

# WINNEBAGO WITNESS



## February Birthdays

- 1 – Jeff Kingland
- 1 – Rebecca Martinson
- 1 – Harper Langfald
- 1 – James Sletten
- 3 – Ron Danberry
- 3 – Noah Thompson
- 4 – Kirk Henely
- 6 – Sutton Storby
- 7 – Daniel Charlson
- 7 – Tom Fjelstad
- 7 – Kaylee Nyguard
- 8 – Brayden Nelson
- 8 – Anita Peters
- 9 – Ava Moen
- 10 – Alex Isebrand
- 10 – A.P. Nelson
- 11 – Gregory Nelson
- 11 – Kelly Nieman
- 12 – Abigail Penning
- 13 – Brayden Lindeman
- 13 – Mark Lovik
- 16 – Mark Egesdal
- 16 – Jade Troe
- 18 – Allan Hauge
- 19 – Andy Buhmann
- 20 – Sara Anderson
- 20 – Nicole Nelson
- 20 – Sara Penning
- 21 – Robin Charlson
- 21 – Joe Langfald
- 22 – Kenlie Greenfield
- 23 – Alex Solomonson
- 23 – Brad Lovik
- 27 – Brian Abele
- 28 – Nora Hanna
- 28 – Lucas Storby



## February Anniversaries

- 22 – Mark & Karen Stenzel

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 Offering Envelopes will be left in the Narthex till the end of January, please pick yours up as soon as possible.



### TEAM/CHOIRS PRACTICE & PERFORM The “Celebration/Praise” Team

#### Practice

*Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Winnebago  
Celebration/Praise Worship*

*Sunday – February 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Cherub & Youth Choir*

*Practice – Every Sunday at 9:15 am*

*Sing – February 13<sup>th</sup>*

### INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

*Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> during worship*

All current council members, WELCA officers, and Youth Planning team will be installed



### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - PARISHWIDE

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm @ Lunder**

Live-streamed on YouTube & Facebook  
One in Christ Lutheran Parish channel/page



### Winnebago WELCA

*Will not meet in February*

#### Winnebago CIRCLES

*The Esther/Ruth Circle does not meet in February.*

*The Lydia Circle does not meet in February*

### FEBRUARY FAMILY PRAYER LIST

As part of our ongoing ministry and care in our congregation, you are invited to lift-up in prayer these designated families from our congregation. Each month, families will be highlighted for us to include daily in our prayers. *Over time, we will name and pray for all the families in our congregation.*

#### February's Prayer list:

Evalene Martin	Rich/Sandy Lindflott
Mark Lovik	Angela & Logan McCormick
Lynn Lovik	Jason/Katie Peterson
Beverly Lovik	Dennis/Sandi Peterson
Marjorie Lodden	David/Kathy Peterson
Sandra Levad	Dave/Angel Meyer
Britta Nelson	Ed/Julie, Paul, & John Olson
Jessica Severin	Neeny/Sheila Malekia & Chaya Gangsei
Russell/Janora Hodges	Jeremy, Jade & Ethan Troe
Joe/Randee, Braydon, & Sydnee Lindeman	
Trevor/Ginny, Isaac, Sabrina, & Parker Massie	
Brad/Tracy, Garrett, & Hannah Lovik	



Please keep these Winnebago members in your prayers throughout the month. God Bless!

# WINNEBAGO WITNESS CONTINUED...



## WINNEBAGO

**Sunday School Time: 9:00 am**

**Worship Time: 10:30 am**

### **FEBRUARY SERVICE ROSTER**

Acolyte .....	Casey Bryan
	Joseph Charlson
Altar Guild .....	Nancy Johnson
Communion Assistants	
February 13 .....	Beth Ades-Hanson
February 20 .....	Heidi Fedders
Scripture Readers	
February 6.....	Ruth Sheldon
13 .....	Allison Greenfield
20.....	Celebration Team
27 .....	Brynn Rognes
Ushers.....	John & Nancy Johnson
	Mark & Tammy Egesdal

## **UPDATE - LIVE STREAMING & PROJECTION SCREEN**

The last TV is installed – but the part to sync the two TVs together is backordered. If you would like to help – run the equipment or set-up the PowerPoint – please let the parish office, Vicki Thompson or Pastor Bill know – and we will help get you onboard. We are live-streaming to both our One in Christ Lutheran Parish YouTube channel and Facebook page each week. This means you can worship live (at worship time) with the gathered congregation or at a later time at your convenience.

