

August Worship

9:00 am @ WLC



AUGUST 2023

# Wanamingo Lutheran Church

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last year, it has been my privilege to be in ministry with you. From Sunday morning worship services to confirmation on Wednesdays, Bible studies and so much more. Together we have listened to God's Word and done our best to put that Word into action in the world. Thank you for being so faithful. Thank you for being bold and creative. Thank you for helping me grow as a pastor, leader, and child of God.

Thank you for your work together as a congregation on hearing God's call for you here in this place of Wanamingo. It is with confidence through the hard work you all did for preparing, where God is calling you and where God has been with you during this time. We give thanks for God's guidance in helping answer your call with your next pastor and are excited for Pastor Dave to come. I look forward to seeing where God leads you all.

Thank you for your faithfulness and participation in God's ministry. The words of Paul come to mind as he spoke of his friends in Thessalonica, "We always thank God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers and continually recalling before our God and Father your work of faith, your labor of love and your enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 1:2-3.

Blessings to you always,

Pr. Kris D. H. Ferkin

### Church Office

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### Pastor Office Hours

Please call Pastor Ferkin  
at home if you  
need to talk to him.

# Wanamingo Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Present: Karissa Wood, Birdeen Thoreson, Sue Flotterud, Mike Parrett, Bruce Baker, Laureen Otto, Pastor Kris Ferkin

Absent: Callie Van De Walker-Sellers

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Kris, motion to approve by Laureen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike, passed 6-0

Secretary's Report: Presented by Karissa, motion to approve by Mike , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce , passed 6-0.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Karissa, motion to approve by Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birdeen passed 6-0.

## Balances:

Music: \$485.00

Building: \$8,245.31

Memorial: \$9,940.54

ELCA Endowment-Last statement: \$52,500.87

## Old Business:

1. The group discussed the process of how the special congregational meeting to vote to accept the recommendation of the call committee will work. We also discussed what the transition time may look like between Interim Pastor Ferkin and the potentially newly called Pastor. If the vote on Sunday passes, we will plan to have a farewell service for Pastor Ferkin on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. There are no updates regarding the grass/seeding work that needs to be done on the west side. This cannot be completed until fall, so we still have some time.

## New Business:

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July silent auction raised \$2,167.00. This will be split 4 ways between Lutheran Campus Ministries, Good Earth Village, Zumbrota Food Shelf and Kenyon Food Shelf.
2. The monies collected by WELCA for the service on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. The board that has been in the church narthex will be placed near the offering plate, so people can sign that if they choose to give.
3. Communion servers
  - a. August 6 Karissa
  - b. August 20 Birdeen

Motion to adjourn by Birdeen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike, passed 6-0.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by, Karissa Wood

# Church News & Events



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2023

May 28<sup>th</sup> - July 9<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church

July 16<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup> Wanamingo Lutheran Church

All summer services will be held at 9am



### CALL PROCESS UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the congregational vote to call Pastor David Sorenson passed in both congregations. Anna Herman and Karissa Wood are working closely with the Synod on the next steps in the call process.



### FAREWELL SERVICE

You are invited to join us for a final "farewell" worship service for Pastor Kris Ferkin on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> 9am at WLC. We are so grateful for all he has done for our congregation during his time here. His bright personality, humor, and leadership will certainly be missed.

wishing  
you   
ALL THE BEST

### USHERS & READERS

If you can help usher or read, please sign up in the church narthex. ~Thank you

### MUSIC FUND

A member of WLC would like to match donations up to \$100 designated for the music fund. Please contact Karissa Wood for more information.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

**August:** Next meeting will be Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church basement.



### DONATE HERE:

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code to donate to Wanamingo Lutheran Church.



