

# 2023 DECEMBER



## Lutheran Memorial Church

Dear members, friends, and family of Lutheran Memorial:

Deep Thoughts.....“**Light in the Darkness!**” One of my favorite parts of this season is the decorations and the lights—let me be even clearer—*AFTER THE DECORATING IS DONE!* I loathe the idea of having to get out all the totes and separate things into different sections, different tasks for differing members of the family, the dusting and vacuuming that goes with it, the checking of batteries and cleaning out the crusted acidic buildup in the decorations where we forgot to remove batteries from Christmas’s past. But.....to sit back in the recliner after everything is said-and-done, and to look around the house experiencing this different ambiance in the room, ***just changes my spirit!*** The lighting is different—the sound of the candled wooden fuses crackling—the twinkle in my daughters’ eyes—the whole mood becomes different. **THAT IS.....until I stepped outside!**

The first night I went outside last week, after having staked the inflatables into the ground and routed the mass of wires into their proper places and allowing the multiple (yes, I said “Multiple”) fan motors breathe life into these jolliest of Christmas pieces on this side of the North Pole---- I discovered on that first night, that over half of the internal lights had burned out. Not only did some of them burn out, but Rudolph’s blinking, red nose, which is in fact, supposed to be inside his nose, had somehow become detached, internally, and fell down into his belly—“*Rudolph the Red-Bellied Reindeer!*” (Doesn’t sound right...does it!?) Needless to say, my Christmas joy was being overcome by thoughts of disappointment, thoughts of replacement, thoughts of pulling the plug (literally). I thought to myself, “*How ridiculous do these things look at night time, half lit, and not even glowing the way they’re supposed to?*” I’m literally thinking out loud as I write this while I look out my office window, but how truthful could these dilapidated, poorly lit inflatables truly represent how so many of us might be feeling right now? *Inside my house*, Christmas and all of its lights seem ever-so-perfect! *Outside in the lawn, however*, standing in the darkness—wobbling in the

breeze—15’ Santa standing in utter-darkness, while Rudolph’s belly flashes red—the 8’ tall candy cane in Frosty’s hand that ***NEVER STAYS STANDING UPRIGHT—the darkness seems to overcome the feelings of this season!*** For some of us, we take so much care to put everything in its perfect place, in hopes that everyone would believe that we are in perfect shape and everyone would be able to sit back and emulate who we are, or who we’ve become; yet, the truest form of *how we really feel*—how life around us *might actually be taking shape* in our personal lives, is most clearly equated by the dilapidated lawn inflatables outside. **EXCEPT.....**“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!” (John 1:5) The sun rises in the morning, and there, the inflatables stand in their glory! The darkness will not overcome them! They stand there making kids smile as they walk to school! They still wobble to-and-fro, and yes, the candy cane still never seems to stay standing, ***but such is life!*** God’s light—God’s sunshine beams on us and reminds us that in God’s Glory—in his dazzling array—we are sanctified by His Grace and we receive light and warmth for a new day! Ironically, the Christmas lights and decorations that *we want to believe are perfect* on the inside of the house.....well...they get shut off when we leave the home and the timer goes ‘click’.

Brothers and sisters in Christ—we certainly are not and should not pretend to be perfect during this time of year—or any time of year, no matter the decorations, festivities, or occasions. We are like the inflatables which certainly have their frailties, and have seen better days and seasons, but God’s glorious light still shines upon us! Let us be humbled and come before the Lord, even, and especially if it’s when we find the darkness of the season and the darkness of our lives closing in. Even though we might have seasons of brokenness and disappointment, God promises to shine His light into our darkness, so that the darkness will not overcome us! Blessings to you all and Merry Christmas!