Once we are up and running and see what we have and

## **“SUPER BOWL” SUNDAY MEAL**

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

From 11:30 am – 12:30 pm @ Winnebago

Free will donation

Menu: Wild Rice, Chili, & Vegetable Beef

## **BENEVOLENCE GIVING TOTALS FOR 2020**

	<u>2021 Budgeted Goal</u>	<u>Year-end</u>
Dayspring School/Missionary	\$ 2500.00	\$ 3073.00
ELCA Bible Camps	\$ 250.00	\$ 0
ELCA Disaster Relief		\$ 2100.00
Local Benevolences	\$ 3500.00	\$ 6492.54
Lutheran Services of IA	\$ 2000.00	\$ 2000.00
Misc/Benevolence		\$ 1657.02
Mission Support	\$ 10000.00	\$ 8924.00
World Hunger	\$ 2500.00	\$ 250.00

## **ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

*(Benevolence includes Missions, Missionary, World Hunger)*

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
<i>December:</i>			
19 –	56	\$14073.66	\$1100.00
24 –	182	\$ 5051.00	\$2014.00
25 –	31	\$ 67.00	\$ 315.00
26 –	17	\$ 7737.47	\$ 100.00
<i>Year end</i>		<u>\$ 5017.52</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>

**General Fund Balance 12/31/21: \$23,676.07**

<i>January:</i>			
2 –	23	\$ 569.88	\$ 0
9 –	76	\$ 1841.00	\$ 0
16 –	67	\$ 965.00	\$ 0

## **SNOW DAYS – PARKING @ WINNEBAGO**



On weekdays, when the snowplows are running, please park on the parsonage side of the church.

*The office of the Winnebago County Engineer has requested that we park on the Westside of Winnebago for the safety of individuals, vehicles, and snowplow drivers*

## **2022 Altar Guild Sign up**

On the Kiosk in the Narthex  
*Please sign-up to help in this way*

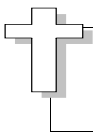
The Altar Guild helps prepare the worship space for worship – Communion set-up, banners, baptism, flowers, etc. – check the yearbook for a more complete description of responsibilities.

## **THANK YOU S**

*Thank you to all who helped decorate & undecorated Winnebago at Christmas.*

**Thank you** to out-going congregational and parish council members:  
*Janice Branstad & Mike Nelson.*

Thank you to everyone who served on boards and committees throughout the year.



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## WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

*Minutes Pending Approval*

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

Council President, Zach Egesdal called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and approved. Devotional Litany was led by Harlan Nyhus. The following items were discussed:

**Secretary's report:** The secretary's report from 2021 annual meeting was reviewed and approved as read.

**Auditing Committee:** Report: Steve Knudtson reported that he and Brian Abele met with Nancy Johnson to review the books. Steve Knudtson reported that everything was in order financially. It was M/S/C to approve.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Johnson brought a few things to attention that she wanted clarified. The total dollars in check book versus what is in the general fund are different figures. Nancy talked about 10% of all estate money that came in to give away along with interest from the mission investment checkbook. She reviewed the 2021 budget versus the actual. She reviewed the total year-end balance from 2020 to 2021. She reviewed the benevolences and balances of funds. She also reviewed total giving and money invested in the technology project. Nancy reviewed all year-end figures for operating expenses, benevolence giving, and funds for the year 2021. It was M/S/C to approve.

