

Dekorra Lutheran Church

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March 2024 Newsletter

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 (NRSVUE)**

Hello You,

Let's keep at our 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. I will share that with you when we are done with this series. Before then, we explored the different ways to describe the healthiest, most resilient, and strongest of us 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; 8) From Hosting to Being Hosted; and 9) From Focusing on What We Do to Why We Do It.

This month let's look at one more shift – 10) From Serious to Playful.

Church is serious stuff.

Isn't it?

God is important and doing "God stuff" right really matters.

Right?

Sure, it does. And, yes, our work and ministry matters. And, doing things well often means treating each other well.

And our God is a serious God, right?

Yeah, our God can get pretty serious! I was reading Numbers 16, and God REAL serious there. And, our God was serious about salvation when he showed up here as a human and suffocated to death on the cross.

Serious stuff!

And, yet, I am reminded of the wise words of Rabbi Edwin Friedman who wrote “The hallmark of anxiety in a system is undue seriousness”. By “system” he meant a business, a government, a family, a club, or even a church.

The Rev. Matthew Short writes, *“Because of the sheer pace of change and disruption in our congregations’ cultures, many understandably wrestle with unnamed grief, confusion, or shame. Laughter can be rare. While there is much deeper work that needs to be done to learn about the cultural changes around us and the causes for the decline, we need to find excuses to laugh and ‘play’ again. **God is not done with us...and even though the journey is difficult, we can find joy in it.**”*

Recently, our Bishop joined me and our newly elected Executive Committee for a conversation. It was a good time, but the health and future of the church, the health and future of DLC, came up.

I was the fool who expressed my anxiety when I started talking about all the things the church would lose if things didn’t change. Far away was the Sterling that playfully took amusement that the Christ candle would not light during Christmas Eve service because we forgot to put oil in it! Far away, was the Sterling who told the assembly that night something like, “If you think this was funny, then you should come every week because something hilarious always goes wrong!” No, super serious, joyless, Sterling was in the room. I am not sure the most faithful version of me showed up that night.

I was not the most faithful version of myself because I would not allow any seeds of joy into my heart...even if those seeds were being planted by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am reminded of that line from our mission that says that we know we are doing our mission here when we witness faith, joy, and grace grow from our work. I am also reminded of our theme this Lenten season – The Seeds of Joy. With this theme, we confess that even in the hardest times, our God plants the seeds of joy inside of each of us.

I don’t know about you, but when I am experiencing real joy, then I am likely to act playfully. Like we pray on Wednesday nights, I can have fun while taking what I am learning seriously.

Our Savior would not want us to be overly serious. Our God spoke through the wise writer of Ecclesiastes to remind you and me that everything has a season, even playfulness.

Jesus did the most serious thing, that is dying horribly and then coming back to life, just so you and I can be playful. That’s a gift and promise. Amen.

Peace,

+Sterling

February 22, 2024

P.S. – Thank you so much for the many birthday wishes in February! I appreciate us here at DLC.

P.P.S. – In case you need a little serious playfulness in your life, here is a black-and-white image of “Laughing Jesus” by Grunewald Guild founder Richard Caemmerer. I have this on the wall facing me, and I look at it every day while I am here. If you want to see it in full color, come visit me in my study! 😊



From Your Council President:

Hello!

I am still trying to figure out all the different things I need to do as President of your Council! Please bear with me if I ask you a question or stumble along the way. It is my intent to learn the responsibilities of the position and serve you well. I didn't know a great deal about the role when I agreed to it, but really felt that Bill B. and Bill S. needed to be able to get off the treadmill. They have given a great deal of time, thought, effort, and prayer to their roles. We sure needed them. Be sure to thank them for all they have done for DLC over the years – and continue to do.

In the little time that I have been in this position, I have been very impressed with the commitment and knowledge of the people that I have worked with. You are a wonderful group of people and I look forward to working with you. I have been reminded of the variety of activities we are involved in and I encourage you to get involved in some form, if you are not already. There are lots of things that can be done and all hands are welcome.

For the month of March, we can look forward to a very busy Church time with all the Lenten and then Easter activities. There will be Soup Suppers and Confirmation every Wednesday except the 27th. Current committees will be providing the food and loving hands to serve these meals. If you are not on a committee but want to help, please feel free to sign up on the sheets which will be posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen counter.