# WELCA Updates



**\*\*There will be no WELCA Bible Study, Prayer Shawl, or Quilting groups during June, July, or August\*\***

## WELCA SUMMER SERVERS

**July 16:** Karissa Wood, Chrissy Flotterud, Diane Mathias

**July 23:** Linda Thoreson, Becca Baker, Meredith McBroom

**July 30 :** Judy Davis, Ruth Ann Robinson, Sue Flotterud

**August 6:** Sharee VanDeWalker, Kelly Steberg Callie VanDeWalker-Sellers

**August 13:** Theresa Gullickson, Kathy Theel, Therine Gudkecht, Becky Blackstad

**August 20:** Irene Ree, Marilyn Perrett, Linda Wallaker

**August 27:** Jess Stahman, Donna Hegseth, Michelle Thoreson

**September 3:** Sue Windhorst, Heidi Hegseth, Nancy Hegseth, Tricia Bauer

Please provide enough coffee and treats for 60 people. Worship is held at 9am with coffee and fellowship to follow. YOU are responsible to switch with someone if you are unable to attend. ~Thank you.



# Community News & Events

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Stay tuned for more information coming on the back-to-school supply drive in September!



## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday August 26

Ice cream social at 7:30pm

Movie will begin at dusk (~9pm)

Riverside Park Shelter in Wanamingo

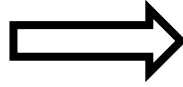
Join us for an outdoor movie night and ice cream social! Ice cream, bowls and spoons provided—bring your favorite topping to share!

## COMMUNITY MEAL

There will be **NO** community meal in August.

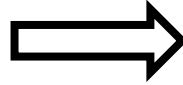


# Youth & Family



**RALLY SUNDAY**  
September 10<sup>th</sup>  
ALL children are encouraged to attend worship for Rally Sunday

- Four-year-olds entering Sunday School will receive their first Spark Story Bible
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive a new Holy Bible
- NO CLASS—just worship!



**1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

A great big **THANK YOU** for all the candy donations for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade float!



## **ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**

**Who?** Youth who will be in Grade 8-12 Fall 2023

**What?** The ELCA Youth Gathering

**When?** July 16-24, 2024

**Where?** New Orleans

**Why?** The goal is to create environments and opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service, and fellowship.

**\*\*An informational meeting will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Vang \*\***

Please contact Lisa Dierks for questions or to request additional information about the event.

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teach me, teach me  
to walk in His light



## Reverend David Sorenson Bio

I was born in the northeastern Iowa town of Waukon, and raised on the family farm near the town of Waterville, Iowa. I am the youngest of four siblings, and along with Mom and Dad I grew up working on the family dairy farm. I have good memories of bailing hay all summer, milking cows, shoveling this and that, bringing the cows home from pasture, all surrounded by the beauty of God's creation. My family were active members of the local open-country Lutheran congregation where I was baptized, confirmed, and ordained. Music, youth, and community involvement were a part of my faith formation and have been priorities throughout my ministry.

I graduated from Waukon High School in 1986. From there I attended Luther College, and then graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1990 with a B.A. in Business Management. I spent a year working in retail management until Joleen and I were united in marriage in 1991. Ten days later we moved to Wartburg Seminary, in Dubuque, Iowa. Internship took us to North Dakota then back for my senior year and graduation in 1996. Our two oldest children were born during seminary and our youngest during first call.

In my twenty-seven years of ministry, I have served calls in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. I have served in rural/small town contexts in multi-point parishes, solo calls, and as a senior Pastor. I am also a trained and practicing Spiritual Director.

Joleen and I have been married for thirty-two years and have three adult children. Our daughter Kiersten and her husband Brett, and their son Audric live just west of Mabel, Minnesota. Kiersten works as a surgical tech at Gundersen Health, La Crosse, WI. Brett works in the forestry and logging with his father. Our son Andres lives in Viroqua, WI and is a store manager. Our son Garrett lives in La Crosse, WI and works for Hy-Vee.

Joleen and I still enjoy each other's company after all these years! But especially gardening and canning; working in the yard; camping and campfires; going to the north shore of Lake Superior; taking a walk; but most of all loving on our kids and grandson.