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Potluck Brunch and ANNUAL MEETING

10:30 a.m.

Following the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Sunday,
January 29, 2023**

January Mission of the Month

Lutheran World Relief



The clear box at the back of the sanctuary (entrance) is set up at each worship service to bring awareness to missions that we want to support with our donations. Each month we will highlight the mission of the month. The mission of the month for January is Lutheran World Relief.

At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives.

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being.

We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and we do not evangelize. We provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. We partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. We break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive.

Our goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.

- Alyssa Schall
- Chad & Amanda Engen
- SSgt. Sherri Read & SSgt. Barry Read
- Cpl. Jeffrey J. Olson
- Sgt. Jesse S. Olson
- Grant Thompson
- Justin & Jill Johnson
- Derrick Owens
- Jonathan Pearson
- Matthew Martin
- Sgt. Major Brian Soper
- Nevon Heisler
- Brian Pederson
- Cory Schall
- Brent Schall
- Amy & Cory Everson
- Austin Dammen
- Ryan Mertens
- Gregory Fritz
- Spc. Jade Baker
- Major Miranda Iverson
- SSgt. Billyjo Sandberg
- 1st Lt. Cassidy Wilkins
- Kaitlyn Thompson
- Matthew Alexander
- Trentin Ystaas

If you know of someone serving in the military, please let the church office (662-4911) know.

November General Fund Expenses

Auto Exp (Mileage)	651.88	Payroll Exp	647.92
BCBS Exp	776.42	Pension/Ins	4,253.86
Bulletin/Envelopes	222.94	Postage Exp	125.80
Confirmation Exp	193.26	Retreat Center Ins. Exp.....	150.00
Cont. Ed—Youth Coord.	49.88	City of Devils Lake	115.95
Convention Exp	90.00	Telephone/Internet/Surv.....	460.33
Custodian HIR Exp	250.00	Special Gifts—Out: \$1,019.14	
Mission: EaND Synod (2% Env. Giving):		WELCA (Library books).....	176.95
Sept. & Oct.—Total sent to Synod	801.44	Pilots for Christ (MOM).....	50.00
Electricity Exp (Ottetail)	986.00	Farm Rescue (MOM).....	212.00
Envelope Giving Exp (EFT)	93.08	Hope Center (Thanksgiving Meal)	
Gas (MDU) Exp	615.00	395.19
Insurance Exp	870.80	LDR—Hurricane (MOM).....	185.00
Maintenance Exp.	271.76	Sunday School Exp	119.41
Office Equip.	626.66	Vocal Director Exp.....	125.00
Office Supplies.....	200.08	Wages	12,433.74
Misc. Exp	7.42	Worship Supplies.....	72.92
Pastor Housing Allowance.....	1,200.00		
Pastor SS Allowance	397.84	Total Expenses	\$27,798.53
		Total Income:	\$30,325.53

Retreat Center Fund November Expenses

Greater Ramsey Water.....	30.50	MDU	21.00
Guide One Insurance.....	150.00	Nodak	55.00

General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

SUNDAY		General Fund:	General Fund:	Designated Funds:
Date	9:30	Envelope Giving	Gifts & Memorials	Memorials/Donations
November 27	108	\$2,240.00		\$405.00
December 4	104	\$6,745.00		\$693.00
December 11	72	\$1,310.00		\$570.46
December 18	103	\$5,158.00		\$800.00
December 24	140	\$3,640.00		
December 25	NA	\$6,466.00		\$9,929.96

Electronic Giving for NOVEMBER (28 Households): \$3,525.00

FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

As we journey through the season of Epiphany the season of light, the "Revelation of God" When the Gentile Magi come to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people Jew and Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple, God in the flesh. The season of Epiphany begins with the Magi's visit and ends at the Transfiguration, when three of Jesus' disciples glimpse their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the center of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaims to His disciples then and now, that He is the long awaited one who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory. The Transfiguration of our Lord is the last Sunday before Lent. In Lent, we prepare our hearts for our crucified and risen Lord. The lyrics of this song written by Mann Curtis and Billie Campbell brings these seasons to life as we journey with Jesus to the cross of Easter.