I hope that March is good for you! God Bless!

Karen Bender

President

Ephesians 4:32. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving to each other as in Christ God forgave you.

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); Sharon Zeimet; Judy Schultz; Joanna Hall (daughter of Mary Dibble); Angie Satter (daughter of Bill & Jill Emmons),

Sunday School The students continue to work on the 10 Commandments song for March 17.

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, *The Book of Lost Names*, by Kristin Harmel. Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books one morning when her eyes lock on a photograph in a magazine lying open nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in sixty-five years--a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*. The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II--an experience Eva remembers well--and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from--or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer--but will she have the strength to revisit old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?



OWLS Friday, March 15th We will meet at noon for a potluck luncheon, and after lunch in honor of our 155th Anniversary year, we will travel to Poynette and visit the Poynette Historical Society. They have a wonderful display taking the visitor through the history of the area. Hope to see you there.

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. Primarily the money raised will go to the Fund for the National Youth Gathering. 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!

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!

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February 2024 Committee Reports

Christian Education

2-1-2024

Attendees: Ardyce Piehl, Sheila Gempeler, Cheryl Pendleton, Ellen Woodward, and Ruth Kohlmeyer.
Our next scheduled meeting will be Feb 29, 2024, at 9AM.

DLC Book Club/Library.

“To Kill a Mockingbird” and brunch rescheduled for Feb 11.

Sheila is checking with Pastor to make sure we have the external DVD drive for the laptop.

Food planned: French toast-Judy, Egg hashbrown dishes – Sheila and Julie, Egg/bread casserole-Sheila, Fruit-Ruth, Coffee cake-Ardyce, Muffins-Ellen Woodward.

Discussed timing: We will start the movie as soon as the children leave the sanctuary around 10:15 and serve brunch during an intermission.

Book Selections for 2024

- Feb 21, 1PM to discuss Plain Truth, by Jodi Picoult.
- March 21, 1PM The Book of Lost Names, by Kristin Harmel
- April none

Sunday School/VBS

Missions:

- Thrivent matched \$375 toward the solar well from Heifer Intl.
- 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 17 students registered for January 2024 as we welcome the Eggen children, Aiden, Logan and Madeline. January attendance was awesome.
With a 3yr old now in attendance, should we look to adding a 3-4yr old preschool class?
We will consider this option for VBS.

Music:

- Children will sing in church on Feb 18.
- Merry Seng wrote a song to help the children learn the 10 commandments. They will sing that song on March 17.
- VBS – looking at possible curriculum – need to set dates soon.

Youth

- Confirmation in April – need to check dates.
- Youth retreat – all money has been raised for New Orleans trip.
- Had youth helpers and a mom in Sunday School last week –
- Clara Sohns was elected as a youth rep to the church council.

Adult Education

- Checking with Pastor on a possible bible study
- There is a new member Sunday being planned.
- 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.
 - Ellen showed samples of decorating tables and journals. She is applying for Thrivent funds for startup expenses.
 - Ardyce presented ideas for "Mighty Micro Greens" activity.
- Continued Brainstorming notes: activities, decorations, and timeline.
 - Set up a worksheet for note taking.

Worship

February 2024 Meeting Minutes Met on January 26

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

Diane, Ann and Sharon reported on the results of their special Lenten Meeting:

Diane said there was good interaction with the confirmands at this meeting. After discussing the options, the students decided they would like to choose the Barn Geese Worship. They would also enjoy doing the Things of God. Diane will purchase the video bundle for this service and the Worship Committee will be responsible for payment.

The youth have decided on using the Holden Services for Lent. Ann has chosen the music and Pastor Sterling will suggest choices from the Holden Service. The setting is from the green book with music by Marty Haugen but this has not yet been finalized. Merry will be playing for Wednesday services and if necessary, Claudine is a possible back up for her.

Sharon spoke to the youths about the soup suppers. They would like to have suppers begin at 5:30 PM with service at 6:30 PM. The first Wednesday, February 21, will be the chili dinner. It will be served from 4-7 PM with service remaining at 6:30 PM. There will be a free will offering for this dinner. The rest of Lent will have the soup suppers as suggested by the youth group.

