

Dekorra Lutheran Church

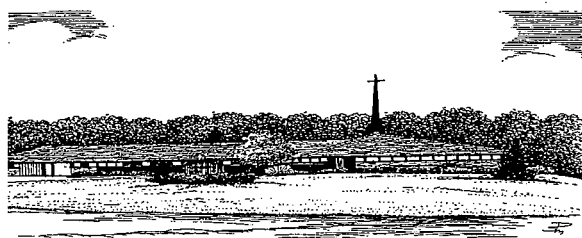
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February 2024 Newsletter



[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd, he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

- **Luke 19:1-10 (NRSVUE)**

Hello You,

Now back to the conversation about the traits of 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".

We are currently thinking about our Year of Celebration, but earlier we explored the different ways to describe the healthiest, most resilient, and strongest of our church communities. Those communities have shifted their expectations and assumptions about church, the world, and God to follow where the Spirit leads.

In this column we have looked at six 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; 5) Shifting from Church Membership to Discipleship; 6) From Speaking to Listening;

7) From Working for Others to Being with Others; and 9) From Focusing on What We Do to Why We Do It (Yes, I unintentionally skipped 8 and talked “why” in December).

This month let’s look at one more shift – 8) From Hosting to Being Hosted.

Maybe you noticed that I kept the same piece of scripture from last month. This is the story of Zacchaeus. Last month I used it as an example of God making room for someone whom the world did not make world for. From there I connected it to how God has, will, and is making room for you and me.

And, the Zacchaeus is a great example of our Lord and Savior being hosted instead of doing the hosting.

The Rev. Matthew Short writes, *“When a congregation hosts every event, it misses out on seeing and being involved in the things God is already doing outside the walls of the congregation. As we continue to live into the shift from “redevelopment” to “journey” language, it is good for us to acknowledge that the apostles were always hosted. They knew God was out ahead of them preparing their way, and preparing others to be open to them. When every event is on “our turf,” we are simply missing out on experiencing God in other places and other people. We are also retaining all the power in those situations, which is a key barrier to relationships with those who have no affiliation with our congregation. Simply put, it is good for us to be hosted at least as much as we host because it reminds us that God is active both inside and outside our walls, and it tangibly sends the message that this congregation is committed to, and integrated into, the community in which it is situated. **This continues the important work of blurring the lines between the church community and wider the community. It will strengthen our connection to God and each other if we intentionally get outside our walls and look for God’s activity in the wider community around us.**”*

Now is the point of the column where I tell you all the ways we can be better at being hosted, or why it is particularly important for us here at DLC to be hosted or ask you a pointed question that gets to either the previous things.

Today, I am disinterested in doing that. Instead, I want to celebrate the times when we have been hosted.

One example from this past December comes to mind. The night of the middle school lock-in we did our annual tour of assisted living centers, singing Christmas carols.

I am not much of a singer (you may have noticed when I chant the liturgy on Sundays), but I have a lot of fun doing this. I want to sing and I want to sing with all of you. Each year the residents at Haven Hills, Our House, and Divine Rehabilitation have hosted us and our playful singing.

This year was a little different. Haven Hills hosted as usual and as expected. But, the residents of Our House were not home when we got there and Divine was having a COVID outbreak. What were we to do? We want to sing!

Well one of us had the idea to go visit folks in the neighborhood of Our House and sing to them... unannounced... unexpected... but hopefully not unwelcomed!

And, we did it and we were welcomed. Doors were open and one couple (you know who you are) even gave us tasty Christmas cookies!

We were being hosted, just like all the times Jesus was hosted.

What stories of us being hosted can you recall? Will you share those stories at our next coffee hour or birthday celebration? Because the stories of us being hosted for the last 155 years deserve to be celebrated just as much as the stories of being the welcoming hosts.

And, remember, Jesus has you and is hosting you right now. That is a promise. Amen.

Peace,

+Sterling

January 23, 2024

P.S. – I am grateful for you. A couple of weeks ago I found a package outside of my office from “the workers of Dekorra”, signed by so many of you. Thank you! It expanded by Christmas and gave me and my clan more joy. The package was full of so many personal gifts! I also really value the cookie jar full of cookies. Thank you for loving our young people so much that you gave me something I get to share with them.



