

## *Dekorra Lutheran Church*

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**April 2024 Newsletter**

### **From Your Council President:**

Happy Spring!

I love this time of year! Melting snow...well, sometimes, but clearly not this year. But, still, we are having warmer weather, early flowers popping up, and longer days. The Easter season is such a big part of spring and it will have come and gone very soon.

There continues to be a lot going on at Dekorra. If you have thoughts and ideas for our 155<sup>th</sup> celebration, please share them with a Council member so they can be added to the list. We are seeking someone to lead this and will keep you advised. Remember, though, this is a MUCH smaller celebration than our 150<sup>th</sup>. We just want to do a few special things to celebrate our birthday.

With Spring comes High School Graduation. A very big deal for anyone preparing for it. It may possibly be the single biggest event in some young people's lives so far! We have received a few scholarship applications for the Steuer-Mitchell Scholarship, given in remembrance of Carl and Alvina Steuer, Hattie Steuer, Edith (Steuer) Mitchell, Robert E, and Hazel E. Mitchell. Also, as you know, we have a Loewenhagen Scholarship Fund, administered by the family and in loving memory of Linda Loewenhagen, Pastor Bruce's wife who died tragically in a car accident.

Education scholarships have been a focus of our family. We have been committed to helping students with college or trade school expenses, too. About 20 years ago, we started a scholarship to honor Buck's parents, Bill and Bev Bender. We used that as their Christmas and birthday presents, and got rid of that perennial question – what to get them for a gift! For years they were able to go through the applications, pick out the winner, attend the ceremony, etc. It meant a lot to all involved. Now that they are both gone, it is a memorial scholarship, and our children are very involved in making decisions as to who receives the award. Interestingly enough, Bryn Romeis, a member of DLC from Poynette, won the Bender Scholarship in 2023. You may remember that she also won the Steuer-Mitchell Scholarship awarded by Dekorra, for Poynette. Emma Glaser won for Lodi.

Our Caring for Creation Project is moving along. We are one of the few, if not the only, Congregation in the Synod to embrace this. More details on that project in the future.

God Bless!  
Karen Bender

**Proverbs 16:3** Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans.

**Please remember in your prayers...** Chris Henthorne and his parents Jerry and JoAnn, Wendy Schudlach (sister & sister-in-law of Mike & Ellen Keller, Darryl & Sherri Lynn Knuteson, and Karl Knuteson), 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); Sharon Zeimet; Judy Schultz; Joanna Hall (daughter of Mary Dibble); Angie Satter (daughter of Bill & Jill Emmons),

### **DLC Book Club**

Discussing + Listening + Contemplating

- No DLC Book Club meeting in April.
- The next DLC Book Club gathering is May 15<sup>th</sup> for our annual book share. Bring your favorite reads to share!
- Watch the announcements for information about an independent bookstore outing this summer. Did someone say Road Trip??
- DLC Book Club takes a break over the summer and will resume in September with a discussion of *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova.

**May 15** - Personal Picks Book Share

**September 18** - *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova

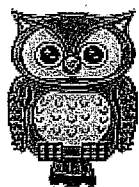
**October 16** - *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards

**November 20** - *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan

**December 11** - *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg

**NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION:** We will introduce and accept professions of faith from new members on April 7, 2024. If you are looking for a church home or want to make it official that DLC is your home, but cannot make the new member class on March 17<sup>th</sup>, then please chat with Pastor Sterling for an alternative.

**HYMN SING SERVICE** Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is going to be a Hymn Sing Service. If you have a favorite hymn(s) that you would like to sing during the service, email your request to Oleg at [dekorra@dekorralutheran.org](mailto:dekorra@dekorralutheran.org) or drop your request off at the church office by Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.



**OWLS Friday, April 19th** We will meet at noon for a potluck luncheon. Our program that day will be presented by the Lodi Police Department. They will discuss the threat of an active shooter entering our building or other areas where we may encounter such a threat. The program usually starts around 1:00 if you are unable to join us for lunch.

