practicing and I think I am worlds better than I was in my thirties.

As your pastor, I say what I write next with love.

I am not the only one at DLC that struggles with this spiritual practice. Maybe you struggle with this too.

Well, there are two bits of good news. The biggest piece of good news is that the Holy Spirit is great at getting Jesus' gospel promise into your ears, whether you are good at listening or not.

The smaller piece of good news is that listening is a thing you can get better at.

As the Rev. Matthew Short notes, “As we begin to acknowledge that God is just as active in the world as in the church, we have to also acknowledge that we have something to learn from each other and from our neighbors.”

Next time you are talking with someone at church, find a way to ask one extra question and work to really hear the answer. Try not to make any noise or think about what you are going to say next. As time goes on, work on asking more questions.

Peace,  
+Sterling  
August 17, 2023

## From Your Council President:

Good day! Here it is September and fall is close at hand. I suspect there may be some parents that are glad to see the school start-up. Diane and I babysat our 2 granddaughters for four days and I tell you what, there is a very good reason to have kids when you are young. Exhausting, but a blessing!!! I hope everyone got a chance to spend time doing family things this summer. September means confirmation and Sunday school will be back in session here at Dekorra. Please enroll your age-appropriate kids in either program. There is always room for MORE students! I'd like to thank Sheila and her amazing staff for putting together such a fantastic vacation Bible school (VBS). I had the privilege to serve one of the meals and there sure seemed like lots of excitement from both the students and helpers. If you were in church on August 20th then you saw some of the pictures from VBS. Once again thank you, Sheila, for all you do!

Several months ago your Council created a subcommittee to look at the congregation member list and attempt to update and identify members that may need a gentle reminder that their church misses them and would like to see them back in the pews on Sunday morning. To be a voting member of DLC our constitution requires that you take communion and contribute, either financially or with time, during the previous year. That means filling out a communion card one time annually so that is on file in the church office. If you do not care about voting at congregational meetings, that's fine (I'll get to why you may want to think differently about that in a minute), but we really want to see you at worship. I have heard lots of reasons for not coming to church on Sunday including, but not limited to "I got out of the habit during COVID, I'll be back when there's a later service, I'll come back once I retire, I'll be back once the kids' sports season is done, I'll be back when the Pastor leaves, I'll be back once we have a different leadership team, I'll be back once my kids' graduate, etc., etc.". Each and every one of those reasons are based on one simple fact and that is that Dekorra will still be an active church when the time comes for you to return. I am disheartened by the number of churches that have closed since COVID and I suspect none of them thought that it would happen to their church. Dekorra has been here a long time (154 years), but without your financial support and/or time commitment will DLC still be here when you are ready to return? I am optimistic that DLC will be here in the future, but I am not taking that for granted. We need all of your support **now**. And, frankly, it is always uplifting to see a full church of Jesus people praising God on Sunday morning.

Getting back to the reason for being a voting member of DLC. At the January 2024 annual meeting, you will be voting for a new president and vice president. Neither Bill Schliechert nor myself will be running for re-election. This will be a big deal as a change in leadership will offer fresh opportunities and ideas to unfold. DLC needs everyone active to support the new leadership team. It's time to make time for church again in your lives, DLC and your faith journey may depend on it!

The outdoor report is HOT, HOT, HOT. At a time of year when I am generally fired up for hunting season it is just not happening when it's hot. Soon enough cool nights will be back and I will be gearing up to hit the woods. The garden despite the extremely dry conditions and heat has fared pretty well. The canned goods' selves are filled with fresh vegetables and dill pickles. The 3rd planting of sweet corn looks impressive, so I expect to freeze a bunch more in the next few weeks. The pumpkin and squash are setting fruit and look good. Potatoes are ready to dig and the fall red raspberries are blossoming, so there is always some fresh fruit to look forward to. As big of a struggle as gardening was this year, God has provided and the shelves and freezer are filling. What a mystery our God is!