On Maundy Thursday, we would like to show a short film about the Last Supper. Diane is going to see if she can find some good ones on line. And on Good Friday, we will do the Stations of the Cross.

The hymn sing will take place on Sunday, April 21. The service will consist of songs and readings.

Sharon has received a few responses to her request for additional volunteers to assist at services. She is still hoping to hear from more interested parishioners.

Blessing of the Bikes will take place on May 5. Pastor Sterling will speak to his uncle who is a member of the CC Riders about doing a motorcycle ride as part of the event. Pastor Sterling will also speak to his biking group about having a bike ride as part of the event. We need to find out if we should have a meal or snacks for these groups after their events are completed.

Ascension of Our Lord is May 9th which is not a Sunday. We will ask Pastor Sterling to do or say something special for Ascension on May 12 when we will also be celebrating Mother's Day.

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. The hanging flames we have used for years are in need of repair. Kathy Statz will talk to Karen Millard and Dee Sachtjen to see if they are worth repairing or if we need to make new decor this year.

Blessing of Pets will take place on September 8. Sharon will speak to Pastor Jaime Benson on how Bethlehem Lutheran handles the blessing of the pets. It was suggested that we have treats for the pets that attend.

Ann updated us on the hanging microphone situation. She spoke to Fearings but they told her they no longer service small venues like our church. Paul Knuteson and Jerry Carncross believe they can buy all the necessary equipment and have a professional install the system. Fearings has a few things left to finish on the last job they did for us so we will not do anything further until we hear from them.

Our outdoor services this year will take place on the first Sunday of each month. The first coinciding with the blessing of the bikes on May 5 and the last on September 8, the same Sunday as the blessing of pets. We felt that the weather might be too cool to carry the outdoor service into October.

We would like to suggest to the Council that we hold All Committee Meetings during daylight hours since most members of the committees are retired and find it easier to drive in daylight. The only groups that need to meet during evening hours may be Property and Youth & Family. We would also like to return to our previous method of holding all our committee meetings on the same day followed by a group exchange of information at the end of the meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on Friday, February 23.

Submitted by: Sue Poznanski

Hospitality

1. We met on Tuesday, February 6 at 9:30.
2. Replenished the visitor gift bag basket.
3. Looked at options to celebrate Easter with the congregation.
4. Discussed a New Member Class in the event one is scheduled.
5. Ruth and Mary attended the All-Committee meeting.

Youth and Family Committee Report:

- Youth and Family will serve Lenten meal on February 28.
- 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. ;) We appreciate everyone's support to get to this point, and believe we can send all eleven attendees with a stretch run. See you in April!

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 21st 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.

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.

*C9.31. 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 March 2024

Date	Time	Assistant Minister	Reading Minister	Communion Minister	Greeters	Sanctuary Ushers	Parking Lot Ushers	Acolytes	Video Minister
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							
3/10	9:00 AM	Kristine Millard	Claudine Hanson	At the Altar Rail	Bob & Joyce Tomczak	Mike & Ellen Keller	None	Need Help	Bill Schleichert
3/13	6:30 PM	To Be Scheduled							
3/17	9:00 AM	Barb Verbitsky	Rose Holerud	Sheila Gempeler	Dick & Carol Johnston	Darryl & Sherri Knuteson	None	Need Help	Shelley Roelke
3/20	6:30 PM	To Be Scheduled							
3/24	9:00 AM Palm Sunday	Merry Seng	Natalie Westegard	Robin Kinnunen & Sharon Kampen	None	Harry & Peggy Benson	None	Need Help	Brad Simplot
3/28	6:30 PM Maundy Thursday	Need Help	None	Diane Buckley	Pete & Margo Holzman	Pete & Margo Holzman	None	Need Help	Bill Buckley
3/29	6:30 PM Good Friday	None	Sue Poznanski	None	Ruth Kohlmeier	None	None	Need Help	Jerry Carncross
3/31	8:30 AM Easter	Al Bilse	Need Help	Florence Schmuclach	Ruth Kohlmeier Need Help	Need Help	None	Need Help	Need Help
3/31	10:30 AM Easter	Need Help	Need Help	Need Help	Need Help	Need Help	None	Need Help	Need Help
4/7	9:00 AM	Barb Beyer	Sheila Gempeler	Kristine Millard	Rose Holerud & Bev Trygstad	Bill & Diane Buckley	None	Need Help	Paul Knuteson
<p>Cantor/Music: 3/3 Barb Verbitsky; 3/6 Merry Seng; 3/10 Merry Seng; 3/13 Merry Seng; 3/17 Kyle Knuteson; 3/20 Merry Seng; 3/24 Barb Verbitsky; 3/28 Merry Seng; 3/29 Barb Verbitsky; 3/31 - 8:30 AM - TBS; 3/31 10:30 AM - TBS; 4/7 - TBS</p>									
<p>Stewardship: 3/3 Phil & Vicki Nugier; 3/6 None; 3/10 Sharon Kampen & Holly Priske; 3/13 None; 3/17 Sherri Knuteson & Sheri Birchler 3/20 None; 3/24 Phil & Vicki Nugier; 3/28 Phil & Vicki Nugier; 3/29TBS; 3/31 - 8:30 AM - TBS; 3/31 10:30 AM - TBS;</p>									
<p>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!</p>									