**WELCA NEWS** Baraboo Conference Spring Gathering

The conference will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 20 with registration starting at 9:00 am. The church is located at 727 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Baraboo. Devotions from 9:30 to 10:00 followed by the speaker Keri Olson from 10:00 until 10:40. The business meeting will be held from 10:50 until 11:45 with a soup and sandwich lunch to follow. The cost is \$10.00 and you may register by calling Alice at 608-356-3230 or emailing [stpauls@stpaulslutheranchurch.us](mailto:stpauls@stpaulslutheranchurch.us) before April 13, 2024.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING** On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, immediately after worship, we will have a special meeting to vote on a change to our congregation's constitution. This change was intended to be on our annual meeting agenda, but an error meant that it did not get on in time and the oversight was noticed too late. Please see the March and April newsletters for details.

**VBS** With summer approaching we are in need of a coordinator for VBS. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Contact Sheila if interested. [sdgemp1949@gmail.com](mailto:sdgemp1949@gmail.com)

### **Youth and Family News:**

- At the end of 2023, we had ten attendees committed to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. At that time, we had raised enough funds to cover costs for ten. Thanks be to God we have added one more youth to the trip, for a new, and final, total of **seven** young adults, Pastor Sterling, and three adult leaders/chaperones. This is a real accomplishment, considering Dekorra has not sent a group to the National Youth Gathering recently, if ever.
- Please watch for a few more fundraising events to support the final youth attendee. The first will ***kick off grilling season with a brat fry lunch at Lodi Sausage on Saturday, April 20.*** It doesn't get much easier to support our youth. Just come hungry to Main Street in Lodi, and maybe order extra take-outs for your friends, neighbors, and family :) This is during Lodi's garage sale days, *so you can easily pay for brats with all of the treasures and bargains you find from others' attics.* We appreciate everyone's support in getting to this point and believe we can send all eleven attendees with a stretch run. Thank you and see you in April!

**WELCA QUARTERLY MEETING** will take place on the First Saturday in April, at 9:00 am

**APRIL COUNCIL MEETING** Due to some scheduling conflicts the meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## *Playing in the Dirt – Crazy Plant Ladies Retreat*

*Date: Saturday April 20, 2024*

*Time: 9AM to 2PM*

*Cost \$20 – includes morning coffee, lunch, devotional book, craft supplies and plants.*

*Participants limited to 20 – reserve your space early*

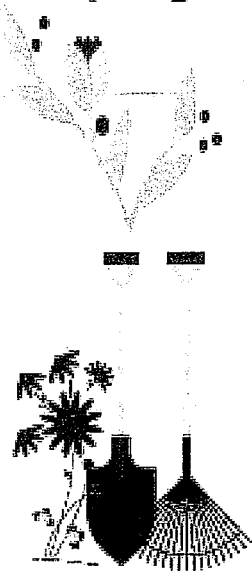
*Checks need to be received by April 10*

*Email: [sdgemp1949@gmail.com](mailto:sdgemp1949@gmail.com)*

*608-712-2771*

*Where: Dekorra Lutheran Church*

*N3099 Smith Rd. Poynette, WI 53555*



# DEKORRA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## March 2024 Committee Reports

### WORSHIP

In Attendance: Sharon Kampen, Marj Weingandt, Diane Buckley, Sue Poznanski  
Absent: Kathy Burhop, Kathy Statz, Judy Brownrigg, Dee Sachtjen, Ann Carncross

Preparations for Holy Week are complete with one exception. Sharon is still looking for help at the 10:30 AM service on Easter morning.

As of now the Blessing of the Bikes is scheduled for an outdoor service on May 5th. This is also the day we will celebrate May birthdays. We will have to determine how to handle cake for the birthday celebrants and snacks for the bike riders. There is the possibility of moving the blessing to April 21 which is the same day as our Hymn Sing. The consideration here is that the weather might not be cooperative. Sharon will speak to Pastor Sterling to determine which date we should utilize. We propose that there be a person assigned to each aisle in the parking lot so that each bike can receive an individual blessing. We will announce the Blessing of the Bikes on our Facebook Page and may ask that it be included in the school announcements in Lodi, Poynette, Portage, and possibly DeForest.

The Worship Committee and the Altar Guild are scheduled for the soup supper on Wednesday, March 20th. All members need to be at church with their food donations by 5 PM to set up before people arrive to eat at 5:30 PM.

Diane has researched ways to celebrate Maundy Thursday. She has not found anything that she thinks would work well for us. We will contact Pastor Sterling for help with this service.