God Bless You Always,  
Bill Buckley

**Galatians 3:26-27.** So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.

**Please remember in your prayers...** William Schleichert, Nancy Salenius, Hunter Joseph (infant grandson of Harry & Peggy Benson), Judy Buchanan, Ken Schmidt, Joan Ayers, Janet Hungerford, Craig Lorimer (brother-in-law of Ellen & Mike Keller and Darryl & Sherri Knuteson); Ayers family; Sharon Zeimet; Judy Schultz; Joanna Hall (daughter of Mary Dibble); Angie Satter (daughter of Bill & Jill Emmons), Carson Schmudlach 17year old who is battling cancer, 20-year-old Connor Martinson who is suffering from a stroke and a glioblastoma.

**Prayers for those serving our country in the military...**Nicholas Paske (great-nephew of June Fiske); Bill Warren (son of Cheryl Lytle); Quinten Case (great-nephew of June Fiske); Moira McCormack (granddaughter of Renate Lokotz).

### **DLC Book Club**

Discussing + Listening + Contemplating

September 20th - ***The Giver of Stars*** by JoJo Moyes

When Alice Wright agrees to marry handsome American Bennett Van Cleve and leave behind her stifling life in England for a new adventure in Kentucky, she's soon disenchanted by her newlywed status and overbearing father-in-law, owner of the local coal mine. So, when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically. The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, the smart-talking, self-sufficient daughter of a notorious local criminal, a woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three diverse women and become known as the Horseback Librarians of Kentucky.

October 18th - ***Ordinary Grace*** by William Kent Krueger

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum, it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

September 20 - *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

October 18 - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

November 15 - *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

December 27 - *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backman

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

We encourage all Sunday school students and their parents to attend ***Rally Day/Fun Day potluck*** on Sept 10 at 10:30 AM. The confirmation youth are planning activities for the kids.

Sunday school classes resume on Sept 17. As last year, we will have Merry Seng lead us in song and dance at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary (as soon as the church gets out). The class will end at 11 AM. We ask that a parent or older sibling pick up the 4K-2nd grade students from downstairs. Teachers are the same as last year, Florence Schmudlach (4K & Kindergarten), Morgan Loewenhagen (1st & 2nd), & Mandy Paskey (3rd,4th,5th)

**Confirmation classes at Dekorra** Confirmation classes will resume in September for 6th-8th grades

### **Youth and Family News**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with and supported the brat sale on July 22! It went very well and it was **AWESOME** to have so many of our youth helping in the stand. We sold 130 brats plus 30 hot dogs and received \$141 in free-will donations. \$465 total was raised. This was a great way to 'kick off' fundraising for the 2024 youth gathering. Watch for future events between now and next summer.

**VBS Thank You!** What a fun awesome week we had!

VBS was attended by 11 students and 8 middle school helpers.

Many thanks to Kitchen helpers: Dee Sachtjen, Sue Poznanski, Julie Clark, Diane, and Bill Buckley.

Story and Craft Teachers: Mary Thompson, Ruth Kohlmeyer, Ellen Woodward & Kristiana Hinzmann

Music, Dance, Puppets: Merry Seng, Pastor Sterling, and Shelley Roelke, screen technology.

Also thanks to our youth helpers: Sawyer Koch, Paceler Moll, Rachel Semrad, Sophia Szelc, Kinzie Lintl, Myra Diring, Clara Sohns, & Bailey Sohns. Also, Thank You to Cheryl Pendleton who helped with registration.

**Save the Date: Rally Sunday and Picnic – September 10, 2023 at 10:30 am**

Join us for this year's Rally Sunday and Picnic. The worship experience and meal will be combined, and there will be fun, fellowship, and activities led by our young adults. Our youth have several fun games planned for that day. Should be a great way to welcome everyone back. We will be worshipping and eating outside, weather permitting. And, yes, we will be done way before the Packers stomp the Bears.

**HELP WANTED** It is time for the Worship Committee to update our list of people that serve during our worship service. We have not reached out for helpers since the sanctuary was reopened after Covid.

We are looking for additional people to help during our weekly service as:

**Assistant Minister, Reading Minister, Communion Minister, Greeter, Usher (both Sanctuary & Parking Lot), Video Minister** – training will be provided if necessary.