From Your Council President:

Oleg has informed me that the February newsletter deadline precedes the annual meeting, therefore I need to write this month's article. Normally this month's article would include the results of the January 28th annual meeting, so you will need to read the March article to get those updates. I would like to thank those council delegates and officers who have served with such dedication. Also, thank you to all of the new members of the council and committees for listening to the "shoulder tap" and following through with that call. I am confident that you will find your service to Dekorra Lutheran and God rewarding. A special thanks to Bill Schleichert whom I have had the privilege to learn from, lean on, and laugh with during our time on Council. It has been quite a ride, William!

I want to highlight some events coming up that you should know about and participate in. The annual Synod "LEAD" conference is on February 17th in Sauk Prairie. This event is generally very well done and has breakout sessions on a wide range of subjects. DLC covers the \$25 per participant registration fee. Lent begins with Ash on Wednesday, February 14th. The confirmation class has worked with the Worship Committee to create what should be a really special service. I encourage you to keep an open mind to worship content and focus on the power of this time leading up to Easter and Jesus' death and resurrection. There will be a soup supper prior to the service. That leads to the next item which is the chili supper fundraiser on February 21st. The chili will be served from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm so you have flexibility when to eat, and worship will be at 6:30 pm. Proceeds from the supper will go into the general fund as that fund has struggled as you all know. The last event involves our youth. The next "Alive" event will be on April 24th in Mt. Horeb. I expect DLC to be well-represented at this event. Lenten folders will be available this year. The folders are to be used during lent and when full will contain \$40. This is a ministry to remind you of Jesus' sacrifice during this season. It will also assist in generating additional funds for our general fund. Extra folders are available if you are inclined to fill more than one.

I want to comment on the birthday party that is being celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month this year. I was very, very excited at the turnout for the January party. What a great time for fellowship and reconnecting with those of you I haven't seen in a while. I sincerely hope that you join the party when it's your birthday month and also take the time to wish other members a happy birthday during their month of celebration. As DLC celebrates 155 years of mission to our God let's have some fun!!!!

My outdoor report is a chilly one! I have a tendency to get "cabin fever" especially when it's cold and now that I'm not outside working every day. So I bundled up and strapped on my snowshoes this last week and headed out on a winter adventure. When I retired, I swore never to snowshoe ever again! But as I walked along through the fresh blanket of snow I realized how much I missed the quiet, analyzing every track I found, the beauty of the snow-draped trees, and the crisp cold air I was breathing. Of course, I found that old habits are hard to set aside as I found myself evaluating each tree I passed for health and marketability. What a privilege to be engulfed in God's creation!!! I do look forward to warmer temperatures, however.

God Bless You Always,
Bill Buckley

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on your guard stand firm in the faith; be courageous be strong.

Please remember in your prayers... Wendy Schudlach (sister & sister-in-law of Mike & Ellen Keller, Darryl & Sherri Lynn Knuteson and Karl Knuteson), Donna Schwoch, 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 Schudlach 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).

Sunday School

Welcome to 2024! We had a short (and noisy) celebration as the Sunday school met its mission goal of collecting \$750 to provide a solar water well for an area that is challenged with having clean water available. We sent the funds to Heifer International. Many thanks to Bill Schleichert who set up Thrivent matching funds, which helped us reach our goal in record time. Also, thanks to the many people who added the Sunday School to their regular giving. For 2024 the children chose a new goal and will be looking at the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. The children were inspired by the success of the fall mission and chose to work toward a goal of Family Farm animals, including a cow, 2 goats, 2 pigs, and a flock of chicks. This goal is similar to our water goal - \$715. We begin each lesson time collecting their gifts and talking about the mission We put up a wall-sized bulletin board and add stickers to designate how we are doing. The children really get excited about this activity.

To begin the new year, Merry Seng has written a new song about the 10 commandments to the tune of *10 little Indians*. We will learn the song over a number of weeks, with the goal of having the children learn the 10 commandments over time in song. **Note:** we will sing in church on February 18th, but we may not have the new song ready then.