In Peace,

Pastor Craig Wexler



# Calendar

**Tuesdays 7am**—Men's Prayer Breakfast—Perkins

**Tuesdays 9:30am**—Esther Schlueter's bible study—CR

**Tuesdays 1pm**—Painters—Fellowship Hall

**Tuesdays 2pm**—Stitched with Grace – Shalom Rm

**Wednesdays 1pm**—Quilters—Shalom Rm

**Sundays**—5:30pm Church Choir rehearsal

**Monday, December 4**—6:30pm Book Club—Connie Palmer's

**Saturday, December 9**—10am Children's Christmas Program Practice  
\*9am for speaking parts

**Sunday, December 10**—4pm Children's Christmas Program, last day of  
Sunday School for 2023

**Tuesday, December 12**—2pm Ruth Circle—CR

**Wednesday, December 13**—last day of worship/church school/conf. for 2023

**Monday, December 18**—2:30pm Miriam Circle

**Thursday, December 21**—9am-12pm Feeding South Dakota

**December 22, 25, 29, January 1**—LMC Office closed for Christmas

**Saturday, December 23**—No worship

**Sunday, December 24**—No 9:00am worship

**Sunday, December 24**—3:30pm, 6pm, 10pm Christmas Eve services

**Sunday, January 7**—Sunday School resumes

**Wednesday, January 10**—worship/church school/confirmation resume

## Noisy Offering

December Noisy Offering will go to PARS (Pierre Area Referral Service).  
Thank you for your generosity!

## Church Records

### Baptisms

Hudson Robert-Michael Rogers—October 1, 2023

Isla Rhea Sarringar—October 1, 2023

Anna Rose Severyn—October 15, 2023

Jaylen Ray Keller—November 12, 2023

Owen David Mehlhaff—November 19, 2023

Augustas Sze Chiu Chan—November 26, 2023

### Weddings

Sam Longbrake + Blake Feller—October 14, 2023

### Funerals

Arlene Truax—November 2, 2023

Judy Weldin—November 7, 2023

Bill Kelley—November 14, 2023

Melvin Cunningham—November 27, 2023

## Weekly Giving

November 6-10	November 20-24
\$3,224.00	\$5,572.00

November 13-17	Nov 27-Dec 1
\$4,051.00	\$3,536.00

## December 80+ Birthdays

Frieda Baker 12/4

Clinton Caldwell 12/30

Ray Hartman 12/17

Richard Masteller 12/8

Richard Parker 12/30

Arden Rapp 12/11

## December Radio Sponsors

**December 17**—Esther Schlueter, in honor of all the LMC teachers and volunteers

**December 24**—Char Reed, in loving memory of Sonny's Christmas Eve Birthday

**December 31**—Elda Obenauer, in remembrance of her husband Harrold's December Birthday

## Attendance

**Wednesday, November 29**—217

**Sunday, November 26**—210

**Sunday, November 19**—151

**Saturday, November 18**—76

**Wednesday, November 15**—241

**Sunday, November 12**—106

**Saturday, November 11**—73

**Wednesday, November 8**—262

**Sunday, November 5**—112

**Saturday, November 4**—56

# What's Happening



## Wednesday Quilters Deliver to Aberdeen

Marta and Rod Neuman, Kathy Villa, and Jean and Karl Hoeppner delivered 204 quilts to Aberdeen, in early November, that will then be shipped to Minnesota to get distributed worldwide. That's roughly 1000 pounds of quilts—amazing!!

## Stitched with Grace kept busy in 2023

"It's the most, wonderful time of the year. When quilts are brought down and delivered in town.

Sharing good cheer" ~ Tracy Laqua

24 walker bags, 28 hats, 2 minky scarves, 15 prayer pillow covers, 133 lap sized quilts, 10 twin/full sized quilts, and 53 baby quilts.

This year's recipients include: St. Mary's Hospital, Blessings Box, Helmsley Center, Highmore Health, Lakota Chapel, LMC's 3 year olds, Maryhouse, MOPS, Oahe Manor, SE Methodist Community Center, St. Benedict's Guest House, Tree of Life and the Veterans Home in Hot Springs. We want to acknowledge the Lakota Chapel for paying it forward by gifting us a roll of batting for our quilts, which will keep us stitching next year!