If you would be interested in joining the “Worship Minister” at Dekorra in any or several of the above positions or have questions, contact **Sharon Kampen** at [kampensg@yahoo.com](mailto:kampensg@yahoo.com) or 608-635-4745. You can also contact any of the other Worship Committee members: Judy Brownrigg, Diane Buckley, Kathy Burhop, Ann Carncross, and Kathy Statz.

**If you are already serving in any of the above positions also let Sharon know if you want to continue as a “Worship Minister” or be removed from the list.**

Dekorra is also looking for people to join one of the many Committees that serve our congregation. If you would be interested in joining one of the following contact the chairperson for more information:

**Altar Guild** – Dee Sachtjen – [dsachtjen4@gmail.com](mailto:dsachtjen4@gmail.com) or 608-573-0345

**Education** - Sheila Gempeler – [sdgemp1949@gmail.com](mailto:sdgemp1949@gmail.com) or 608-592-6902

**Endowment** – Al Bilse – [bilse2@gmail.com](mailto:bilse2@gmail.com) or 608-592-4076

**Finance** – Lyle Hendrickson – [lwhendrick3@gmail.com](mailto:lwhendrick3@gmail.com) or 608-592-5890

**Hospitality** – Mary Thompson – [mathompson124@gmail.com](mailto:mathompson124@gmail.com) or 608-592-4209

**Human Resources** – Karen Bender – [bender4@centurytel.net](mailto:bender4@centurytel.net) or 608-575-1860

**Memorial** – Donna Schwoch – [donnaschwoch@aol.com](mailto:donnaschwoch@aol.com) or 608-635-4111

**Mission of Hope** - Bill Schleichert – [williamschleichert@gmail.com](mailto:williamschleichert@gmail.com) – 608-697-4434

**Property** – Dennis Cunningham – [d.cunninghamcom@yahoo.com](mailto:d.cunninghamcom@yahoo.com) or 608-843-8203

**Quilters** – Margo Holzman – [mitesag@yahoo.com](mailto:mitesag@yahoo.com) or 608-635-7772

**Scholarship** – Bill Schleichert – [williamschleichert@gmail.com](mailto:williamschleichert@gmail.com) – 608-697-4434

**Social Ministry** – Natalie Westegard – [natntut@hotmail.com](mailto:natntut@hotmail.com) or 608-284-0832

**Stewardship** – Sharon Kampen – [kampensg@yahoo.com](mailto:kampensg@yahoo.com) or 608-635-4745 - Our team is looking for 2 people to help count the Sunday offering.

**Thrivent Choice** - Bill Schleichert – [williamschleichert@gmail.com](mailto:williamschleichert@gmail.com) – 608-697-4434

**Worship** – Sharon Kampen - [kampensg@yahoo.com](mailto:kampensg@yahoo.com) or 608-635-4745

**Youth and Family** – Brad Simplot – [simplot@chater.net](mailto:simplot@chater.net) or 608-592-5167

**Women of the ELCA** If you are planning on attending the Biennial Convention and Gathering on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Midvale Community Lutheran Church. 4329 Tokay Boulevard, Madison

**Registration is online only at**

<https://scsw-elca.org/2023gathering/>

Registration fee is: \$25 on or before Friday, Sept. 22, and \$40 from Sept 23 through October 7. The convention runs from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. You will select your workshops on the day of the Gathering: You may mail your check to Sandy Seffrood, 8329 County Rd D, South Wayne, WI 53587, or pay through PayPal.

**OWLS** will meet on Friday, Sept. 15 at 12 Noon. Following our potluck luncheon, Heather Holy will give a program. Heather represents Gunderson Funeral and Cremation Care. She will talk to the group about Advanced Planning and Aftercare. Hope to see you there.

**From Social Ministry Committee:**

We will once again be doing School Kits and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. They are shipped along with the Quilts that the quilters worked on all year.