DLC Book Club

Discussing + Listening + Contemplating

DLC Book Club – Wednesday, January 17th at 1:00 pm

February 21 - *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult

March 20 - *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel

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

Please join us for fellowship and discussion of the book, **Plain Truth** by Jodi Picoult.

The discovery of a dead infant in an Amish barn shakes Lancaster County to its core. But the police investigation leads to a more shocking disclosure: circumstantial evidence suggests that eighteen-year-old Katie Fisher, an unmarried Amish woman believed to be the newborn's mother, took the child's life. When Ellie Hathaway, a disillusioned big-city attorney, comes to Paradise, Pennsylvania, to defend Katie, two cultures collide - and, for the first time in her high-profile career, Ellie faces a system of justice very different from her own. Delving deep into the world of those who live 'plain', Ellie must find a way to reach Katie on her terms. As she unravels a tangled murder case, Ellie also looks deep within - to confront her own fears and desires when a man from her past comes back into her life.

Arlington Food Pantry has a need for Cereals – any kind, Juice, Canned fruit – of any kind, and Salad dressings: Ranch, French, or any other. Thank You!

BRUNCH AND A MOVIE Rescheduled

Who: Everyone is invited!

What: Brunch and watching *To Kill a Mockingbird* (November's book club choice)

When: Sunday, February 11th after church

Where: Fellowship Hall

Why: Great food and great fellowship!

DEKORRA CHILI SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Our Chili Supper (from "Packer Game Sunday") has been rescheduled to our first Lenten meal on Feb. 21st.

The Fundraiser will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Come sample a variety of chili with all the fixings. This event is to raise funds for our General Account. It will be a wonderful opportunity to help our general funds, enjoy a good meal, and socialize with our friends.

Child Shoe Boxes: Our operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse went to Paraguay in December. Thanks again to any, who participated in this mission!

Social Ministry Committee will display Easter Butterflies on the hall bulletin board "In Honor" or "In Memory" of loved ones. Suggested donations are \$5.00 per butterfly and money raised will go to a local and global mission to be determined. Order forms will be available at the Church and in the Newsletter. The deadline to submit orders will be on Sunday, March 17th. Thank You!

Owls Meeting will take place on Feb. 16th at noon. Please bring a dish to pass for our potluck lunch. Following lunch, Breanne Cyr, a behavioral specialist at Primates Inc., will give a presentation on the only monkey sanctuary in Wisconsin, Primates Inc., located in Westfield. The sanctuary houses monkeys who are no longer being used in research and monkeys who were formally pets and needed to be rehomed. Breanne will introduce their residents and talk about what the monkeys and the human staff do on a daily basis.

Easter Flowers: For Easter Flowers (tulips and mums) to be placed on the chancel Easter Sunday, March 31. The cost for each Mum Plant is **\$20.00** and for Tulips **\$17.00**.

Please complete the form, and place it along with payment in the amount in your weekly envelope marked *Flower* under *Others* and the amount you have given by **Sunday, March 17th**. The plants may be picked up after the Easter morning service or left to share with shut-ins. Thank You!

Hospitality Committee The Hospitality Committee met during the All-Committee meeting on Jan. 2

1. The visitor basket was replenished with gift bags.
2. We discussed our responsibility for Sunday, Jan. 7 for the Birthday Celebration sponsored by the 155 committee. The Hospitality Committee will furnish milk for the event and help serve and clean up.