# Recent Events

## All Saints Worship–November 4, 5, 8





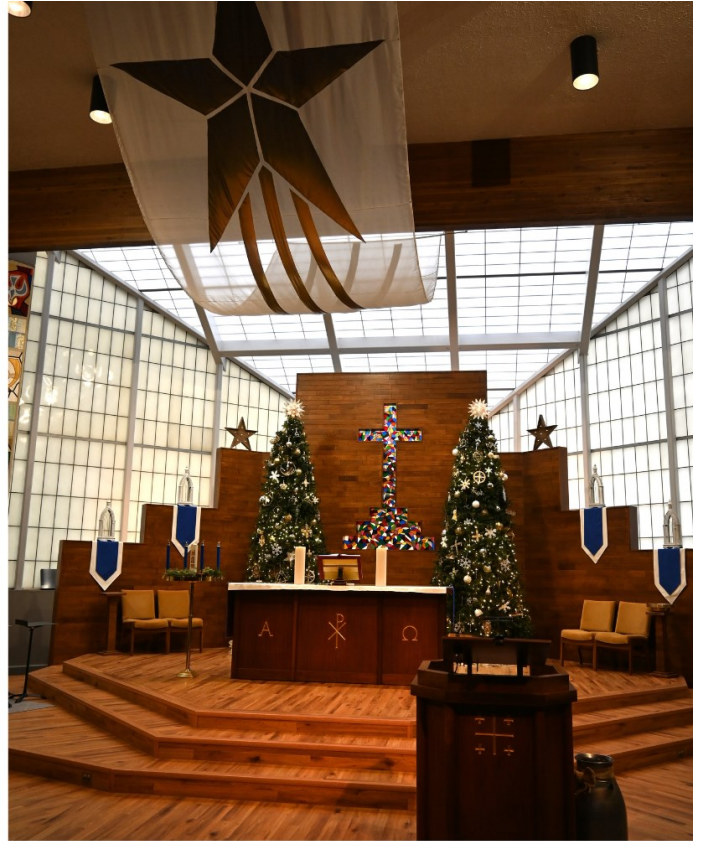




# Recent Events

## Deck the Halls!

Christmas is all around us here at LMC! Thank you, thank you, to our amazing decorating crew for preparing this space for the Advent season. Kathy Villa began the decorating process on Friday and Saturday, and continued with the rest of the crew on Sunday, November 19 after Sunday morning worship. An amazing job, VERY well done!





# Children | Youth | Family

## 3rd Grade Bibles–November 15



Addison Van Houten  
Quinn Abraham  
Andi Mancuso  
Brecken Bechard  
Brycen Haefner  
Brooks Becker  
Paxton Tostenson  
Tillie Haag  
Tenley Lindekugel  
Eli Bauman  
Colter Lauing

Nolan Heasley  
Caysen Fromm  
Evelyn Decker  
Elainna Willis  
Creece Norman  
Sawyer Garrett  
Zayden O'Conner  
Kendyn Clark  
Collyns Keeton  
Emelia Becker  
Carter Mehlhaff





# Children | Youth | Family

## Wednesday School

These kiddos were busy practicing music for the Christmas program and making ornaments for the LMC Capitol Tree!









# Children | Youth | Family

## Confirmation





## Christmas at the Capitol

Thank you to Kelli and her helpers for getting the "LMC Wednesday and Sunday School" tree decorated at the Capitol! If you haven't been there, it's a MUST! Christmas trees are on display through December 26 from 8am-10pm each day...and it's FREE!. This year's theme is *Winter Wonderland*. Take your family and check it out!





# WOW!

## Children's Christmas Program




**Practice**  
Sat, Dec 9 at 10am  
(9am speaking parts)

**PROGRAM**  
Sun, Dec 10 at 4pm  
Treats afterwards!



# Thank You

**Happy Holidays from CYF!**  
*We are always truly thankful for our volunteers. This ministry doesn't happen without their hands and hearts. Please join us this gifting/giving season by thanking our Wednesday and Sunday School teachers as well as our confirmation guides however you see fit. Even a simple note of appreciation goes a long way.*  
*Blessings to you and yours!*  
Kelli Olson





# Children | Youth | Family

## Youth Group Flamingo Fundraiser



What a fun season of flocking! Thank you to everyone who purchased insurance and/or paid to have someone flocked. We sure appreciate your support! Our targets *appeared* to enjoy their temporary lawn ornaments and were very generous with their donations to have them removed!