One pair of hands formed the mountains
One pair of hands formed the sea

One pair of hands made the sun
and the moon

Every bird, every flower, every tree
One pair of hands formed the valleys
The ocean, the rivers and the sand

Those hands are so strong, so when
life goes wrong

Put your faith in the one pair of
hands

One pair of hands, healed the sick
One pair of hands raised the dead

One pair of hands calmed the raging
storm

And thousands of people were fed
One pair of hands said I love you
And those hands were nailed to a
tree

Those hands are so strong, so when
life goes wrong

Put your faith into one pair of
hands

Those hands are so strong, so when
life goes wrong

Put your faith into one pair of
hands



Curtis Ehnert



*If you or someone
you know are in
need of
prayers, please
contact the church
office:
662-4911.*

*Your name and concern
will be held before
God and prayed
for by everyone on the
Prayer Chain.*

*You will be asked if you
would like to be included
in the prayers at Sunday
worship or you may
request it.*

AUDIO/ VIDEO PROJECT

Estimated Cost
\$90,000.00

90,000.00

80,000.00

70,000.00

60,000.00

Donations & Memorials
Received as of
12/28/22:

\$55,722.33

2024 Trip to the Holy Land



Imagine walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and looking out on the water where Jesus and his disciples caught both fish and people. Imagine walking through the streets of the Old City of Jerusalem or standing in the Garden of Gethsemane. Picture yourself looking out over the valley from the hills of Nazareth. All of these places are on our itinerary as we plan to travel to the Holy Land in January 2024.

Join Pastors Lori Pankratz, Bonnie Weaver and Cassie Borges as we explore the land where Jesus walked. Taste the foods of the region. Listen to the stories of the people who live there now. And hear the stories of the bible standing in the places that are named in the text.

You are invited to an informational meeting on **Sunday, January 8 at noon at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Devils Lake** and at 4 pm at Cando Lutheran Church to give more details about the trip. An informational meeting will be held at North Viking Lutheran Church in Maddock at a later date.

For more information on the upcoming trip, please view our website at www.sunlightours.org Or follow us on Facebook @sunlightoursllc

Sunlight Tours is owned and operated by Pastor Sarah Raymond of Thompson, ND. Sarah is a Lutheran Pastor with a passion for travel. She is happy to partner with these churches in the Lake Region to offer the trip of a lifetime to all of you!

St. Olaf WELCA Highlights

*WOW! Another year has gone by! Hope it was a good one for all.

Our Quilting continues as usual, much smaller groups with the nasty weather and some illnesses. Hopefully we will have some nicer days ahead. We have several local organizations who are needing quilts. We hope to get them delivered soon with the help of some of our kind and generous Men of St.Olaf!

*The Annual Bazaar was a Huge success!! To those who donated goodies and other homemade items for our sale, the Flower Shop people who worked so hard to make their shop a big success, and all who helped set up, those working the day of the Sale and to those who helped in anyway, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH! All of the Shops did very well, the Coffee Shop was busy all morning and Lunch was well attended and enjoyed by all.

*The WELCA Christmas Potluck was held on December 8th at Noon.

Thanks to Prisca for the setting up and clean up, to Kelly for the helping hand, Pastor Lori for leading Table Grace and Darci for helping with Bingo and delivering the prizes to the winners. I think a good time was had by all. Thanks to those of you who attended.

*WELCA Executive Meeting was held on December 11 to review and approve our Designated Gifts. Thanks to Phyllis Nelson for all her work keeping track of all our Funds.

*We will have our Winter Recess in January and February. The meetings will resume on March 2 at 1:30. Hope to see you all there!

*Thanks to everyone holding offices for our group, and for agreeing to hold them for 2023.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to you ALL!

Myrna Unger, WELCA President

Youth News Nexus

The Scoop on Events and Happenings at St. Olaf for Children, Youth, Parents, and the Youth Ministry Minded



Happy New Year, A new year has arrived bringing with it a multitude of opportunities for fun, fellowship, and excitement that comes with being a youth in a church. We have three youth events as well as a few fundraisers coming up in the month of January.