**THE SCHOOL KIT INCLUDES:**

- 1-Drawstring Backpack
- 4-70 Sheet Notebooks
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1-30centimeters Ruler
- 1 pair of Blunt Scissors
- 5-Unsharpened #2 Pencils with Erasers
- 5-Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens
- 1-2.5" Eraser

**PERSONAL CARE KITS INCLUDES:**

- 1-Light-Weight Bath-Size Towel
- 2-Bath-Size Bars of Soap
- 1-Adult-Size Toothbrush in its Original Packaging
- 1-Sturdy Comb, Remove Packaging
- 1-Metal Nail Clippers Remove Packaging

Wrap all the items in the towel and tie them securely with ribbon or yarn.

If you could donate any of these items or make a financial donation-marking it *For Kits* on your Giving Envelopes it would be appreciated! Please make your donations before September 24<sup>th</sup>. You can leave items in Old Kitchen. THANK YOU!!!



**Poynette Area Community Food Pantry Inc.**  
**Poynette Village Hall**  
**106 S. Main Street**  
**Poynette, WI 53955**  
**608-316-0563**  
**poynettefoodpantry@gmail.com**

### DONATION LIST

Thank you for your interest in helping the Poynette Area Community Food Pantry stock our shelves.

Non-perishable or fresh produce donations can be dropped off during our Pantry hours or there is a drop bin in the Village Hall Lobby.

#### Pantry Hours

- The Pantry is open:
- the first through fifth Tuesdays of the month from 1 – 3 pm
  - the first through fourth Thursdays of the month from 5 – 7 pm
- The Pantry is closed:
- the fifth Thursday of the month
  - in inclement weather if Poynette schools are closed
  - Holidays

The following items are always appreciated:

Hygiene/Cleaning Items	Standard Pantry Items
TOILET PAPER	CANNED ITEMS:
TAMPONS	• FRUIT
FEMININE PADS	• VEGETABLES
ADULT & CHILD TOOTHBRUSHES	• RAVIOLI
SHAMPOO	• SPAGHETTI'OS
CONDITIONER	• PORK & BEANS
3&1 SHAMPOO	• SPAGHETTI SAUCE (Jars Ok too)
KLEENEX	• SOUP – Chunky versions too
PAPER TOWLS	• CHICKEN OR TUNA
DISH SOAP	PANCAKE MIX
LAUNDRY SOAP	SYRUP
BAR SOAP	RAMEN NOODLES
TOILET BOWL CLEANER	SPAGHETTI, MACARONI or other Boxed Pasta
SURFACE CLEANER	KETCHUP
DEODERANT	MAC & CHEESE
	RICE or PASTA Sides
	Boxed POTATOES
	BOX HAMBURGER HELPER
	JELLY
	PEANUT BUTTER
	CEREAL

\*\*\* Fresh Produce is always welcome in season \*\*\*

Serving our Lord September 2023

Date	Time	Assistant Minister	Reading Minister	Communion Minister	Greeters	Sanctuary Ushers	Parking Lot Ushers	Acolytes	Video Minister	
9/3	9:00 AM	Sue Poznanski	Merry Seng	Florence Schmuclach	Monte & Mary Thompson	Paul Knuteson & Jerry Carncross	None	Need Help	Bill Buckley	
9/10	10:30 AM	<b>OUTDOOR SERVICE</b>								
		<b>CHURCH PICNIC/SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b>								
9/10	10:30 AM	Barb Beyer	Kinzie Lintl	None	None	None	Harry Benson & Pete Holzman	None	Paul Knuteson	
9/17	9:00 AM	Barb Beyer	Rose Holerud	Judy Brownrigg	Karen & Kristine Millard	Bill Priske & Leroy Riedel	None	Need Help	Shelley Roelke	
9/24	9:00 AM	Barb Verbitsky	Sheila Gempeler	Lisa Bothun & Sharon Kampen	Bill & Kathy Statz	Darryl & Sherri Knuteson	None	Need Help	Jerry Carncross	
10/1	9:00 AM	Merry Seng	Dave Kimmunen	Diane Buckley	Phil & Vicki Nugier	Harry & Peggy Benson	None	Need Help	Brad Simplot	

**Cantor/Music:** 9/3 Bill Emmons; 9/10 Barb Verbitsky; 9/17 Merry Seng; 9/24 Kyle Knuteson; 10/1 To Be scheduled

**Stewardship:** 9/3 Sherri Knuteson & Sheri Birchler; 9/10 Phil & Vicki Nugier; 9/17 Sharon Kampen & Holly Priske; 9/24 Sherri Knuteson & Sheri Birchler; 10/1 Phil & Vicki Nugier

**Please Note:** If there is a schedule conflict, **PLEASE** try to find your own replacement. If you are unable to find a replacement, **THEN** give Sharon Kampen a call at 608-635-4745. PLEASE notify the church office of any change to this schedule.