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Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2024

Thursday, February 8, 2024

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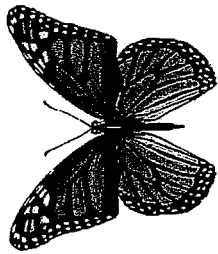
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
Church Operating Funds		
100.001	Gen checking - Bank First	26,089.96
100.002	Money Market Savings-BOP(Restricted Asset)	72,306.74
	Total Check & Savings Assets	\$98,396.70
Organization Funds		
100.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund(Restricted Asset)	85,826.86
100.040	Dekorra Men For Christ (Restricted Asset)	6,209.17
100.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	51,635.84
100.100	Dekorra Lutheran Youth Group(Restricted Asset)	0.00
115.080	Memorial Fund (Restricted Asset)	16,839.24
	Total Organization Accounts	\$160,511.11
	Total Assets	\$258,907.81
Liabilities		
200.010	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(41,064.60)
210.001	941 Taxes Payable	1,802.52
210.002	State Taxes Payable	88.34
210.003	Miscellaneous Deductions	214.42
210.005	Pastor's Portico deductions	490.44
	Total Liabilities	(\$38,468.88)
Fund Balances		
300.001	General Balance	88,196.57
300.002	Missions Balance	(28,549.70)
	General Operating Funds	\$59,646.87
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,271.69
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,116.20
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	8,418.56
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	1,743.82
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,826.75
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance(Restricted)	3,309.28
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	27,876.69
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,890.61
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.26
	Money Market Funds	\$60,473.86
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,846.86
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance(Restricted)	6,209.17
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance(Restricted)	2,004.86
300.070	Mission of Hope Balance	1,688.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	49,635.84
305.001	Youth Fund Balance(Restricted)	0.00
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	15,031.70
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	16,839.24
	Total Fund Balances	\$297,376.69
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$258,907.81

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report for January 2024

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/IE's	End Balance
300.001	General Balance	93,314.42	18,167.12	16,316.74	(6,968.23)	88,196.57
300.002	Missions Balance	(30,834.70)	2,020.00	3,172.80	3,437.80	(28,549.70)
300.010	Dekorra Mission Endowment Fund Balance(Restricted)	85,826.86	20.00	0.00	0.00	85,846.86
300.040	Dekorra Men For Christ Balance (Restricted)	6,209.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,209.17
300.060	Dekorra Women of the ELCA Balance (Restricted)	3,195.86	159.00	850.00	(500.00)	2,004.86
300.070	Mission of Hope Balance	3,098.29	160.00	0.00	(1,570.00)	1,688.29
300.090	Mitchell Scholarship Fund Balance	51,635.84	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	49,635.84
305.001	Youth Fund Balance(Restricted)	0.00	0.00	175.43	175.43	0.00
305.015	Youth & Family Fund Balance	13,481.70	0.00	50.00	1,600.00	15,031.70
315.001	Memorial Fund Balance(Restricted)	16,839.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,839.24
320.001	Capital Improvement Balance(Restricted)	10,271.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,271.69
320.002	General Scholarship Balance(Restricted)	3,116.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,116.20
320.003	Building/Grounds Balance(Restricted)	7,918.56	500.00	0.00	0.00	8,418.56
320.004	Lowenhagen Scholarship Balance (Restricted)	1,243.82	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,743.82
320.005	Choir Balance(Restricted)	3,826.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,826.75
320.006	Thrivent Choice Dollars Balance (Restricted)	4,755.28	104.00	375.00	(1,175.00)	3,309.28
320.007	Misc. Contingency Balance(Partial Restriction)	8,063.52	14,813.17	0.00	5,000.00	27,876.69
332.011	Church Screens Fund Balance	1,890.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,890.61
332.013	Seminary Appeal Balance	20.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.26
	Total	<u>\$283,873.37</u>	<u>\$36,443.29</u>	<u>\$22,939.97</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$297,376.69</u>