Dekorra Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA

Quarterly Meeting 1-6-2024

- † Meeting was called to order by co-President Judy Brownrigg
- † Devotion was read by Mary Thompson from the book "Mountains and Molehills."
- † Those in attendance: Judy Brownrigg, Mary Thompson, Margo Holzman, Sheila Gempeler, Ruth Kohlmeyer, and Barb Kalan
- † Norwegian treats were served by Ruth and Mary
- † Reports
 - Secretary's minutes were read and approved by a motion from Judy Brownrigg and a second by Mary Thompson. The annual report has been submitted to the council president and Oleg. 2024 annual booklets are available in the mail bin in the hallway.
 - Treasurer was absent, but we got information through a phone call. The fall bake and lefse sale made a total of \$1854. The thank offering totaled \$768, of which \$568 has been sent to synod, with the additional \$200 to be sent shortly. As of meeting time, the Dekorra WELCA account has \$3195.86.
 - Stewardship., Margo reported that the quilters have received 7 bags of beautiful fabric. 2 people have been recruited to sort this material, in addition there are 2 new people helping with constructing the quilts.
 - Sunshine: If you know of someone who should receive a card due to illness or bereavement, contact Karen Millard with the information and address.
 - Funerals: There were no funerals this quarter.
- † Other assignments
 - Newsletter, Judy continues to add articles for the newsletter. f
 - Promote WELCA, Mary Thompson
- † Officer elections for 2024
 - Current officers will continue in their positions.
 - Co-Presidents, Judy Brownrigg and Diane Buckley
 - Secretary, Sheila Gempeler

Dekorra Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA

Quarterly Meeting 1-6-2024

- Treasurer, Kathy Burhop has asked that someone else take over this job. Ruth Kohlmeyer expressed an interest, so they will work together, and we will make it official at our spring meeting.
 - Money from dues \$40, from Joy Circle \$18, and January birthday coffee \$46 was deposited in the counting room.
- Other current assignments Justice, Kathy Burhop

† Old Business

- Chili supper on Jan 14 from 4-7PM will be to benefit the Dekorra General fund. Sign up sheet has been started to solicit the needed foods.
 - Coffee hours will continue with birthday celebrations on the first Sunday of the month and any other Sundays as people sign up.
 - Margo has volunteered to take over the purchasing and mixing of the coffee from Sheila.
 - Recipe book. Judy will solicit recipes from individuals with the goal of having a 155th anniversary cookbook.
- † The motion for charitable giving for this quarter was made by Sheila Gempeler and seconded by Margo Holzman as follows:
- Synod WELCA \$300, Katies fund \$150, Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund \$100, LWR disaster fund \$100, and a contribution to Dekorra general fund of \$500. Total \$1150.
- † New business
- 155 anniversary celebration will be ongoing during the year with an event on August 25. Women will participate in monthly events as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Gempeler, Secretary

Dekorra Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Call to Order: President Bill Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bill Buckley will take the minutes as Secretary, Joen B. is on vacation. Pastor Sterling started the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Judy Brownrigg, Bill Buckley, Lyle Hendrickson, Larry Johnson, Paul Knuteson, Ellen Keller, Bill Schleichert, Paul Lowenhagen, Bill Priske, Judy Brownrigg, and Pastor Sterling Lynk. Absent: Joen Bilse and Al Bilse. Special guest: Sela Lynk.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bill Schleichert, seconded by Larry Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes Dated December 14, 2023: Motion by Judy Brownrigg, seconded by Bill Schleichert to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: (Sterling Lynk)

- No baptisms, weddings, deaths, or confirmations to report this month.
- Fearing Corp. has been contacted regarding possible updates to the video/sound system. No response has been received as of this meeting. Sterling will follow up with Fearings.
- Christmas schedule was stressful, therefore the time off on vacation was appreciated. Sterling is feeling much more refreshed and re-energized now.

President's Report:

- Oleg still needs a few committee reports for the annual report (Pastor Sterling, Endowment, DMC, and Youth/Family).
- Bill took an inventory of "Delegate Handbooks" to see if any new handbooks were needed for potential new delegates following the annual meeting.
- Synod Assembly is May 17-18 at First Lutheran in Janesville, WI. Delegates will be elected at the annual meeting.
- The LEAD conference is on Feb. 17 at St. Johns in Sauk-Prairie. All members of DLC are encouraged to attend. Please let the church office know if you want to attend. DLC will pick up the registration fee of \$25 per person or \$100 for 5 or more. Bill S. will be attending, but representing "Lutheran Men in Mission".
- Bill thanked Larry J. and Bill S. for their service to the Council as their terms ended. Paul K. will be on the annual meeting ballot for Vice-President. Bill also thanked those delegates who will be returning for an additional term.
- Bill thanked the Council for all their dedication, support, and service during his 3 years as council president.