Once again, we are proposing that the Church Council return the All-Committee meetings to their previous format. The only difference would be holding that meeting during daylight hours since the majority of committee members are retired and do not drive after dark. This arrangement has several positive effects. All committees meeting at the same time increases communication between groups. Pastor Sterling could stop by each table to give his input on the various agenda items, and participation by members would most probably increase. It would streamline the process of getting things accomplished. We understand that some of the committees would still need to meet separately and they could send a representative to the All-Committee meetings.

Our next meeting is Friday, March 22 at 9:00 am at church.

Submitted by: Sue Poznanski

### Hospitality

1. The Hospitality Committee will be helping serve Soup and Sandwich on March 13th.
2. The new member orientation will be held in the library on March 17 with time to hand out registration forms along with other papers to introduce the new members to Dekorra. We will meet after services on that day. The heads of the various committees are encouraged to drop in and introduce themselves. The Hospitality Committee will provide coffee and muffins.
3. New member gift bags will be given out on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

4. The nursery was straightened and visitor bags were checked.
5. Communion was taken to 8 people during the month of Feb.
6. Two visitor cards were mailed.

## Christian Education

Attendees: Ardyce Piehl, Ellen Woodward, Ruth Kohlmeyer, Our next scheduled meeting will be March 28, 2024, at 9 AM.

### DLC Book Club/Library.

- ✓ Discussed another movie – waiting til the fall.
  - researching the purchase of a DVD player for showing a movie in the sanctuary. Best Buy suggested Amazon.
- ✓ Discussed possible Book Club/Chr. Ed outing.
- ✓ Will schedule a workday in the library.
  - Purge and sell duplicates for \$1.00 during/after church events.
- ✓ Book Selections for 2024
  - March 21, 1 PM The Book of Lost Names; by Kristin Harmel
  - April none
  - May is a personal favorite

### Sunday School/VBS

- ✓ Missions: Children chose to work toward a “family farm” through ELCA Good Gifts. The family farm includes a cow, 2 goats, 2 pigs, and a flock of chicks at a cost of \$715.
- ✓ Attendance: We have 19 students registered as of February 2024 with a new family (2 children ages 3 and 5).
- ✓ Music: Children will sing in church in April.
  - Merry Seng wrote a song to help the children learn the 10 commandments.
- ✓ VBS – looking at possible curriculum – needs to set dates soon.

### Youth

- ✓ Confirmation April 28
- ✓ Youth retreat – New Orleans in July
  - They have two additional youths, so are raising funds again.

## Adult education:

- ✓ Checking with the Pastor on a possible bible study
- ✓ There is a new member Sunday scheduled for March 17
- ✓ Owls will meet this month.

## Women's Retreat set for April 20, 2024, Christian Ed activity for Celebrate 155

- ✓ Garden theme based on the devotional, "Playing in the Dirt"
  - Melissa Lederhaus agreed to be our devotion/bible study speaker.
- ✓ Devotion books have been purchased and will be presented to each participant.
  - Ellen showed samples of table decorations and journals, pens, take take-home bags. She obtained Thrivent funds for start-up expenses.
  - The cost of the retreat for participants will be \$20.
    - Restricted to 20 participants plus committee members.
- Ardyce presented ideas for the "Mighty Micro Greens" activity.
  - She will use a Thrivent card for her expenses.
- Julie and Ruth will work on the menu – morning coffee along with sandwich and salad bar lunch.
- ✓ Continued Brainstorming notes: activities, decorations, and timeline.
  - Worked to complete retreat schedule.
  - Posters with registration info completed.
  - Will post the event on Facebook shortly

## Youth and Family

- Youth and Family served Lenten meal on February 28.
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# Dekorra Lutheran Church Council

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2024

**Call to Order:** President Karen Bender called the meeting to order at 6:35 in Fellowship Hall. Lyle Hendrickson led us in prayer.