**Thank you for your dedication and service. Your help in ministry is very important!**



# Dekorra Lutheran Church

## August 2023 Committee Reports

### Christian Education

Our next scheduled meeting will be Aug 31 at 9 AM

Committee Attendance: Cheryl Pendleton, Ruth Kohlmeyer, Ardyce Piehl, Sheila Gempeler

*Sunday school 4K-5th grades and 6th-grade pre-confirmation.*

Setting service goal to collect water through Heifer International.

- A new solar well is \$750.
- Thrivent funds will be available.

Teachers will be returning in the fall.

The curriculum is being reviewed.

### VBS

VBS theme is God's Living Water – Covered in Jesus' Grace.

The dates are August 14-17. The time is 5:30-7:30

Have 10 students and 8 youth helpers.

Work is underway to build a puppet theater, and there are other decorations being obtained. Some of the youth helpers are signed up to help with decorations after church on the 13th.

### *Middle and High School.*

Youth are planning Rally Day activities.

Kick-off for 6th - 8th-grade students and parents will be Weds Sept 13.

Looking forward to Youth Convention in New Orleans – July 2024!

### *Adult Education.*

We have acquired the DVD for the Chosen season 3. Plans are to hold\_group viewing and discussions in the fall. Dates to be determined.

### *DLC Book Club/Library.*

Book Club 2023 continues to meet at 1 PM on the following days with new book selections.

- September 20, *The Giver of Stars*, October 18, *Ordinary Grace*
- November 15, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. December 27, *The Deal of a Lifetime*.

### *Women's Retreat set for April 20, 2024*

Garden theme based on the devotional, *Playing in the Dirt*, and utilizing the *Gods Word for Gardeners Bible*.

- Obtain *Playing in the Dirt* for each participant.

**Brainstorming notes:** activities, decorations, and timeline.

- Time, 9 AM -2 PM, beginning with coffee, treat, and greet.

Garden theme decorations, wheelbarrow?? Edible gardens take home planter activity

Thoughts on speakers, music, centering prayer

### Hospitality

1. We met on August 1 at 9:30. Four of our six members were present.

2. We discussed the upcoming Picnic/Rally Day event on Sept. 10. It was the feeling of the Hospitality Committee that it would be best to serve the food inside and our feelings on the subject would be expressed at the All Committee Meeting that evening.

3. There was no need for more Visitor Bags and the Nursery was clean.

4. A list of possible programs for OWLS was discussed and new ideas were added.

## **Worship**

Attendees: Judy Brownrigg, Diane Buckley, Ann Carncross, Sharon Kampen, Dee Sachtjen & Kathy Statz

Absent: Kathy Burhop, Sue Poznanski, Marj Weingandt

Ann gave a review of what was talked about at the "All Committee Night". The church picnic/rally day/youth event will take place on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. An outdoor service will begin at 10:30 a.m., combined picnic meal, rally day, and youth activities. The following are committee responsibilities:

Hospitality – meal arrangement

Education – rally day activities

Youth and Family – youth games and music

Worship – set-up for outdoor service

Sharon reported that she has only received a few responses from the appeal in the newsletter in May and June for additional people to serve during Sunday service. Next month we will divide our current list of servers and contact them to see if they want to continue to help with our Sunday service.