Flocked: Sweetmans, Cutshaws, Schwarzes, Kists, Boddickers, Severyns, and Nicholases.





# Recent Events

## Feeding SD—November 16

If you'd like to sign up for our December 21 date, contact the church office at 224-8608 or sign up in the Narthex.





# Recent Events

## Faith Chests—Men in Mission

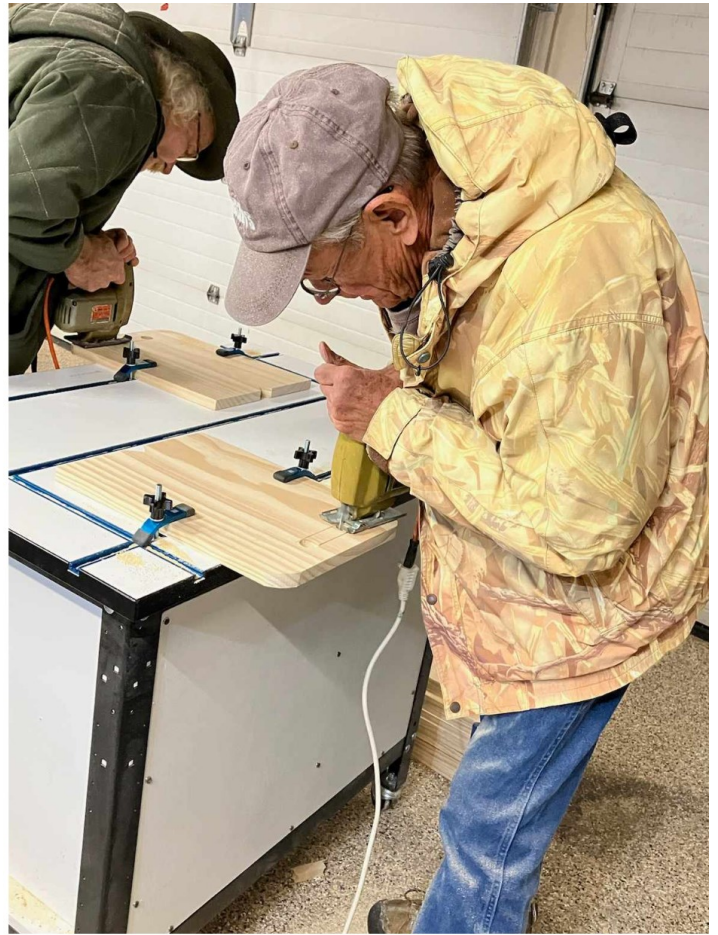
So grateful to these gentlemen for their woodworking skills in crafting faith chests for LMC, which are given to the newly baptized. They cut boards into 180 blocks to make these 30 faith chests. All 180 pieces are now ready to assemble!

Fun fact: it takes 7 steps to make each end piece!

Thank you to: Gaylen Bierman, Gerry Cutshaw, Doug Mitchell, Jim Nelson, Don Sandal, Dave Vogel, and Warren White









# STAY CONNECTED



LMC Facebook & Instagram



LMC Youth Group Instagram



LMC Podcasts



## Online Offering

We appreciate all of your support! Please visit our website and click the "GIVE" button on the upper right corner. You can also scan the QR code below to access online giving with Lutheran Memorial. These donations can be set up as a one-time payment or recurring—whichever works best for you and your family. Thank you!



