

February Worship

10:00 am @ WLC



February 2024

Wanamingo Lutheran Church

Pastor's Message

Greetings!

Welcome to Lent! Lent is one of our favorite times in the church year leading up to the greatest day ever for us, Easter! First things first, Lent.

Lent is a forty-day period that begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th and ends on Saturday, Easter weekend. The word "Lent" means "Spring", which might be hard to imagine with such an early start date. I've always preferred a later Lent because the weather tends to be more in line with spring.

Lent is a time to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It is traditionally a time when we devote more of our time and resources to our faith journey through extra opportunities to gather for fellowship, worship, prayer, and giving. This year will be no different with the addition of our mid-week Holden Evening Prayer services and soup suppers.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which is all about our sin and mortality and need for a Savior. We can have ashes placed on our foreheads and be told to "remember we are dust and to dust we shall return." This reminder of who we are is meant to move us to Jesus, who promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. Ash Wednesday has readings that encourage us to practice our faith so that we have a closer relationship with God.

We will have five Wednesday services following Ash Wednesday until we reach Holy Week which I'll touch on more next month. For the five weeks our theme will be "Holy Lament" in which we will explore the various kinds of lament that are found in scripture. Each week will have a focus: What Is Lament; "Little" Laments; Laments from the depths; Individual Lament; Communal Lament.

¹⁹The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

²⁰My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."

Lamentations 3

Grateful and hopeful,

Pastor Dave Sorenson

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Wanamingo Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16 2024

Present: Karissa Wood, Birdeen Thoreson, Mike Parrett, Laureen Otto, Pastor Sorenson, Bruce Baker, Sue Flotterud, Bonnie Hermann

Absent: Callie VanDeWalker-Sellers

Openings Devotions: Lead by Pastor Dave

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Dave

Secretary's Report: Presented by Callie, motion to approve by Birdeen, 2nd by Sue, passed 6-0.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Bonnie Hermann, motion to approve by Bruce, 2nd by Mike passed 6-0.

Balances:

Music: \$485.00

Building: \$9,271.62

Memorial: \$9,952.94

ELCA Mission Endowment Fund - \$53,161.65

Old Business:

1. The group reviewed the final versions of the ballot, expense report, and 2024 budget that were prepared for the annual meeting.
2. After more exploration of current wifi service, our current provider (Frontier) will not be able to supply fast enough internet speed for our needs. We will cancel internet service with Frontier but keep telephone land lines. We will explore other internet options to ensure proper speed and connectivity in sanctuary and basement.

New Business:

1. A motion to change the fiscal year to align with the calendar year (January-December) starting in 2024 was made by Birdeen, 2nd by Sue, passed 6-0
2. The group prepared the agenda for the annual meeting which is scheduled for February 4th.
3. An inquiry was made about using memorial funds to place exterior lights on the stained-glass windows, similar to what had been in place in the past. We will get a quote from Shane Electric for this work.
4. February Communion servers. February 4: Karissa; Feb 18: Mike

Motion to adjourn by Birdeen 2nd by Bruce passed 6-0.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Karissa Wood

Church News & Events

Lenten Services 2024

Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion February 14th

4:00pm and 7:00pm at TLC

February 21st

6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship at WLC

February 28th

6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship at TLC

March 6th

6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship at WLC

March 13th

6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship at TLC

March 20th

6:00pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship at WLC

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday March 24th

10am Worship with Holy Communion at TLC

Maundy Thursday March 28th

7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion at TLC

Good Friday March 29th

7:00pm Worship at WLC

Easter Sunday March 31st

7:00am Worship at WLC
10:30am Worship at TLC



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:40am Sacred Space: fellowship;
scripture; and prayer @ WLC

9:00-10:00am Sunday School at WLC

10:00am Combine Worship service at WLC

ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday February 4th, 2024, following
worship!

Potluck meal will be served—please bring a dish to pass

Please prayerfully consider serving WLC. The following
positions will be up for election.

WLC Council Position (2 seats available)

Financial Secretary (1 seat available)

Worship Committee (1 seat available)

Christmas Decorating Committee (1 seat available)

Education Committee (1 seat available)

Cannon River Conference (Cannon Falls, MN) —February 11th

SEMN Synod Assembly (Mankato, MN)—May 11th

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2024 EASTER GARDEN

If you would like to participate in the Easter Garden at Wanamingo Lutheran Church, you may use this form to place your order. Forms are also available at WLC. Please include payment with order (**if paying by check, make check payable to Wanamingo Lutheran Church**) and return in the offering plate or put in Linda Thoreson's mailbox in the church entry by **February 18th**.

- _____ Easter Lily 6" \$22.00 _____
- _____ Easter Lily 8" \$42.00 _____
- _____ Hyacinths \$20.00 _____
- _____ Tulips \$20.00 _____
- _____ Mums \$22.00 _____
- _____ Azalea \$35.00 _____
- _____ Hydrangea \$38.00 _____

NAME _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

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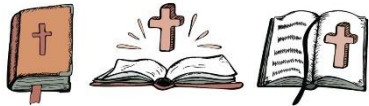
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WELCA Updates

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible Study Thursday
February 8th 2:00pm at TLC.



PRAYER SHAWL

Tuesday January 8th

7:00pm

Irene Ree's home in Wanamingo

Community News & Events

COMMUNITY MEAL

February 18th 11:30-12:30

Eat In or call 507-319-4873 to get a meal delivered.
Sponsored by Wanamingo Lions Club



CANNON RIVER CONFERENCE

February 11th, 2024




2:00pm

Urland Lutheran Church

6940 County 9 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Youth & Family

All Sunday School will be at WLC during the month of February

2/4 @ WLC	Sunday School	
2/11 @ WLC	Sunday School & Super Sunday Event	<p>10:00am Sunday School will sing during worship and collect Noisy offering.</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> WTLC SUPER SUNDAY!! </div>  <p>VALENTINES COOKIE DECORATING DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>
2/18 @ WLC	Sunday School	
2/25 @ WLC	Sunday School	
3/3 @ TLC	Sunday School	
3/10 @ TLC	Sunday School	Sunday School will sing during worship and collect Noisy offering.
3/17 @ TLC	Sunday School	
3/24 @ TLC	Sunday School	Palm Sunday - Wave Palms in Church
3/30	Super Saturday Event	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> WTLC SUPER SATURDAY!! </div> <p>Easter Egg Hunt @ Riverside Park in Wanamingo</p>
3/31	No Sunday School	Happy Easter!