January sees the return of the Nerf War event from last year. We had so much fun with it that we had to do it again. There will be games, prizes, snacks, and the occasional misfire. This is for all 6th grade and up youth with any friends they want to bring along. We will start at 7pm on Friday, January 13th, and go until 9pm. Come and join us for a fun time at the church.

The 22nd of January has a new family event, Family Bingo. This will be held at 12:30-2pm and will be right after Family Sunday School downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a freewill offering that will include a meal and one card per per-

son. The offering will be going to the seven youth that are interested in going to the 2024 Youth Gathering. This event is for people of all ages. We will have prizes for adults and kids. Please come for a good time and a chance to support our youth.

The fourth week of January brings us the early out event for the month, Controlled Chaos. When it comes to getting out early and being full of energy, chaos has ensued on previous events. We will be embracing this for the upcoming event with games of tag and hide-n-seek. This will start at 2pm and go till 3:30pm. This is for youth of all ages and will include snacks/drinks. I hope that there are some adults out there that may be able to join us for the chaos. The more eyes I have the more controlled the chaos is.

As mentioned with our Family Bingo event, our time of fundraisers for the upcoming youth gathering has begun. We have a total of seven youth that

have put their names forward as interested in going and they are, Aubrie Kraft, Grant Quam, Grady Quam, Ben Larson, Preston Schmidt, Nash Riggan, and Gannon Eversvik. The 2024 youth gathering is going to be in New Orleans, Louisiana, which means we will be in need of a lot of funds to get there. January also has a second freewill offering meal which will be held on January 29th, during our annual meeting. A third fundraiser that will be appearing is our envelope one, which we have done before. Please prayerfully consider how you can help these youth attend a once in a lifetime event.

I hope to see all of you at all our different events and goings on at the church in January.

JLY (Jesus Loves You),

Kelly Longden

St. Olaf Youth Ministry Coordinator
701-662-4911

Nerf War

**When: Friday,
January 13th**

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

**Who: 6th Grade &
up youth plus
friends + adults**

**If you have any
Nerf guns at
home, you will
need to bring
them, so we have
enough for eve-
ryone**

Snacks & drinks will
be provided.

**Come join us for
some fun!**

FAMILY Bingo

There is going to be a family bingo event after Family Sunday School on Sunday, January 22nd, starting at 12:30 and going to 2, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a freewill offering which will include a meal and one card per person. The offering will go to the youth that are interested in going to the 2024 Youth Gathering. This event is for people of all ages. We will have prizes for adults and kids. Please join us for a fun time and to help our youth.



CONTROLLED CHAOS

For the January early out event, we will be playing different chaotic games, such as tag and hide-n-seek. This is for all ages on

**Wednesday, January 25th,
from 2-3:30pm. Snacks and drinks will
be provided. Please join us for
some fun chaos!**

Faith & Care Group #1—January 2023

Ray & Deb Bertsch
Gordon Braathen
Doug & Darlene Carlson
Rhea Crane & Doug Longie
Brad & Deb Eback, Marissa, Emily,
Landen
Chad & Alisha Ehnert, Morgan, Breydin
Diane Engebretson
Cory & Amy Everson, Faith, Blake
Jim & Debra Frank, Darren, Malloree
Mark & Darci Gilbertson
Larry Hatten
Kimberly Hatten
Robert & Sheri Hatten, Kendall, Stephanie
Steve & Sharon Johanson
Roger Knutson
Steve & Becky Lang, Amanda, Kaylee
Darin & Stacy MacDonald, Beth
Vonda Markestad
Ronald & Barbara Miller
Jamie Minnerup, Shayla, Shelby, Brynlee
Arnold Moen
Dan & Bonnie Ness, Nikki, Wyatt
Kitty Overbo
Darren & Nikki Paulson, Lyla, Tucker

Kenneth & Joann Paulson
Brian Pederson
ReAnne Pederson, Keegan, Emmalynn,
Seth
Janet Peterson
Brent & Toni Pflaum, Travis
Kim Rau & Kevin Birkeland, Cody
Dennis & Karen Riggan
Lance & Tammy Riggan, Hunter, Nash,
Harper
Roxanne Rose
R. Glenn & Ardys Salisbury
Anna Schemionek
Randy & Julie Schemionek, Alexis, Justin,
Ryan
Ray Stetteland
Michael & Cheryl Steffan
Arlo & Darlene Svedberg, Erika
Gary & Kerry Thompson
Kristie Tollefson
Clarence Jr. & Linda Toso, Justin
Jason & Niki Toso, Kyleigh, Kole
Janet Tweeten
James & Kelly Wang, Marit, Peter
Deb Weber Brady, Griffin
Steve Weber