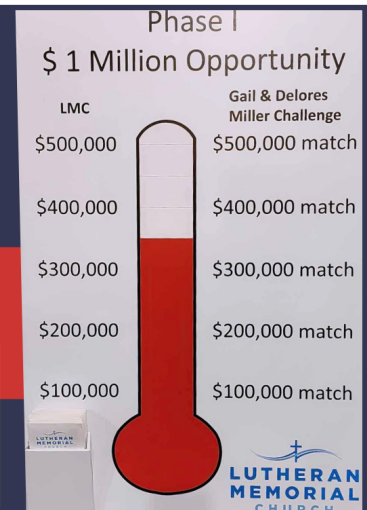
## Phase I/II

**WE'VE RAISED OVER \$300,000!**

### RESULTS:

- Received \$200,000+ in matching grants
- Retired \$400,000+ of debt

**DONATE TO PHASE I/II HERE! >>>**



## Worship and Music

We are scoping out talent here at LMC and would love to add more members to both our church choir and youth choir. Scan the QR code to the right and complete the VERY SHORT survey online. This will give Rodd an idea of how often you'd like to help out, musically, and in what area. Extra copies are available in the Narthex on the welcome table. Thank you!



# — Gather at LMC —

## SUNDAYS

9:00AM WORSHIP  
10AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

## WEDNESDAYS

5:45PM WEDNESDAY SCHOOL  
6:30PM WORSHIP  
7:15PM CONFIRMATION  
8:00PM YOUTH GROUP

## SATURDAYS

5:30PM WORSHIP

**+LIVESTREAM "LMCPIERRE" ON FACEBOOK - SUNDAYS 9AM (+1060AM AND 103.1FM)**



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE?

## SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST

IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE

CONTACT

INFO@LUTHERANMEMORIAL.ORG | 605.224.8608

LUTHERANMEMORIAL.ORG/SERVE-AT-LMC

TO SPONSOR A SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE



## Radio Broadcast Openings

December 3, 10—Contact the church office if you'd like to sponsor one of these! Currently, we do not have any sponsors for 2024 so ANY Sunday is up for grabs next year. Thank you for helping us reach our listening audience!

## Outreach Opportunities

### Governor Grocery

We've got a great opportunity for you to help kids in our community. In the elementary grades, students with limited access to nutrition over the weekend are sent home with bags of food to supplement their needs. GMMS began "Governor Grocery" to continue this effort at the middle school level. If you would like to donate, please swing through the Narthex and check out the Gov box with the list of food ideas. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our local kids!!

Learn more:

[lutheranmemorial.org/govgrocery](http://lutheranmemorial.org/govgrocery)

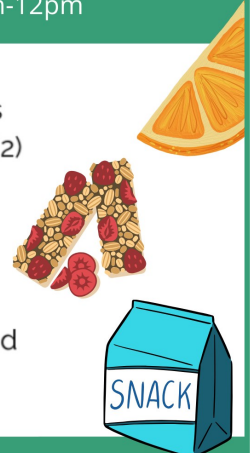


### Governor Grocery

Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex or when you come to worship -- look for the Gov box!

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm,  
Friday 9am-12pm

Governor Grocery is a student pantry program hosted at Georgia Morse Middle School. Students will be able to pick out (2) breakfasts (2) lunches, (2) suppers, and extra drinks and snacks for the weekend. This program was created in order to help students who have food shortages at home. Students will be able to come down on Friday afternoons during their study hall or extra time and pick out their own items to take home for the weekend. - **GMMS**



### Blessing Box

If you are heading to the store, toss a few more non-perishable items on your list and drop them off at LMC during office hours (Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm, Fri 9am-12pm) or when you come to worship on Saturdays/Sundays. Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry in our community!

**Ideas:** instant potatoes, canned foods, tuna, baby formula, toiletries, oatmeal, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, granola bars, peanut butter, dried fruit, instant rice, pancake mix, hamburger/tuna helper, etc.

**Cold weather is HERE—keep in mind the items that will handle the cold.**

## BLESSING BOX

HELP US KEEP IT FILLED

Donations can be dropped off during business hours in the Narthex

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm  
Friday 9am-12pm





# Lutheran Memorial Council Minutes | November 21, 2023

Senior Pastor Craig Wexler

Marcie Long, President (via phone)

Andrea Clarke, Secretary/Youth Team

Kelly Nelson, Treasurer

Todd Bernhard, Member at-large

Absent: Jay Vogt, Member at-large

Bryan Walz, Past President

Dan Swartos, Vice President

Wayne Winter, Trustees

Kim Farries, Member at-large

Call the Meeting to Order by Vice President Swartos and Prayer by Pastor Craig

Consent Agenda (Action Needed)

- Approve Minutes
- Approve Financial Report
  - Current giving pledges are down; hope to see an increase in contributions-some of those came early

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Kelly Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Bernhard; motion carried.