Pastor has asked us to update the calendar for when we start to prepare for church principal festivals and other events that we will celebrate during the church year. He has asked that we start planning 3 to 4 months prior to the event. Sharon asked everyone to review our current calendar and make recommendations next month on how we should update the calendar. Some of the events we need to include are:

### **Principal Events**

Epiphany

Ash Wednesday

Palm Sunday

Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday

Pentecost

Reformation

All Saints Day

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

## **Youth and Family**

1. Four youth, three parents/chaperones, and Pastor Sterling committed (so far) to attending the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans.
2. First 2024 Youth Gathering fundraiser was a brat sale at Lodi Sausage on Saturday, July 22. \$465 total raised. Yay!
3. Team attended synod informational meetings during the summer. Very helpful.
4. Synod guidance is to budget \$1500 per attendee. This puts the total cost for a current group around \$12,000. The intention is to raise these funds separately from the church budget/general fund. Planning to use carry-over funds from the previous canceled Youth Gathering (covid). More youth may be added in the future.
5. Co-planning combined church picnic, Sunday School rally day, and fun youth event with Hospitality, Education, and Worship committees. Will be Sunday, September 10 starting at 10:30 AM. There will not be 9 AM worship that day.

**Dekorra Lutheran Church - Poynette WI**  
**Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2023**

Monday, August 7, 2023

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Church Operating Funds</b>		
100.001	Gen checking - Bank First	11,315.62
100.002	Money Market Savings-BOP(Restricted Asset)	67,361.83
	<b>Total Check &amp; Savings Assets</b>	<b>\$78,677.45</b>
<b>Organization Funds</b>		
100.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund(Restricted Asset)	85,982.91
100.040	Dekorra Men For Christ (Restricted Asset)	6,587.14
100.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	48,659.71
100.100	Dekorra Lutheran Youth Group(Restricted Asset)	2,464.07
115.080	Memorial Fund (Restricted Asset)	17,579.38
	<b>Total Organization Accounts</b>	<b>\$161,273.21</b>
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$239,950.66</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
200.010	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(40,524.60)
210.001	941 Taxes Payable	1,784.76
210.002	State Taxes Payable	84.26
210.003	Miscellaneous Deductions	214.42
210.005	Pastor's Portico deductions	490.44
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(\$37,950.72)</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
300.001	General Balance	92,898.15
300.002	Missions Balance	(32,381.61)
	<b>General Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$60,516.54</b>
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,259.29
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,112.56
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	7,909.88
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	442.73
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,822.89
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance(Restricted)	4,749.30
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	13,000.51
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,863.84
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.10
	<b>Money Market Funds</b>	<b>\$45,181.10</b>
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,982.91
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance(Restricted)	6,587.14
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance(Restricted)	2,200.93
300.070	Misssion of Hope Balance	3,048.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	48,659.71
305.001	Youth Fund Balance(Restricted)	2,464.07
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	5,736.31
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	17,524.38
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$277,901.38</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$239,950.66</b>

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,982.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	85,982.91
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance (Restricted)	6,587.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,587.14
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance (Restricted)	2,399.64	380.50	579.21	0.00	2,200.93
300.070	Mission of Hope Balance	2,748.29	300.00	0.00	0.00	3,048.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	48,659.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,659.71
305.001	Youth Fund Balance(Restricted)	2,464.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,464.07
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	3,951.31	125.00	0.00	1,660.00	5,736.31
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	17,504.38	45.00	25.00	0.00	17,524.38
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,259.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,259.29
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,112.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,112.56
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	7,909.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,909.88
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance (Restricted)	442.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	442.73
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,822.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,822.89
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance (Restricted)	6,079.30	0.00	0.00	(1,330.00)	4,749.30
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	13,000.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.51
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,843.84	20.00	0.00	0.00	1,863.84
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.10
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$216,788.55</b>	<b>\$870.50</b>	<b>\$604.21</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>	<b>\$217,384.84</b>

**Dekorrra Lutheran Church - Poynette WI**  
**Summary of Cash Activity for 07/01/2023 thru 07/31/2023**

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**Asset Account: 100.001 - Gen checking - Bank First**

**Cash Balance as of 07/01/2023(at the beginning of the day)** **\$13,790.54**

Add Transactions From:

Income	\$0.00
Donations	\$14,733.50
Transfers (debit)	\$579.21
Journal Entries (debit)	\$0.00
AR Collections (debit)	\$0.00