Treasurer's Report:

The checkbook balance as of 12/31/23 was \$17,690.24. Lyle distributed the monthly balance sheet for Council review. There was a generous, anonymous donation of \$14,000 given in early January that has allowed DLC to pay back the \$5,000 it had to borrow from the contingency fund in November 2023. The stewardship plea over the past few months seems to have improved giving. Christmas offerings were very good in 2023. Motion by Bill Schleichert, seconded by Brad Simplot to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

All Committee Reports:

Bill Priske reported on behalf of the "positive membership team".

- The active member list has been reviewed, resulting in a total active membership number of 359.
- The questionnaire that was sent out by the team to each DLC member resulted in 86 responses. Pastor Sterling has been given a list of members that need to be contacted.
- The birthday Sunday was a big success. Each member with a January birthday received an invite for cake and fellowship following the Jan. 7th worship service. The members were also asked to come forward during the worship service for a blessing. This event will continue each month through 2024 as part of the "155th" celebration.
- The team has met with the worship comm. regarding whether a monthly event to recognize special members' or committees' accomplishments is feasible.
- The team is looking at a "Friends of Dekorra" designation for membership. This will require some additional discernment.

Old Business:

1. "Caring for Creation Plan:

Sela Lynk presented the plan to the Council. This project originated as a request from Synod Assembly 2023. DLC began the process in the summer of 2023 and Sela volunteered to work with Bill Buckley to prepare the plan. Sela further developed an online form that is available on the Synod website to meet the plan request. DLC filed its plan in December of 2023 prior to the Synod deadline. Sela presented the practices outlined in the plan and suggested that the proposed new projects be prioritized by cost and ease of implementation. The hope is that the plan will not be used to collect dust but to actively improve DLC care for God's creation not only on our physical location but to educate members so they can also implement practices at their own homes/properties. Motion by Judy Browrigg to accept the Care for Creation Plan as presented and to pursue a plan for implementation by monthly Council and Committee reviews. Second by Pastor Sterling. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Lake Wisconsin Lions Club:

Ellen Keller presented DLC with a \$500 check from the Lake Wisconsin Lions Club. The donation is in appreciation for using the church facility during the Red Cross blood drives. The donation will be placed in the "buildings and grounds fund" as requested by the Lions Club. Lyle will send a thank you to the Lake Wisconsin Lions for their generosity. Blood drives are currently scheduled for April 15 and August 12, 2024.

Around the Room: Nothing additional

Adjourn: Bill Schleichert moved to adjourn, seconded by Judy Brownrigg. Motion carried.

The next monthly meeting, is February 15, 2024, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, William Buckley

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Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
Church Operating Funds		
100.001	Gen checking - Bank First	17,690.24
100.002	Money Market Savings-BOP(Restricted Asset)	67,304.93
	Total Check & Savings Assets	\$84,995.17
Organization Funds		
100.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund(Restricted Asset)	85,826.86
100.040	Dekorra Men For Christ (Restricted Asset)	6,541.10
100.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	48,652.98
100.100	Dekorra Lutheran Youth Group(Restricted Asset)	0.00
115.080	Memorial Fund (Restricted Asset)	16,833.03
	Total Organization Accounts	\$157,853.97
	Total Assets	\$242,849.14
Liabilities		
200.010	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(41,174.60)
210.001	941 Taxes Payable	1,784.76
210.002	State Taxes Payable	319.91
210.003	Miscellaneous Deductions	214.42
210.005	Pastor's Portico deductions	490.44
	Total Liabilities	(\$38,365.07)
Fund Balances		
300.001	General Balance	93,375.21
300.002	Missions Balance	(30,834.70)
	General Operating Funds	\$62,540.51
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,269.68
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,115.60
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	7,917.05
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	1,243.58
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,826.07
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance(Restricted)	4,754.31
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	8,061.99
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,890.36
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.24
	Money Market Funds	\$41,098.88
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,826.86
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance(Restricted)	6,541.10
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance(Restricted)	3,195.86
300.070	Mission of Hope Balance	3,098.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	48,652.98
305.001	Youth Fund Balance(Restricted)	0.00
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	13,481.70
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	16,778.03
	Total Fund Balances	\$281,214.21
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$242,849.14