## Discussion Items

- Trustees- Wayne Winter
  - Approved replacement of phone system by email vote; bid was around \$5000 through CommTech
  - Insurance coverage- 6 companies in the state that are accredited, but none gave us a quote; possibility of looking out of state, but they won't be accredited. One quote from State Farm came in- \$51,000. And additional coverage for workmen's compensation. Doug and Carolyn Hofer have been doing a lot of the leg work on this. He will contact Fisher Rounds also.
  - Kalwal- bid by Spectro and will get on the schedule for spring. It is leaking currently. Insurance check has been received for this repair.
  - Vacancy in ministry house- a name has been provided for a potential renter
  - Building permit variance application has been submitted and will be reviewed at the Dec. 4 city council meeting.
  - Youth House- Lindsay Rounds had two realtors look at the house- there is still value in the house. After careful conversation the Trustees came up with the following suggestions: 1) sell as is- \$150,000; 2) repair it and rent it (at a cost of about \$80,000 of repairs); 3) tear it down (at a cost of about \$40,000). Trustees would make a recommendation to council to put youth house on the market and give approval to Trustees to hire a realtor to sell it as is and the \$11,000 for roof repairs would be given to the buyer to fix the roof. This would not be done until the variance has been approved by the city council.

Motion to accept recommendation of the trustees to hire a realtor to sell the Youth house, pending approval of building variance made by Bernhard; second by Kim Farries; following discussion, the motion carried.

- Building committee (Phase 1 and Phase 2 teams)- needs to be moving forward-Phase 1 and 2 are complete; what are the next steps; chain of command needs to be established; Trustees have made a recommendation that Council be thinking about putting a Phase 3 team together to hold regular meetings and report back to Council.
- Youth Team- Andrea Clarke
  - We packed 63 boxes for Operation Christmas Child!
  - Our tree is up and decorated at the Capital with our children's ornaments displayed!
  - Wednesday/ Sunday school kids are off to a great start of practicing for their Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm
  - Confirmation Students will be making holiday cards for our local care facilities. Hope to get some kids to deliver them as well.



- We will have our last Sunday School on Dec 10th and last Wednesday School on Dec 13th before the holiday break.
- Youth Group: Planning their Christmas Party (Sunday Dec 17th, a youth family is hosting)
- Making YouthWorks trip plans for Summer 2024; hotels fun day tickets etc.
- We have had some successful fundraisers to help alleviate costs for the mission trip. Planning on a couple more meal fundraisers for 2024- dates TBD.
- Pastor Craig's Report
  - Staff evaluations were completed on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Mark Undeberg will come a couple days a week and clean; we have had one application go out, but has yet to be returned. Marcie reached out to Service Master- has not heard anything. Pastor Craig reached out to someone also for a quote but has not received the quote yet.
  - An anonymous donor and spouse would like to completely remodel upstairs bathrooms; will hold off until we know more on the building project.
  - Churchwide/Synod- Bishop Eaton is on leave of absence for 4-6 months; Bishop from SE Iowa is filling in; working on creating new constitutional rewrites which will impact all churches down the road
  - Christmas Eve worship (Sunday) 3:30, 6, 10;
  - Has performed more baptisms this year than ever before
  - 8 funerals in 3 ½ weeks' time

#### **Old Business**

- Youth House- see Trustees report
- Nominating Committee
- Has made good progress; still have a few openings to take care of; resolution to amend the bylaws passes, then we still have one opening on council to fill; 3 vacancies on trustees- 4 people interested in serving; Audit committee has 2 members- waiting to hear on one spot.
- Building Permit – parking variance application- see Trustees Report
- Revised Constitution/By-Laws -will be sent out to congregation soon
- Church Insurance policy-see Trustees Report
- 2024 Staff Compensation Package-executive session

#### **New Business**

- Job Opening-see Pastor Craig's report
- Resolution for Statement of Faith
- Kim edited and typed up the final draft; the body stayed the same; grammar and formatting were tweaked for consistency
- Motion to forward the Statement of Faith Resolution to the congregation by Andrea Clarke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bernhard; motion carried.

