

March Worship

10:00 am @ TLC



March 2024

Wanamingo Lutheran Church

Pastor's Message

Greetings!

"¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." John 14:19

I'm still waiting for it to happen. What, you may wonder? To get hit with a big snowstorm on or before Easter. I call it Midwest karma, since we've had such a mild winter, we're going to get hit with something bad. You're also probably thinking, careful what you say!

Bad things happen in our personal lives, in the world no matter what. Good things happen all the time too, but those things are easy to cope with and leave us in a good place. It's the bad things of life that can build up and crush our spirits and health, we need to release them.

Lament is a gift from God for individuals and communities who face bad times. Jesus lives and is always with us, in good times and bad times. You've got a friend in Jesus who wants to hear your struggles and help you experience relief and new life.

Jesus went through a lot before he was resurrected. He experienced all the joys and sorrows of our lives and took the sin that separated us from God and destroyed it upon the cross. Because Jesus lives, we shall live also.

So, we have a lot to go through in our lives, and Easter proclaims that we never do it alone. Jesus walks and serves with us; he is with us in the good and bad times of life; he has made a way to the Father, no matter the weather!

Grateful and hopeful,

Pastor Dave Sorenson

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Wanamingo Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Present: Callie Van De Walker-Sellers

Birdeen Thoreson, Tim Thoreson, Laureen Otto, Pastor Sorenson, Bruce Baker, Mike Parrot

Absent: Larry Van De Walker

Openings Devotions: Lead by Pastor Dave

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Dave

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

Treasurer's Report:

Need Updated Balances:

Music: \$485.00

Building: \$9,270.52

Memorial: \$9,946.74

ELCA Mission Endowment Fund - \$54,411.65 (doesn't include grants accepted)

Old Business:

1. Internet: Karissa will follow through with MN Wi-Fi motion to approve by Mike, 2nd Laureen, passed 6-0.

New Business:

1. Council Officers:

Tim Thoreson - President

Birdeen Thoreson - Vice President

Callie Van De Walker-Sellers - Secretary

Laureen Otto - Treasurer, Backup Secretary

Officers as written, passed 6-0.

Install WLC council officers on February 25, 2024 at WLC service.

1. Shane Electric: Find out more on lighting memorial by Rosie Thoreson.
1. Intern Discussion: Tim connect with Anna Marie - 7 congregations that support an intern in the area - 1 of the 7 dropped out of ELCA and they asked if WTLC would be interested. \$900 a quarter split between both of us.

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by, Callie Van De Walker-Sellers

Annual Meeting Minutes 2024

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Present: 30 Congregational Members

Welcome: President Karissa Wood - presented 3 packets including agenda, budget, ballot, 2023 meeting annual meeting minutes

Opening Devotions: Lead by Pastor Sorenson

Reading of the Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting by Callie Van De Walker-Sellers, motion to approve by Kathy Theel, 2nd by Birdeen Thoreson, motion approved.

Annual Financial Report for 2023: submitted and presented by Karissa Wood, motion to approve by Ron Flotterud, 2nd by Bill Theel, motion approved.

The proposed budget for 2024 was presented by Karissa Wood. Motion to approve the budget as it was made by Ron Flotterud, 2nd by Bill Theel, motion approved.

2024 Church Ballot was presented by Karissa Wood.

Nominations from the floor included: Tim Thoreson and Larry Van De Walker for council

Linda Thoreson for Financial Secretary

Karissa Wood for Worship Committee

Ben and Karissa Wood for Christmas Decorating Committee

Ron and Sue Flotterud, Linda and Birdeen Thoreson for Cannon River Conference Delegates

Donna Hegseth and Karissa Wood for Southeast MN Synod Assembly Delegates,

Larry Van De Walker, Sue Flotterud, and Callie Van De Walker-Sellers as Thrivent Branch Coordinators.