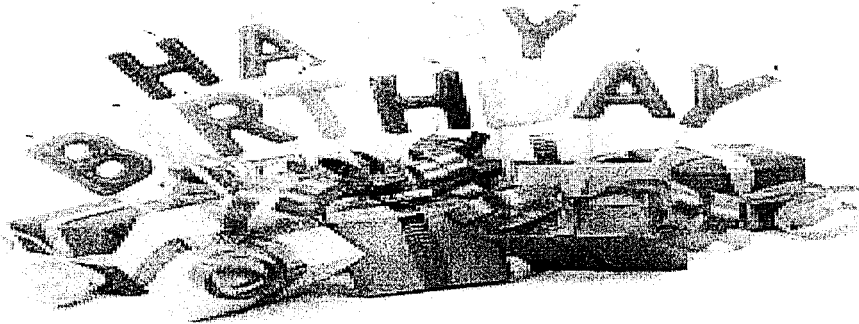
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>\$15,312.71</b>
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Subtract Transactions From:

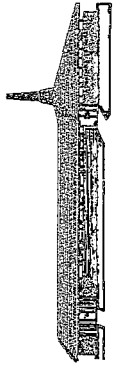
Payments	\$7,935.93
Payroll	\$9,026.20
Transfers (credit)	\$825.50
Journal Entries (credit)	\$0.00

<b>Total Subtractions</b>	<b>\$17,787.63</b>
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**Cash Balance as of 07/31/2023(at the end of the day)** **\$11,315.62**



Mary Thompson	09/02	Monte Thompson	09/26
Noah Rud	09/02	Calla Kelly	09/26
Jennifer Keller	09/02	Adalie Fournier	09/26
Terry Hillestad	09/02	Tim Larson	09/29
Kelli Mankefor	09/03	John Rasmussen	09/30
Kimberly Glaser	09/03	Kerri Lintl	09/30
Annabella Severson	09/06		
Jenny Rake	09/08		
Brian Lund	09/09		
Beckett Hofstetter	09/09		
Joanne Henthorne	09/09		
Madeline Shaw	09/10		
Riley Browne	09/14		
Jean Nelsen	09/14		
Kollee LaBlanc	09/14		
Paul Knuteson	09/15		
Dean Weichmann	09/16		
Greg Knuteson	09/17		
Adler Hofstetter	09/17		
Rick Dolajeck	09/18		
Ruth Nelson	09/20		
Jim Nelsen	09/22		
Sloane Meyer	09/22		
Bob Tomczak	09/23		
Jerry Henthorne	09/23		
Al Bilse	09/23		
Hunter Zitzner	09/24		



# September 2023

## Dekorra Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> NO Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	<b>5</b> 10:30am Hospitality Committee Mtg 6:30pm All Committee Mtg	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00pm Quilting	<b>8</b> 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Picnic	<b>11</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>12</b> 1:00pm Joy Circle	<b>13</b> 9:30am Faith Bible Study 6:00pm Worship &Community Time	<b>14</b> 1:00pm Quilting 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>15</b> 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 12:00pm OWLS 8:00pm AA	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	<b>18</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>19</b> <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	<b>20</b> 1:00pm Book Club 6:00pm Worship &Community Time	<b>21</b> 1:00pm Quilting	<b>22</b> 9:00am Worship Committee Mtg 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00am Outdoor Worship 10:00am Sunday School	<b>25</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>26</b> <u>Newsletter Mailing</u>	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Worship &Community Time	<b>28</b> 9:00am Christian Ed Mtg 1:00pm Quilting	<b>29</b> 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	<b>30</b>

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## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sept 3	9:00am	Worship
Sept 4		LABOR DAY
Sept 5	6:30pm	All Committee Mtg
Sept 10	9:00am	Worship & Picnic
Sept 13	6:00pm	Worship & Community Time
Sept 14	6:30pm	Council Mtg
Sept 15	Noon	OWLS Potluck & Luncheon
Sept 17	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Sept 20	6:00pm	Worship & Community Time
Sept 24	9:00am	Outdoor Worship & Sunday School
Sept 27	6:00pm	Worship & Community Time