



# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



# JANUARY

2023

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## Event Calendar

- 1/9 - Council Meeting: 7 PM
- 1/15 - Open House Holiday Concert: 1-3 PM
- 1/29 - Annual Meeting and Potluck



Thank you to all who helped with our holiday services and events! We want to recognize Jill Sanderson, Fareed Haque, Josephine Navarro, Krista Kim, and Rachel Dampier for their contributions to the Blue Christmas Service, Children's Program, and Christmas Eve/Day worship.

The Meals on Wheels program is looking for volunteers to fill dates this upcoming January 16 – 29. Please let the office or leadership know if you would like to volunteer for this effort.

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29 immediately after worship. There will be a potluck to follow.



## Birthdays

- 1/6 - Tammy Campbell
- 1/14 - Briggs Bynum
- 1/15 - Zoe Thompson
- 1/18 - Bize Bynum
- 1/19 - Rachel Rosenbaum
- 1/21 - Mary Lou Behring
- 1/24 - Krista Kim
- 1/27 - Fareed Haque

## Liturgists

- 1/8 - Connie Wiersma
- 1/15 - Julie Norland
- 1/22 - George Lynts
- 1/29 - Norma Thompson

*Thank you for being a part of our church community!*

Your Church Council is here for you!  
We encourage the congregation to reach out to leadership with any feedback, questions, joys or concerns.

- Interim Pastor Rev. Kendell Nordstrom
- Moderator - Connie Wiersma
- Treasurer - Tracy Tronnes
- Finance - Bruce Morris
- Trustees - Todd Campbell
- Diaconate - Mary Lou Behring
- Education - Jill Sanderson



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## *From the Desk of Reverend Kendell Nordstrom*

Recently, the Rev. Franz Riegert, our Conference Minister, announced that the Wisconsin Conference is selling its building in McFarland and is moving to the Daycholah Center at Green Lake. The reasons for this move are financial, a way of keeping faith, and a practical and innovative adjustment to the new realities of how the church does business.

The financial reason stems from the fact that the Daycholah Center (formerly Pilgrim Camp), needs extensive repair and renovation, but because of the declining number of youth campers, it is in no position to pay for the necessary upkeep. Rather than selling the camp, the Conference Board of Directors decided to sell the McFarland office, buy Daycholah, and move its operations there, ensuring its continued existence. The faithful part of that decision is that the United Church Camps when they changed the name made a promise to the Menomonie, Ojibwa, and Ho-Chunk Nations, whose land it had originally been, that they would continue to honor their heritage. The Conference could not do this if they sold the camp to developers. The innovative part of the decision is that because of the increasing use of on-line meetings and staff working from home, they simply don't need as much office or meeting space as they used to. They decided to put their resources where they are most needed. It seems to me this is exactly the kind of thinking our local churches need to do in the coming years. The church will have to find a way to address financial pressures, remain faithful to its mission, and adjust to the new ways in which our society operates. I am grateful we have leadership that is showing us the way.

Here's to a happy, prosperous, faithful, and innovative New Year.  
See you in church.

*Kendell*

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Monday Nov. 14, 2022

PRESENT: Rev. Kendell, Connie Wiersma, Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris, Jill Sanderson, Josephine Navarro and Mary Lou Behring. Connie called the meeting to order and Kendell led us in prayer. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jill seconded it. The minutes were approved.

MINISTERS REPORT: Kendell thanked everyone for filling in and taking care of things while he and his wife were on their trip. He said that he has things to be joyful for. Josephine will be baptized this Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Leia Maves returned to church with her daughter after being raised here, and the Cuttings wish to reactivate their membership. The Thanksgiving eve service will be held at Central Lutheran on Wednesday Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m. Kendell stated that he will be part of this. An Advent study called "Do not be afraid" was presented. The study would take place before worship during advent. Kendell stated there is a children's program that is available also. There will be a Blue Christmas service on Thursday Dec. 21.

CONGRGATION: Josephine asked about having an open house for the community. This would be a concert of organ and piano music while people congregate for snacks and activities. A date of January 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm was decided upon. Josephine mentioned that the piano needs replacing. A used one was mentioned. Kendell stated he has one he would be willing donate. Josephine will check it out. She will be at church on Friday for the organ tuner.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: Bruce stated there are several time and talents sheets and pledges handed in but more pledge are cards are being mailed out this week.

PASTOR SEARCH: Connie said we have a good start of volunteers. We will work on a profile during council to get started.

OTHER: Jill talked about the JAMS scholarship. We already have \$280.00 a special offering will take place the next two weeks. We will see how many people would like to commit to donating. We need to raise \$800 per year for 4 years.

DIACONATE: Communion will be held 2 times in Dec. The 4<sup>th</sup> and Christmas eve. Kendell and Mary Lou will take communion to shut ins. Mary Lou will make something for the shut ins for Christmas.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Jill mentioned using the nursery for Sunday school and changing the other area into a library/ lounge area. Good place for book studies. She also mentioned another adult book study.

TRUSTEES: Bruce said they have the plowing and shoveling covered for winter. They are still working on hedge removal. There are also a few more windows to put in but may have to wait until spring.

TREASURES REPORT: We will be moving some funds to cover expenses. Tracy put together a financial visual for the council to look at.

Meeting adjourned

Mary Lou Behring

#### IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Sunday Nov. 20th Baptism of Josephine Navarro

Wednesday Nov. 23 Ecumenical Thanksgiving eve service 7:00 pm Central Lutheran

Sunday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent/start of Advent study/ hanging of the Green-following worship

Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Communion



Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Children's program

Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, Blue Christmas service 7:00 pm? Time

Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve service 4:30 p.m. with communion.

Sunday Dec. 25 Worship service with Christmas carol sing a long 10:30am

Sunday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Open house with Josephine in Concert for the community  
1:00-3:00 pm