**Present:** Buck Bender, Karen Bender, Al Bilse, Joen Bilse, Lyle Hendrickson, Ellen Keller, Brad Simplot, Clara Sohns. **Absent:** Judy Brownrigg, Paul Knuteson, Bill Priske, Paul Loewenhagen, and Pastor Sterling Lynk. **Guest:** Meg Sohns

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Joen Bilse, seconded by Buck Bender to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes Dated February 21, 2024:** Motion by Al Bilse, seconded by Brad Simplot to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** (Sterling Lynk)

1. Pastor Sterling is on vacation.

**President's Report:**

1. Karen followed up with the audit committee to see if their report was sent to the synod. Everything is done and no further action is required on our part.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. The checkbook balance on February 29, 2024 was \$19,462.10.
2. Lyle would like some direction on where to deposit larger donations that Dekorra receives—the general fund or the contingency fund. Motion made by Karen that the donator be asked where they would like the money deposited. Buck amended the motion to say that donors should be asked where they would like funds of \$2000 or more deposited. Al Bilse seconded. Motion carried.
3. The Lenten money collected is deposited into the committee that prepared and served the meal.
4. Ellen Keller moved to approve the treasurer's report, and Al Bilse seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Ellen mentioned that the Easter Butterfly Project is due March 17 with funds earmarked for the summer youth trip.
2. Further discussion on whether to continue having all committee nights on the second Tuesday of the month. Committee members have indicated they would prefer a daytime meeting time. Karen and Joen are updating the committee member lists. When finished a survey will be sent to the committees to solicit their preferences on when best to hold all committee meetings. Facts will be gathered and presented to the council.
3. The Positive Membership Team would like to add an additional member. They will meet next in August. They would like to start the pledge season sooner this year, perhaps in October or mid-November. They will present a plan to the council at the September council meeting.
4. May birthdays will be celebrated on May 17, Pentecost.

**Old Business:**

1. Karen will continue filling out the Caring for Creation Project form. Our report was sent to the synod and only Dekorra is actively doing something. Talked about creating a nature trail on our property. Looking to get the youth involved by perhaps building and/or decorating birdhouses.
2. Meg Sohns volunteered to take the lead on our 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on August 25. Ideas for the celebration include having the youth talk about their trip to New Orleans, games, potluck/picnic and Bishop Joy will attend.
3. Amendment change for our constitution (Chapter 9.05, No. 4) will be addressed at a special called church meeting on April 21 immediately after church. It has been posted twice as required.

**New Business:**

1. Ellen asked if Pastor Sterling would be holding additional office hours during Oleg's vacation next week or if anyone would be in the office.
2. Motion made to change April's council meeting to April 18 due to several members being gone. Seconded by Ellen Keller. Motion carried. Next Meeting, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
3. The next blood drive at church is April 15, 2024.

Joen Bilse moved to adjourn, seconded by Al Bilse.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joen Bilse



## NOTICE:

In 2023, the DLC received the changes made to the model constitution for congregations at the ELCA church-wide assembly in August 2022.

Having just updated our constitution, we did not want to form another team to “reopen” and update our constitution. But, because of strong advocacy from pastors in our synod, the council did consider the changes to the model constitution for chapter C9, which has to do with rostered ministers (like Pastor Sterling). The council voted to adopt the language in the new model constitution for C9 only.

The purpose of these changes was to give the same process to pastors who allegedly have any kind of disability to keep their calls/ordinations as other pastors. This became important to Pastor Sterling when Pastor Peter Heidi explained, that Pastor Peter has been a good friend to this community. He also happens to be blind and is directly impacted by this change.

DLC council intended to have these changes on the annual meeting agenda, but a clerical error meant we failed to give notice on time. The current DLC President and Pastor have decided to call a special meeting to take this up, on April 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after the hymn sing worship service.

Please review the included changes to the model language.

Peace, +Sterling

### **Chapter 9: ROSTERED MINISTER**

\*C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:

[...]

- 8) Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.