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 _____

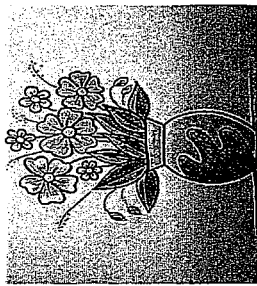
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_____ I have included the cost for each butterfly with my order form.

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

Orders are being taken until Sunday, March 17.

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 _____

Given by _____

_____ OR _____

In Honor of _____

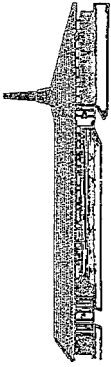
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CONNIE KLAWITTER	03/01	EVERETT OLSON	03/20
SCOTT GLASER	03/03	DONNA SCHWOCH	03/20
ROSE HOLERUD	03/04	MARGO HOLZMAN	03/21
CHRISTINE CARTWRIGHT	03/08	TARI HARMON	03/22
DEREK WENDT	03/08	JOANNE JOHNSON	03/23
NATALIE WESTEGARD	03/10	AUSTIN BROWNE	03/24
ZACH KNUTESON	03/15	GRANT BEYER	03/26
SUE MENGELING	03/16	SARA WILSON	03/26
GINO LONIELLO	03/18	CHASE CUNNINGHAM	03/28
SUE POZNANSKI	03/19	KATRINA DOHERTY	03/28
DENNIS WENDT	03/19		



March 2024

Dekorra Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00am Worship & BDay Celebrations 10:00am Sunday School	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 10:30am Hospitality Committee Mtg 6:30pm All Committee Mtg	6 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Worship & Community Time	7 1:00pm Quilting	8 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	9
10 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 1:00pm Joy Circle	13 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Worship & Community Time	14 1:00pm Quilting 6:30pm Council Mtg	15 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 12:00pm OWLS 8:00pm AA	16
17 9:00am Worship w SS Singing 10:00am Sunday School	18 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> Pastor's Day Off	19	20 9:30am Faith Bible Study 1:00pm Book Club 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Worship & Community Time	21 <u>Newsletter Mailing</u> 1:00pm Quilting	22 9:00am Worship Committee Mtg 10:00am Pastoral Office Hours 8:00pm AA	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Worship NO Sunday School	25 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed 9:00am Christian Ed Mtg 1:00pm Quilting 6:00pm Maundy Worship	29 GOOD FRIDAY NO Pastoral Office Hours 6:00pm Good Friday Worship 8:00pm AA	30
31 EASTER 8:30am Worship 10:30am Worship NO Sunday School						

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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

March 3	9:00am	Worship & Bday Celebrations + Sunday School
March 6	5:30pm	Soup Supper & Worship
March 10	9:00am	Worship & Sunday School
March 13	5:30pm	Soup Supper & Worship
March 17	9:00am	Worship (Sunday School Singing)
March 20	5:30pm	Soup Supper & Worship
March 24	9:00am	PALM SUNDAY
March 24	9:00am	Worship (NO Sunday School)
March 28	6:00pm	Mauudy Thursday Worship
March 29	6:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY
March 29	6:00pm	Worship
March 31		EASTER
March 31	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship