

November Worship

9:00 am @ WLC



NOVEMBER 2023

# Wanamingo Lutheran Church

## Pastor's Message

Greetings!

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3

Gratitude is truly the foundational response to what God is doing in our lives. When we pause to take stock of our "daily bread" what else can you say but "thank you"? In Luther's Small Catechism we are taught concerning "daily bread":

**The Fourth Petition** Give us today our daily bread.

*What does this mean?*

In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

*What then does "daily bread" mean?*

Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

We certainly have options when it comes to our response to God's providing: It's not enough! I used to have more!; My neighbor has more than me!; These things don't truly come from God! It's my hard work!; these secular, self-centered attitudes infect us and encourage us to turn our backs and walk away from the generous God of scripture. We become grumblers who believe God owes us. Seems kind of backwards if you read the Bible. In fact it is what we refer to as "sin" from which we need deliverance! And the only one who can save us is Jesus!

Where does my heart lie? Where does your heart lie? Where does our heart lie as a parish? As a global community of believers? Well we can only control our own response to God's goodness. So we pray, God, give me a grateful heart. And may that grateful heart be a witness to the living Lord Jesus Christ. May we speak of the generosity of God in how we love one another; how we give back of what God has given us; and how we worship the Lord.

Gratitude, the practice of gratitude, is foundational to our lives as God's people. I encourage us all to take stock of what God is doing in our lives and return to the Lord with all our hearts, souls and minds. The world needs the good news that we bring through the Church. Who else will tell them of God's work? Who else will proclaim the name of Jesus? The world drifts from God, who will call them back? We will, the people of gratitude.

Grateful,

Pastor Dave Sorenson

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Wanamingo Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday October 10, 2023

Present: Pastor Dave Sorensen, Karissa Wood, Mike Parrett, Bruce Baker, Sue Flotterud, Birdeen Thoreson, Laureen Otto  
Absent: Callie Van De Walker-Sellers

Openings Devotions: Lead by Pastor Dave

Pastors Report: Pastor Dave updated the council on his activities including visiting members, text study, confirmation, and fall theological conference

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

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Karissa on behalf of Bonnie Hermann, motion to approve by Birdeen, 2nd by Laureen passed 6-0.

Balances:

Music: \$685.00

Building: \$8,448.44

Memorial: \$9,946.74

ELCA Mission Endowment Fund - \$52,500.87

Old Business:

1. During some heavy rains in July, water was leaking into the library. The company that completed the roof repairs in 2022 assessed the roof and repaired areas they thought could causing the problem. We do not expect to see a bill for this.

New Business:

1. We received two grant applications for the first giving from the newly formed Mission Endowment Fund.
  - a. Hillcrest Center- Requesting \$500.00 for "Educational outings to empower our clients" Trips they are considering are Oxbow Park in Byron and Rad Zoo in Medford
  - b. WTLC Sunday School- Requesting \$750.00 to "Build a 'Free Little Pantry' to be placed at Trinity and maintained by the Board of Ed" This would be stocked with food and personal care supplies for community members in need.

A motion was made by Laureen to approve these grants, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birdeen, passed 6-0

Karissa will reach out to Tharan from the synod who helped us to establish this fund for directions for withdrawal.

2. A joint council meeting took place on Sunday, 10/8 to discuss year-round joint service. It was proposed at that meeting to move forward with a trial period in January and February of 2024- Trinity hosting in January and Wanamingo hosting in February. The council approved joint services for this trial period. This will be communicated in the newsletter of each church, and the councils will be looking for feedback. Whether or not to move forward with joint services beyond the trial period will be discussed by each congregation at the annual meeting.
3. Wanamingo Lutheran will host Thanksgiving Eve service. WLC proposed that special offering during this service would be split between Kenyon and Zumbrota food shelves if approved by Trinity's board. Pie will be served following the service.
4. WELCA potluck honoring senior women will be held following service on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. Communion Servers: November 5-Karissa, November 19- Birdeen

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by, Karissa Wood

# Church News & Events

## PASTOR DAVE'S NEW OFFICE HOURS

### WLC OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday 8:30am – 12:00pm

### TLC OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 8:30-10:30 am

Wednesday 1-4 pm

Friday 8:30am-12:00pm



## THANKSGIVING EVE

Please join us for Worship Wednesday,  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm at WLC.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

During our worship service on Sunday  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will remember all those who  
have died and  
those who have  
been baptized  
over the course  
of the past year.



