

January Worship

10:00 am @ TLC



January 2023

# Wanamingo Lutheran Church

## Pastor's Message

Greetings!

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024! Yep, here we go into a brand new calendar year. I hope and pray for all the best for you and yours in this year to come. Know that through this coming year God is with you as is your community of faith here at WTLC.

We are beginning joint worship services January 7<sup>th</sup>. Trinity is hosting worship for the month of January with Sunday School at 9 am and Worship at 10 am. We will change locations for worship in February to Wanamingo Lutheran. It will be good to be together in worship!

For the children's sermon time I will be introducing "The Bucket" on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. "The Bucket" is what it says, a five-gallon pail with a handle and lid. Each Sunday I will give the bucket to one of the kids to take home and bring back the next Sunday. They can put anything within the rules inside the bucket and then I will open it at the children's sermon and make a message out of it. There are three rules for whatever you put in the bucket: 1) It can't be alive or dead. 2) It can't stink or smell. 3) It has to fit with the lid closed. I'll go over this all again on that Sunday.

"Sacred Space" is an time for adults that will meet every Sunday from 9 – 9:40 am at whatever church is hosting worship. This is a group that will be about fellowship; scripture; and prayer. Over refreshments we will read a scripture reading for that Sunday; reflect on it; respond to it; and then head off to worship. We will meet in the basement of Trinity on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks again for all the ways you support the work of WTLC! Together we are making a difference in the lives of many people in Wanamingo and abroad. We are called to follow Jesus and share God's love with our neighbor. God has granted us the Spirit to make it so!

Grateful,  
Pastor Dave Sorenson

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# Wanamingo Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Present: Karissa Wood, Callie Van De Walker-Sellers, Birdeen Thoreson, Mike Parrett, Lauren Otto, Pastor Sorenson, Bruce Baker, Sue Flotterud

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: Presented by Karissa Wood sent by Bonnie Hermann, motion to approve by Mike, 2nd by Callie passed 6-0.

Balances:

Music: \$485.00

Building: \$9,270.52

Memorial: \$9,946.74

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

Old Business:

1. Grant Update: hoping the money is in the mail

New Business:

1. 2024 Ballot: looking for replacements for Karissa and Sue, have Jess put in newsletter what positions are open, discussed open positions and current candidates. Put together agenda at next meeting for Annual Meeting. One service is only thing to vote on besides ballot and budget.
2. Church Fiscal Year: Bonnie asked to change fiscal year to the calendar year - January to December.
3. Wi-Fi Upgrades: we don't have Wi-Fi connection in the sanctuary or basement, Karissa reached out to Frontier and recommended a whole home Wi-Fi, come out and place boosters and extenders throughout the church and possibly upgrade our strength, which is \$10 a month extra, ensure we can livestream with our internet strength.
4. Council meeting will be January 16th at 7pm instead of the 9th.

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by, Callie Van De Walker-Sellers

# Church News & Events

## NEW IN 2024

**9:00-9:40am** Sacred Space: fellowship; scripture; and prayer @ TLC in the basement (Starting January 14<sup>th</sup>)

**9:00-10:00am** Sunday School at TLC in the education wing

**10:00am** Combine Worship service at TLC  
\*NO JANUARY WORSHIP AT WLC\*



## ANNUAL MEETING

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Wanaingo Lutheran Church 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 11<sup>th</sup>

SEMN Synod Assembly (Mankato, MN)—May 11<sup>th</sup>



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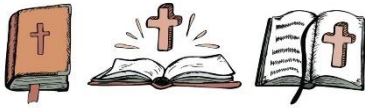
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# WELCA Updates

**WELCA BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for Bible Study Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm at TLC.



**PRAYER SHAWL**

Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm

Irene Ree's home in Wanamingo

# Community News & Events

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Goodhue County Christmas Project. We were able to provide VERY generous gifts, gift cards and personal care items to two families in Goodhue County.



**COMMUNITY MEAL**

January 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30-12:30

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



Cheesy Potato Soup  
Corn Muffins  
Fruit  
Swedish Rice Pudding

# Youth & Family



thank you

To our Sunday School Children and Board of Education for the wonderful Christmas Program you shared!

1/7	No Sunday School	
1/14 @ TLC	Sunday School	
1/21 @ TLC	Sunday School & Super Sunday Event	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>WTLC SUPER SUNDAY!!</b></p> <p>Bingo for All - Bring a Friend! @ TLC 2PM</p>  </div>
1/28 @ TLC	Sunday School	
2/4 @ WLC	Sunday School	
2/11 @ WLC	Sunday School & Super Sunday Event	<p><b>10:00am</b> Sunday School will sing during worship and collect Noisy offering.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    <p><b>WTLC SUPER SUNDAY!!</b></p> <p>VALENTINES COOKIE DECORATING DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> </div>
2/18 @ WLC	Sunday School	
2/25 @ WLC	Sunday School	

## CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday @ TLC

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

Class resumes Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>

If school cancels/dismisses early due to weather, we will automatically cancel class for that evening.



## a prayer for the **NEW YEAR**

Lord, please bless the coming year. Help me to use my time wisely and strengthen my resolve to consistently do all of the following:

### **N**ever stop praying (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Lord, teach me to pray without ceasing. Remind me to make prayer my first response rather than a last resort. Conform me to the image of Christ, that I might with Him pray, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

### **E**ncourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Lord, open my eyes to the needs of those around me. Help me to love my neighbors as I love myself & to put their interests ahead of my own. May every word I speak edify and uplift and point others to You.

### **W**ork without complaining (Philippians 2:14)

Place a guard on my mouth. God, that I might not grumble about the tasks I've been given to do. Help me to serve others with gladness & do my work heartily & cheerfully, as a sacrifice of praise unto You.

### **Y**earn for Christ's return (Mark 13:32-33)

Lord, keep me mindful of the fact that my hope is not rooted in social movements or political reform, but in Christ alone. Speed the day of His return & let me be found faithfully doing His work when He appears.

### **E**vangelize the lost (Mark 16:15)

Give me a heart for those who don't know You, God. May I boldly & urgently proclaim the gospel of grace & forgiveness of sins freely available to all who confess Jesus is Lord & believe You raised Him from the dead.

### **A**cknowledge Him (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Don't let me outlive my love & devotion to You, Lord. Let my life serve as an example of what it means to trust You fully. May all I do & say & hope & think bring glory & honor to Your precious, holy name.

### **R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

"Lord, teach us to number our days, that we might apply our hearts to wisdom." Don't let me squander my time on earth. Show me how to invest it wisely in activities & pursuits that will bear fruit for all of eternity.