*Rationale: [This amendment was proposed on the assembly floor during the 2019 Churchwide Assembly; consequently, no rationale was provided prior to the assembly.]*

- \*C9.05. The provisions for termination of the mutual relationship between a minister of Word and Sacrament and this congregation shall be as follows:
- a. The call of this congregation, when accepted by a pastor, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment, which shall be terminated only by the pastor's death or, following consultation with the synod bishop, for any of the following reasons:
    - [...]
    - 4) inability to conduct the pastoral office effectively in view of physical disability or mental incapacity of the pastor;
      - [...]
      - b. When allegations of physical disability or mental incapacity of the pastor under paragraph a.4) above, or ineffective conduct of the pastoral office under paragraph a.3) above, have come to the attention of the bishop of this synod,
        - 1) the bishop, in his or her who has sole discretion, may investigate such conditions personally together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson, or
          - [...]
      - c. In case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity under paragraph a.4) above, the bishop's committee shall obtain and document competent medical opinion concerning the pastor's condition. When a disability or incapacity is evident to the committee, the bishop of this synod may declare the pastorate vacant. When the pastorate is declared vacant, the Synod Council shall list the pastor on the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament with disability status. Upon removal resumption of the disability and the restoration of the pastor to health, ability to conduct the office effectively, the bishop shall take steps to enable the pastor to resume the ministry, either in the congregation last served or in another appropriate call.

*Rationale: These changes parallel changes being made elsewhere in the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA. Language related to disability has been changed to reflect current understandings and to clarify that inability and incapacity to conduct the pastoral office effectively are the standard to be considered. In addition, the words "any of" have been inserted for precision, and references to the synod bishop have been made inclusive.*

- \*C9.12. The pastor of this congregation:
- a. shall keep accurate parochial records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members dismissed, or members excluded from this congregation;

*Rationale: The deletion of "parochial" is for consistency of usage.*

- \*C9.13. The pastor(s) shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

*Rationale: Inclusive language*

- \*C9.14. The parochial records of this congregation shall be maintained by the pastor and shall remain the property of this congregation. The secretary of this congregation shall attest in writing to the bishop of this synod that such records have been placed in his or her the secretary's hands in good order by a departing pastor before the installation of that pastor in another call or approval of a request for change in roster status.

*Rationale: These changes parallel changes being made elsewhere in the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA. The deletion of "parochial" is for consistency of usage. The second change is for inclusive language.*

\*C9.23. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall:

[...]

- c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the realm of God in the community, the nation, and abroad, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.

*Rationale: [This amendment was proposed on the assembly floor during the 2019 Churchwide Assembly; consequently, no rationale was provided prior to the assembly.]*

\*C9.25. The provisions for termination of the mutual relationship between a minister of Word and Service and this congregation shall be as follows:

- a. The call of this congregation, when accepted by a deacon, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment, which shall be terminated only by the deacon's death or, following consultation with the synod bishop, for any of the following reasons:

[...]

- 4) inability to conduct the office effectively in view of physical disability or mental incapacity of the deacon;

[...]

- b. When allegations of physical disability or mental incapacity of the deacon under paragraph a.4) above, or ineffective conduct of the office of minister of Word and Service under paragraph a.3) above, have come to the attention of the bishop of this synod,

- 1) the bishop, in his or her who has sole discretion, may investigate such conditions personally together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson, or

[...]

- c. In case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity under paragraph a.4) above, the bishop's committee shall obtain and document competent medical opinion concerning the deacon's condition. When a disability or incapacity is evident to the committee, the bishop of this synod may declare the position vacant. When the position is declared vacant, the Synod Council shall list the deacon on the roster of Ministers of Word and Service with disability status. Upon removal resumption of the disability and the restoration of the deacon to health ability to conduct the office effectively, the bishop shall take steps to enable the deacon to resume the ministry, either in the congregation last served or in another appropriate call.

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\*C9.31. The deacon(s) shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