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report for December 2023**

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,826.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	85,826.86
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance (Restricted)	6,541.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,541.10
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance (Restricted)	3,871.86	92.00	768.00	0.00	3,195.86
300.070	Mission of Hope Balance	3,098.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,098.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	48,652.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,652.98
305.001	Youth Fund Balance(Restricted)	2,461.57	0.00	0.00	(2,461.57)	0.00
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	9,210.81	2,392.00	450.00	2,328.89	13,481.70
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	16,778.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,778.03
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,269.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,269.68
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,115.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,115.60
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	7,917.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,917.05
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance (Restricted)	1,243.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,243.58
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,826.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,826.07
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance (Restricted)	4,754.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,754.31
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	13,061.99	0.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	8,061.99
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,885.36	5.00	0.00	0.00	1,890.36
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.24
Total		\$222,535.38	\$2,489.00	\$1,218.00	(\$5,132.68)	\$218,673.70

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Summary of Cash Activity for 12/01/2023 thru 12/31/2023

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Asset Account: 100.001 - Gen checking - Bank First

Cash Balance as of 12/01/2023(at the beginning of the day) \$3,364.45

Add Transactions From:

Income	\$0.00
Donations	\$27,968.00
Transfers (debit)	\$6,350.68
Journal Entries (debit)	\$0.00
AR Collections (debit)	\$0.00

Total Additions \$34,318.68

Subtract Transactions From:

Payments	\$10,291.69
Payroll	\$9,701.20
Transfers (credit)	\$0.00
Journal Entries (credit)	\$0.00

Total Subtractions \$19,992.89

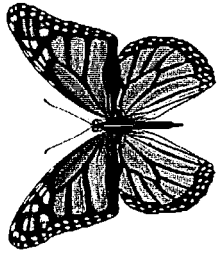
Cash Balance as of 12/31/2023(at the end of the day) \$17,690.24

Serving our Lord February 2024

Date	Time	Assistant Minister	Reading Minister	Communion Minister	Greeters	Sanctuary Ushers	Parking Lot Ushers	Acolytes	Video Minister
2/4	9:00 AM	Sue Poznanski	Sheila Gempeler	Kristine Millard	Ruth Kohlmeier & Mary Thompson	Mike & Ellen Keller	None	Need Help	Jerry Carncross
2/7	6:00 PM	To Be Scheduled							
2/11	9:00 AM	Barb Beyer	Judy Brownrigg	At Altar Rail	Phil & Vicki Nugier	Buck & Karen Bender	None	Need Help	Bill Schleichert
2/14	6:00 PM	To Be Scheduled							
2/18	9:00 AM	Barb Verbitsky	Dennis Cunningham	Diane Buckley	Larry & Sheila Gempeler	Bill Priske & Leroy Riedel	None	Need Help	Shelley Roelke
2/21	6:30 PM	To Be Scheduled							
2/25	9:00 AM	Merry Seng	Marj Weingandt	Sara Simplot & Florence Schumdlach	Ken & Sharon Kuyper	Darryl & Sherri Knuteson	None	Need Help	Brad Simplot
2/28	6:30 PM	To Be Scheduled							
3/3	9:00 AM	Al Bilse	Dave Kinnunen	Karen Bender	Bill & Kathy Statz	Bill & Diane Buckley	None	Need Help	Paul Knuteson
3/6	6:30 PM	To Be Scheduled							
Cantor/Music:									
Stewardship:									

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!



Orders are being taken until Sunday, March 17. The Social Ministry Committee will display Easter Butterflies on the hall bulletin board "In Honor" or "In Memory" of loved ones. Suggested donations are \$5.00 per butterfly. Money raised will go to a local and global mission to be determined. Thrivent Matching Funds will be requested. Please consider helping to fill the bulletin board with butterflies while supporting a global and a local mission. Butterfly requests are due by **March 17th** so they can be displayed on Easter Sunday morning.