#### **Other Business**

- Church cleaning
- \*Motion made by Dan Swartos, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Farries (via email discussion and vote on 11-28-23) to hire ServiceMaster at a rate of \$45 per hour to complete cleaning duties at the church. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion made by Walz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Winter, to enter into executive session at 8:05 PM; motion carried. Motion made by Winter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bernhard to exit executive session at 8:21 PM; motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn made by Walz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson; motion carried.



# Lutheran Memorial Trustees Minutes | November 21, 2023

Members Present: Slade Weller, Lindsay Rounds, Doug Hofer, Marne Dooley, Wayne Winter, Jeremy Mikkelsen, Danette Cronin, Jeri Wilcox (Those absent- Matt Brakke) Others present: Pastor Craig Wexler, Beth Leidholt

Meeting called to order by Co-chairman Wayne Winter at 5:30 pm.

Opening devotions by Pastor Craig.

Changes to agenda: moved Lindsay's report on Youth House appraisals to beginning of agenda as she needed to leave early. Add Audit Committee.

## Youth House Appraisal:

- Realtors felt there was still value in the house.
- 3 options: 1) Sell as is include insurance money to buyer; 2) sell to someone known to LMC through contract, Board has first right of refusal to accept buyer; 3) Put \$40,000 in house and rent it out.
- Doug spoke with Mayberry who was still interested in moving house, filling basement but NO concrete removal.

After discussion, **Motion by Doug Hofer, 2nd by Slade Weller to recommend to council: Upon approval of variance by the city at Dec 4 meeting, that the Youth House be put up for sale (including the insurance roofing allowance) and to authorize the BOT to hire a realtor for the sale. Motion carried.**

October Minutes: Motion by Marne Dooley/2nd Jeremy Mikkelsen to approve minutes. Motion carried.

## Financial Report:

- October month ending balance: \$141,413
- October Weekly offering was up 23.98% from budgeted for the month/ YTD -6.67%
- Income VS Expense for October \$18,057.49/YTD \$64,616.56
- Expenses were down in October from budgeted
- Have received check for KalWal hail damage (Statement of loss is now \$306,707.98)
- Snow guards were installed and bill paid
- Outstanding bills- ABC Seamless pending/ phone system pending

Audit Committee: New Leader/new Team to be chosen. Completed December 1, 2024

## Tudor Report:

- Net income for month \$844.00
- Unit 3 is still being repaired, 7 apartments rented
- Need to move insurance for property out of church budget and into Tudor budget. Yearly insurance is \$7026
- Received a complaint about parking lot misuse, it has been addressed.

## Building Variance Application:

- Variance meeting to be held December 4 at 5:15. Slade and Craig plan to attend

## Insurance claims:

Church gutters completed

- Parsonage roof is scheduled to be repaired
- Ministry house- waiting on insurance adjuster to determine cost (Wayne will check with Matt B to see where this is at)
- Youth House- roof repair money to go with sale of the house.

Gravel at Tudor: pending to be done by Brady Beck



#### Insurance Coverage:

- 6 different providers are accredited in SD, all declined to bid
- Fischer Rounds were looking at a broker from out of state, but not accredited in SD
- State Farm bid:
  1. Tudor would need stand alone policy.
  2. Deductible would increase to \$15,000 up from \$2,500.
  3. Recommend reducing Youth House/ Tudor coverage to actual value NOT replacement
  4. Premium is significantly increased (\$50,830)
  5. Can include workman's comp (\$3,460)
  6. Total package- \$54,295

#### Parsonage Rental:

- Breezeway door needs to be replaced

#### Ministry House:

- Current renter is leaving in December
- Will amend new lease to include language on no use of fireplace
- Rental rate \$900 + utilities