Motion to approve the ballot as it was made and with the additional floor nominations by Sherree Van De Walker, 2nd by Birdeen Thoreson, motion approved.

Old Business:

1. Recognition of 2023 congregational accomplishments

- a. Calling of Pastor Dave Sorenson - thankful to everyone who was on the transition team and call committee
- b. First grants given from Mission Endowment Fund to Hillcrest Day Program and WTLC pantry - used heavily
- c. Completion of first year as combined WTLC Sunday School
- d. Stump removal and seeding of west side of church - thank you Zumbro Valley Landscaping

New Business:

1. Discuss and vote on combined regular services with Trinity every other month (separate Easter & Christmas Eve services). Motion to approve the combined services by Bill Theel, 2nd by Sue Windhorst, motion approved.

1. Usher sign-up/assignments for 2024 - passed around and sheet will be found on bulletin board

Closing of Annual Meeting by Pastor Sorenson- Motion to adjourn by Kathy Theel, 2nd by RuthAnn Robinson.

Respectfully Submitted by, Callie Van De Walker-Sellers

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 @ TLC

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

10:00am Combine Worship service at TLC

POTLUCK

There will be a Potluck Breakfast following
Easter Sunrise Worship Service. Please see
the sign up in the Narthex at Trinity.



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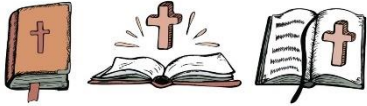
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WELCA Updates

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible Study Thursday March
14th 2:00pm at TLC.



PRAYER SHAWL

Tuesday March 12th

7:00pm

Irene Ree's home in Wanamingo

CHOCOLATE REVEL BARS

Ingredients:

1 Cup Butter
2 Cups Brown Sugar
2 Eggs
2 tsp Vanilla
2.5 Cups Flour
1 tsp Soda
1 tsp Salt
3 Cups Oatmeal

Filling:

12 oz Chocolate Chips
15 oz Can of Sweetened Condensed Milk
2 TBSP butter
½ tsp salt
1 Cup Walnuts
2 tsp Vanilla

Directions: Cream butter and brown sugar together until light and fluffy. Mix eggs and Vanilla. Sift flour, soda and salt together. Stir in oatmeal to dry ingredients. Set aside.

Prepare filling by combining chocolate chips, milk, butter and salt in a double boiler. When chocolate mixture is smooth, add nuts and vanilla.

Spread 2/3 of oatmeal batter mixture into 9x13 pan, cover with chocolate mixture and dot with remaining oatmeal mixture.


Bake at 350* for 25-30 minutes.

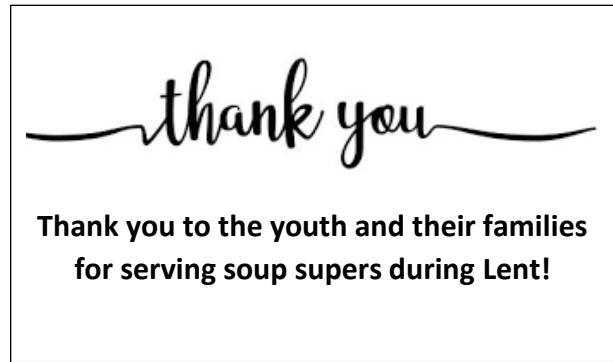
A recipe from our recent potluck shared by Therine Gudknecht



Youth & Family

All Sunday School will be at TLC during the month of March

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;"> WTLC SUPER SATURDAY!! </div> Easter Egg Hunt @ Riverside Park in Wanamingo
3/31	No Sunday School	Happy Easter!



FEBRUARY SUPER SUNDAY

The Sunday School had a fun February “Super Sunday” Event! Thank you to Donna Hegseth for baking and donating sugar cookies for the kids to frost and decorate. And thank you to Jake McBroom for accompanying the kids as they sang during worship! We look forward to our upcoming spring Super Sunday Events!