Your Name: _____

My Easter gift for this year is _____

I would like the bulletin and butterfly to read:

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

OR

In Honor of _____

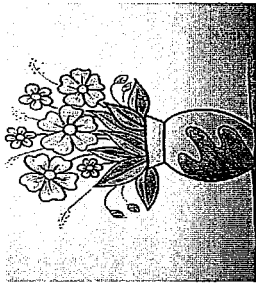
Given By _____

_____ I have included the cost for each butterfly with my order form.

***Please note that names will be listed in the May Newsletter**

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For Easter Flowers (tulips and mums) to be placed on the chancel Easter Sunday, March 31. The cost for each Mum Plant is **\$20.00** and Tulips **\$17.00**. Please complete this form, place it along with payment in the amount in your weekly envelope marked *Flower* under *Others* and the amount you have given by **Sunday, March 17th**. The plants may be picked up after the Easter morning service or left to share with shut-ins.



Your Name: _____

My Easter gift for this year is _____

I would like the bulletin to read:

In Memory of _____

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OR

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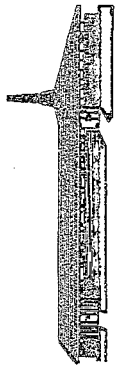
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Mike Ollhoff	02/01	Eric Scharfe	02/14
Brenda Modrak	02/01	Phil Nugier	02/14
Keira Cartwright	02/01	Dani Schroeder	02/15
Betty Lou Koepp	02/02	Amy Koch	02/15
Bruno Kalan	02/02	Hunter Clark	02/15
Isla Glaser	02/02	Linda Larson	02/17
Sherry Nelson	02/03	Harry Benson	02/17
Sterling Lynk	02/03	Joan Ayers	02/17
Jake Hoffmann	02/03	Ellen Keller	02/18
Ava Glaser	02/03	Lisa Bothun	02/18
Colton Tetiva-Zantow	02/05	Scott Amacher	02/21
Sara Schroeder	02/06	Paul Sporle	02/21
Larry Johnson	02/09	Rich Braun	02/22
Nicole Holford	02/10	Mike Keller	02/25
Barbara Peterson	02/11	Randy Zellmer	02/26
Shelley Roelke	02/12	Lindsay Wendt	02/26
P.J. Nelsen	02/12	Cindy Streber	02/26
Barb Beyer	02/12	Darrell Millard	02/26
Florence Schmudlach	02/13	Nancy Salenius	02/28



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am Christian Ed Committee Mtg 1:00PM Quilting	2 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours	3
4 9:00am Worship & BDay Celebration 10:00am Sunday School	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 9:30am Hospitality Committee Mtg 6:30pm All Committee Mtg	7 6:30pm Worship & Community Time	8 1:00PM Quilting	9 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours	10
11 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Brunch & Movie	12 Pastor's Day Off	13 1:00PM Joy Circle	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30pm Worship & Community Time	15 1:00PM Quilting 6:30pm Council Mtg	16 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours Noon OWLS	17
18 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 1:00pm Mutual Ministry Mtg	21 9:30am Faith Bible Study 1:00pm Book Club 4:00pm Chili Supper 6:30pm Worship & Community time	22 1:00PM Quilting	23 9:00am Worship Committee Mtg 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours	24
25 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	26 Pastor's Day Off <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Mailing</u>	27	28 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Worship & Community time	29 9:00am Christian Ed Committee Mtg 1:00PM Quilting	8:00PM AA	

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Feb. 4	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Feb. 7	6:30pm	Worship & Community Time
Feb. 11	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Feb. 11	10:00am	Brunch & Movie
Feb. 14		ASH WEDNESDAY
Feb. 14	6:30pm	Worship & Community Time
Feb. 15	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Feb. 16	Noon	OWLS
Feb. 18	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Feb. 21	4:00pm-7:00pm	Chili Supper & Worship with Community Time
Feb. 25	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Feb. 28	5:30pm	Soup Supper & Worship with Community Time