#### Snow Contract:

- Still in search of snow removal options. Deferred to next meeting
- Neuharth's will do their own snow removal/lawn

Fire Alarm: Since repair, no problems. Motion by Slade Weller/2nd Jeremy Mikkelsen to approve payment of repair bill and signing of service contract for fire alarm maintenance with ABC Fire Alarm. Motion carried

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Kal Wal repairs: Discussed that this repair needs to occur before new construction. Motion by Danette Cronin/2nd Marne Dooley to repair KalWal. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Marne Dooley/ 2nd Slade Weller. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 (NOTE CHANGE IN DAY)**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Wilcox



# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 26</b> <b>9am</b> Worship <b>NO Sunday School</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5:15-6:30pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>28</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast—Perkins <b>9:30am</b> Esther's Bible Study—CR <b>1pm</b> Painters—FH <b>2pm</b> Stitched with Grace—SR	<b>29</b> <b>1pm</b> Quilters <b>5:45pm</b> Wed School <b>6:30pm</b> Worship <b>7:15pm</b> Confirmation <b>8pm</b> Youth Group	<b>30</b>	<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Worship
<b>3</b> <b>9am</b> Worship <b>10am</b> Sunday School <b>5:30pm</b> Church Choir rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>5:15-6:30pm</b> Bell Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Book Club—Connie Palmer's	<b>5</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast—Perkins <b>9:30am</b> Esther's Bible Study—CR <b>1pm</b> Painters—FH <b>2pm</b> Stitched with Grace—SR	<b>6</b> <b>1pm</b> Quilters <b>5:45pm</b> Wed School <b>6:30pm</b> Worship <b>7:15pm</b> Confirmation <b>8pm</b> Youth Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10am</b> Children's Christmas Program practice (9am for speaking parts) <b>5:30pm</b> Worship
<b>10</b> <b>9am</b> Worship <b>10am</b> Sunday School <b>4pm</b> Children's Christmas Program <b>5:30pm</b> Church Choir rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>5:15-6:30pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>12</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast — Perkins <b>9:30am</b> Esther's Bible Study-CR <b>1pm</b> Painters—FH <b>2pm</b> Stitched with Grace—SR <b>2pm</b> Ruth Circle—CR	<b>13</b> <b>1pm</b> Quilters <b>5:45pm</b> Wed School <b>6:30pm</b> Worship <b>7:15pm</b> Confirmation <b>8pm</b> Youth Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Worship
<b>17</b> <b>9am</b> Worship <b>NO Sunday School</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Church Choir rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Miriam Circle <b>5:15-6:30pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>19</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast — Perkins <b>9:30am</b> Esther's Bible Study—CR <b>1pm</b> Painters—FH <b>2pm</b> Stitched with Grace—SR	<b>20</b> <b>1pm</b> Quilters <b>NO Worship or Wednesday Activities</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> Feeding SD	<b>22</b> <b>LMC Office Closed</b>	<b>23</b> <b>No Worship</b>
<b>24</b> <b>NO 9am worship</b> <b>NO Sunday School</b> <b>Christmas Eve services: 3:30pm, 6pm, and 10pm</b> <b>31</b> <b>9am</b> Worship <b>NO Sunday School</b>	<b>25</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> <b>LMC Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast—Perkins <b>9:30am</b> Esther's Bible Study—CR <b>1pm</b> Painters—FH <b>2pm</b> Stitched with Grace—SR	<b>27</b> <b>1pm</b> Quilters <b>NO Worship or Wednesday Activities</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Worship



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## Worship Schedule

**Sundays** 9:00am (+livestream, 1060 AM, 103.1 FM)  
**Wednesdays**—6:30pm  
**Saturdays** at 5:30pm  
**Holy Communion**  
Celebrated on the first and third Sat/Sun/Wed

## Children | Youth | Family (Sept-May)

**Sunday School**—Sundays at 10am  
**Wednesday School**—5:45-6:30pm preschool-5th grade  
**Confirmation**—7:15pm on Wednesdays  
**Youth Group**—8:00pm on Wednesdays

## Office Hours

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