*Rationale: Inclusive language*

Serving our Lord April, 2024

Date	Time	Assistant Minister To Be Scheduled	Reading Minister	Communion Minister	Greeters	Sanctuary Ushers	Parking Lot Ushers	Acolytes	Video Minister
4/3	6:00 PM	To Be Scheduled							
4/7	9:00 AM	Barb Beyer	Sheila Gempeler	Kristiine Millard	Rose Holerud & Bev Trygstad	Bill & Diane Buckley	None	Need Help	Paul Knuteson
4/10	6:00 PM	To Be Scheduled							
4/14	9:00 AM	Bill Schleichert	Ellen Keller	At Altar Rail	Dean & Ardyce Piehl	Darryl & Sherri Knuteson	None	Need Help	Brad Simplot
4/17	6:00 PM	To Be Scheduled							
4/21	9:00 AM Hymn Sing Sunday	Kristine Millard	Marj Weingandt	Judy Brownrigg	Phil & Vicki Nugier	Paul Knuteson & Jerry Carncross	None	Need Help	Shelley Roelke
4/24	6:00 PM	To Be Scheduled							
Confirmation Celebration Banquet									
4/28	9:00 AM	To Be Scheduled	To Be Scheduled	To Be Scheduled	Ken & Sharon Kuyper	Bill Priske & Leroy Riedel	None	Need Help	Jerry Carncross
5/5	9:00 AM	None	Dennis Cunningham	None	None	None	Bob Acker & Mike Keller	None	Bill Schleichert
Outdoor Service with Blessing of the Bikes									
Cantor/Music:		4/3 Merry Seng; 4/7 Kyle Knuteson; 4/10 Merry Seng; 4/14 Merry Seng; 4/17 Merry Seng; 4/21 Barb Verbitsky; 4/24 Merry Seng; 4/28 Kyle Knuteson; 5/5 TBS							
Stewardship:		4/3 None; 4/7 Sharon Kampen & Holly Priske; 4/10 None; 4/14 Sherri Knuteson & Sheri Birchler; 4/17 None; 4/21 Phil & Vicki Nugier; 4/24 None; 4/28 Sharon Kampen & Holly Priske; 5/5 Sherri Knuteson & Sheri Birchler;							

**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 - Poyette WI**  
**Balance Sheet as of February 29, 2024**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Church Operating Funds</b>		
100.001	Gen checking - Bank First	19,462.10
100.002	Money Market Savings-BOP(Restricted Asset)	68,511.03
	<b>Total Check &amp; Savings Assets</b>	<b>\$87,973.13</b>
<b>Organization Funds</b>		
100.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund(Restricted Asset)	85,826.86
100.040	Dekorra Men For Christ (Restricted Asset)	0.00
100.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	49,790.08
100.100	Dekorra Lutheran Youth Group(Restricted Asset)	0.00
115.080	Memorial Fund (Restricted Asset)	16,839.24
	<b>Total Organization Accounts</b>	<b>\$152,456.18</b>
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$240,429.31</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
200.010	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(41,064.60)
210.001	941 Taxes Payable	1,802.52
210.002	State Taxes Payable	186.68
210.003	Miscellaneous Deductions	214.42
210.005	Pastor's Portico deductions	490.44
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(\$38,370.54)</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
300.001	General Balance	83,238.87
300.002	Missions Balance	(29,094.70)
	<b>General Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$54,144.17</b>
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,275.59
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,117.40
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	8,421.40
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	344.24
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,828.11
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance(Restricted)	3,845.82
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	27,932.69
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,891.10
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.30
	<b>Money Market Funds</b>	<b>\$59,676.65</b>
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,846.86
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance(Restricted)	0.00
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance(Restricted)	2,195.36
300.070	Mission of Hope Balance	1,688.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	47,790.08
305.001	Youth Fund Balance(Restricted)	0.00
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	10,619.20
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	16,839.24
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$278,799.85</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$240,429.31</b>

**Dekorra Lutheran Church - Poynette WI**  
**Summary of Cash Activity for 02/01/2024 thru 02/29/2024**

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

<b>Cash Balance as of 02/01/2024(at the beginning of the day)</b>		<b>\$26,089.96</b>
<b>Add Transactions From:</b>		
Income	\$0.00	
Donations	\$13,573.21	
Transfers (debit)	\$4,782.50	
Journal Entries (debit)	\$0.00	
AR Collections (debit)	\$0.00	
<b>Total Additions</b>	<hr/> <b>\$18,355.71</b>	
<b>Subtract Transactions From:</b>		
Payments	\$13,807.99	
Payroll	\$10,199.62	
Transfers (credit)	\$969.00	
Journal Entries (credit)	\$6.96	
<b>Total Subtractions</b>	<hr/> <b>\$24,983.57</b>	
<b>Cash Balance as of 02/29/2024(at the end of the day)</b>		<b>\$19,462.10</b>

**Dekorra Lutheran Church - Poynette WI**  
**Consolidated Fund Activity Report for February 2024**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