Hello WTLC Members,

We want to thank you all for your ongoing support and prayers during the recent interim and call process. One of the great things that came out of the work of the Transition Teams and Call Committee was a desire for our congregations to worship and do more together as one. As a result of this positive feedback and further Parish Council discussion, we will have one Sunday service beginning in January, 2024. The first two months will be a trial to hopefully gather additional feedback, suggestions, and make any adjustments. The Parish Council's initial thoughts are to continue to have Sunday School at 9:00 at TLC and hold the Sunday morning service at 10:00. The worship service will be held at each church, alternating on a monthly basis. In January, the service will be at TLC and in February it will be at WLC, and so on. Larger holidays (Easter and Christmas Eve) will still be celebrated with separate services, and other occasions where a separate service might be needed will be considered on a case-by-case basis. We are excited for this opportunity to grow closer together and strengthen our identity as the WTLC parish. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to share them with a council member of either church, President Karissa Wood and/or President Anna Marie Hermann. Thank you, again, for your continuous support of the parish.

In Peace,

Karissa Wood (507)251-5804

Anna Marie Hermann (507)319-3859



## WLC GIVES TWO GRANTS

WLC council received two grant applications for the newly established endowment fund. Council is pleased to report that they were able to grant **BOTH** requests. The first request was granted to the WTLC Board of Ed. They received \$750.00 to construct a "Free little Pantry" that will be placed at Trinity Lutheran Church. The pantry is designed to act as a place where community members can obtain free non-perishable food items. The second request was granted to Hillcrest center. They received \$500.00 to be used for educational outings including trips to Oxbow Park and Rad Zoo.



## CONFIRMATION FOOD COLLECTION

On Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, between 5:00 – 6:30 pm the Confirmation class will be collecting food donations. To help facilitate this we are asking people to sign-up ahead of time and some students/adults will stop by to collect your food offering. If you can't be there to personally hand off your donation, just place the bag by your front door and they will get it. Please return the below form to the church office or email Pastor Dave, [pastordavewtlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavewtlc@gmail.com). Donations will be going to help stock the new little food pantry at Trinity and to a local food bank. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



### DONATE HERE:

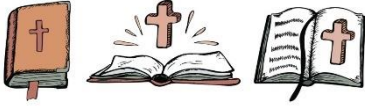
Use your smart phone to scan the QR code to donate to Wanamingo Lutheran Church.



# WELCA Updates

## WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible Study Thursday  
November 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm at TLC.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held November 14th at 7pm  
Irene Ree's home. 540 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Wanamingo

## WELCA BAKE SALE

November 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm at the Wanamingo Community Center  
(setup from 8:30-10:00am)

All ladies from WLC should bring a baked  
good or leave a donation to WELCA.

November 6<sup>th</sup> WELCA will be making one batch of Lefsa at WLC  
anyone welcome to join.

Money earned will go to various charities.



# Community News & Events

## COMMUNITY MEAL

November 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:30 at Wanamingo

Turkey Casserole  
Layered Lettuce Salad  
Cranberry Sauce  
Pumpkin Chiffon Dessert

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





# Youth & Family

## UPCOMING DATES

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th

**10:30 am** Kids sing in church with Noisy Offering  
@ TLC 10:30 Worship Service

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving!

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

WTLC Christmas Program DURING 10:30am Worship



### CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday @ TLC

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 5-6:30pm

NO CLASS 11/22—Happy Thanksgiving!

### TAHNK YOU

Thank you to everyone who decorate a trunk for our “Trunk-or-Treat” event!