Memorials

Audio/Visual Fund

In MEMORY Of

Perry Horner from Myrna Unger
Andy Horner from Myrna Unger
Clayton Krueger from Legacy Cooperative,
Newton & Karen Lindseth, Gary & Nancy Conkins
Jill Schafer, Nancy Thompson's sister from
Rory & Charlotte Riggan
Leonard & Marie Birkeland from Tim & Kathy Kraft
Kenny Hanson from Duane Moen
Merle & Cora Horner from Myrna Unger
Carolyn, Ida Mae, Perry, Dwight and Andy from Myrna Unger
Yvonne Herda from Al Herda
Alvin & Ethel Herda, Sr. from Al Herda
Sandi Lunde from Richard Lunde

Radio/Facebook Fund

In MEMORY Of

Glen Rushfeldt from Betty Jane Rushfeldt

Youth Scholarship Fund

In HONOR Of

Pastor Lori's Installation from Myrna Unger

WELCA—Quilters

In MEMORY Of

Byrdia Spidahl from Wayne, Barb & Larry

Building Fund

In MEMORY Of

Curt Ehnert from Dennis & Karen Riggan



Calling All Singers!

Join us for Choir Interest & Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 15

10:30am in the Centennial Room

If you are interested in leading this group please talk to Pr. Lori

Faith & Care Group #2—February 2023

Dennis & Jean Aardahl
Eric & Corrine Aasmundstad, Britt, Jenna, Taylor
Harlan Adahl
Duane A. & Susan Armstrong, Molly & Ben
Katelyn Armstrong, Ashton
Trent & Holly Beckedahl
Dean & Allison Blazer
Kory & Colette Boehmer, William
Marvin & Patricia Bye, Bryan, Justin
Kelsie Bye, Kennedy
Jared & Elisa Christensen, Cassandra, Kaylee, Carter
Judy Cox, Michael & Patrick
Wendy Cox Olson, Jacob, Austin
Cleo Deplazes
Jeremy & Jennifer Devier, Blair, Coby, Austin, Zoe, Braxton, Eliza, Piper
Cynthia Geller, Dana, Kirsten, Stephanie
Lynn Goodwill, Natalie
Sharon Henke
Lloyd Hintz
Melissa Hodous, Brody, Mason, Bennett

Benjamin & Jenna Idland, Kaspynn, Amzee, Sloann
Michael & Rachel Kitsch, Sophie, Grace
Esther Larson
Kristian & Danielle Lindseth, Isabel, Abigail
Darren & Lori Lippert, Kaylee, Blake
Nicole McIvor, Julia, Blaine
Necito Montaniel
Allan Mosbaek
James H. Murray
Keith & Joan Ness
Robert Ness
Rene & Sherri Ouellette
Art & Carol Rohr
Byron & Jessica Rohr, Julia, Clara, Wyatt
David & Ranae Schnaidt, Emily
Terry & Connie Straabe, Caitlin, Michelle & Tara
Jarrod & Lori Stubbe, Quenten & Malcolm
Shirley Tostenson
Barbara Walden
Helen Weed

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February 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	2	9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation	1:00 1:00pm Brain Injury Support Group (Lounge)	6	7
8 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee 10:30am St. Olaf Foundation 10:40am Sunday School 12:00pm 2024 Holy Land Trip	9	9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Basement)	10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation	12	13 4:00pm Annual Report Deadline	14
15 9:30am Worship Service with Communion 10:30am Choir Meeting (Centennial) 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	16	9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation	19	20	21
22 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee & F&C #2 10:40am FAMILY SS (basement) 12:00pm BINGO & Lunch	23	9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Controlled Chaos 7:00pm Confirmation	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30am Potluck Brunch & Annual Meeting (Basement)	30	9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	Feb 1	2	3	4