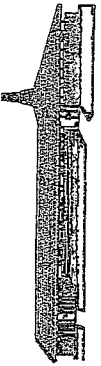
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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/IE's	End Balance
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,846.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	85,846.86
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance (Restricted)	6,209.71	0.00	0.00	(6,209.71)	0.00
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance (Restricted)	2,004.86	190.50	0.00	0.00	2,195.36
300.070	Mission of Hope Balance	1,688.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,688.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	47,688.45	0.00	0.00	101.63	47,790.08
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	15,031.70	170.00	4,582.50	0.00	10,619.20
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	16,839.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,839.24
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,273.70	1.89	0.00	0.00	10,275.59
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,116.80	0.60	0.00	0.00	3,117.40
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	8,420.07	1.33	0.00	0.00	8,421.40
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance (Restricted)	1,744.06	100.18	1,500.00	0.00	344.24
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,827.43	0.68	0.00	0.00	3,828.11
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance (Restricted)	3,685.25	160.57	0.00	0.00	3,845.82
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	27,879.71	52.98	0.00	0.00	27,932.69
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,890.86	0.24	0.00	0.00	1,891.10
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.28	0.02	0.00	0.00	20.30
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$236,167.27</b>	<b>\$678.99</b>	<b>\$6,082.50</b>	<b>(\$6,108.08)</b>	<b>\$224,655.68</b>



Byron Verbitsky	04/01	Brock Beyer	04/18
Betty Hillestad	04/02	Sawyer Koch	04/19
Kathy Pederson	04/02	Orin Pendleton	04/19
Linda Stoltenberg	04/02	Brad Haakenson	04/20
Lorraine Van Etten	04/02	Justice Davey	04/20
Monice Knuteson	04/03	Karen Watkins	04/20
Paul Dorn	04/05	Kenan Cunningham	04/23
Kenneth Malenke	04/05	Bill Emmons	04/23
Emma Glaser	04/06	Sage Nelson	04/24
Kadie Ray	04/07	Bill Buckley Jr.	04/27
Brittany Knuteson	04/08	Thomas Carpenter	04/28
Logan Knuteson	04/08	Tiffany Carpenter	04/28
Izabeth Bahe	04/09	Bill Schleichert	04/29
Dylan Doherty	04/10		
Angie Olson	04/10		
Dean Piehl	04/11		
Nina Weichmann	04/11		
Cindy Johnson	04/15		





# April 2024

## Dekorra Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>2</b> 9:30am Hospitality Committee Mtg 6:30pm All Committee Mtg	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Worship & Community Time	<b>4</b> 1:00pm Quilting	<b>5</b> 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	<b>6</b> 9:00am WELCA Quarterly Mtg
<b>7</b> 9:00am Worship & April BDay Celebration 10:00am Sunday School	<b>8</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Joy Circle	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Worship & Community Time	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Quilting	<b>12</b> 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	<b>15</b> Pastor's Day Off Noon Blood Drive	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30am Faith Bible Study 6:00pm Worship & Community Time	<b>18</b> 1:00pm Quilting 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>19</b> 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours Noon OWLS 8:00pm AA	<b>20</b> 9:00am Women's Retreat 11:00am Youth Fundraising Brat Sale
<b>21</b> 9:00am Worship (Sunday School Singing) 10:00am Sunday School	<b>22</b> Pastor's Day Off <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Worship Confirmation Dinner	<b>25</b> 1:00pm Quilting	<b>26</b> 9:30am Worship Committee Mtg 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00am Worship & Confirmation 10:00am Sunday School	<b>29</b> Pastor's Day Off <u>Newsletter Mailing</u>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am Christian Ed Mtg 1:00pm Quilting	<b>8:00pm AA</b>	

**APRIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Apr. 3	6:00pm	Worship & Community Time
Apr. 6	9:00am	WELCA Quarterly Meeting
Apr. 7	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Apr. 10	6:00pm	Worship & Community Time
Apr. 14	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Apr. 15	Noon	Blood Drive
Apr. 17	6:00pm	Worship & Community Time
Apr. 19	Noon	OWLS
Apr. 20	9:00am	Women's Retreat
Apr. 21	11:00am	Youth Fundraising Brat Sale
Apr. 21	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Apr. 24	6:00pm	Worship & Confirmation Dinner
Apr. 28	9:00am	Worship, Confirmation & Sunday School

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