**One in Christ Parish Report:** Barb abele and Virgean Reines are representatives for Winnebago on Parish Council. Barb made mention of the attendance of all congregation and church finances. Barb talked about the council's decision to leave the CCC calculation the same for 2022 however were going to have to make some changes going into next year. The council met with Steve Bracket and he commended the parish board for thinking ahead. They talked about both of our pastors getting closer to retirement age and are working on getting a plan together for the future.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor thanks everyone for stepping up with all the struggles this year.

**Cemetery Report:** Mark Kingland presented the cemetery report for 2021. Mark went through and talked about the interest and ending balance for the cemetery fund. We have not received money from the county for veteran's graves yet. We have not passed through to the treasure but will have to double the amount in 2022 when the money is received.

Mark wanted to give a Special thank you to Mike and Paul Nelson for the great work they do maintaining the cemetery. M/S/C to accept the report.

**Old Business:** Zach talked about the live stream project. It is almost completed just need to finish wiring for second TV and need a little more funding to finish the project.

**New Business:** Talked about church Election and Ballot for 2022. Holden Nyhus will fill the roll of Treasurer to Replace Nancy Johnson. Zach also made mention that Mike and Paul Nelson are looking for some assistance with trimming at the church in the future. M/S/C to accept the elections.

**Winnebago Estate and Gift Fund:** Council proposed that we take the 10% from our estate fund giving and interest from Mission Investment Fund, \$757.43, and give 50% to the Lake mills ambulance service and 50% to the Forest city ambulance service. M/S/C

**Winnebago Congregation Budget 2020:** Zach talked about the projected operating expenses and benevolences numbers. Insurance and Fuel budget was up from 2021. The repair budget wasn't used in 2021 but council decided to leave the repair budget for some upcoming repair projects such as the drywall repair in the narthex. Staff salaries are up 4% as well.

It was M/S/C to approve the budget.

Zach thanked everyone for all of their help through volunteering and donations for the year. It was M/S/C to adjourn the 2021 annual Meeting of the Winnebago Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Johnson - Council Secretary

## Winnebago Lutheran Church Council Minutes

*Minutes Pending Approval*

**December 21, 2021**

**Members Present:** Zach Egesdal, Nancy Johnson, Eric Johnson, Mike Nelson, Pastor Bill Peters

**Devotions:** "Because of Bethlehem: love is Born. Hope is Here" Max Lucado

**Agenda was approved** – Reviewed and Approved, MSC

**Secretary's Report:** Reviewed and Approved, MSC

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed and Approved, MSC

**Board of Deacons:** None

**Board of Trustees:**

1. Narthex project
2. Coffee Maker – ready to be installed

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**Winnebago 12/21/21 Council minutes continued**

**One In Christ Parish Report:**

1. Current Adult Classes/Bible studies –  
“Christmas: The real Story.” Wednesday mornings at Salem, and Thursday evenings Wbg & Zoom
2. 2022 OIC Parish Budget – Approved at all the congregations
3. December – February Worship schedule
  - a. 9:00 am Bethany and Silver Lake
  - b. 10:30 am Immanuel, Lunder and Winnebago
4. Missions Sunday – honorarium for speaker – Kim Katuta
5. Medical Leave – Pastor Bill
6. Christmas Schedule:
  - a. December 19<sup>th</sup> – Lunder Sunday School Christmas Program
  - b. December 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm Winnebago and Immanuel 6:00 pm Bethany; 7:00 pm Silver Lake
  - c. December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day: 10:30 am Winnebago
  - d. December 26<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Worship 10:30 am Lunder
  - e. All congregations are having worship on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Lunder is having their Christmas worship at that time.
7. Noisy Offering – January – tornado relief – Lutheran Natural Disaster

**Old Business:**

1. Ongoing Covid conversations
2. Sanctuary TV to installed soon – discuss covering installation costs
3. Annual Congregational Meeting – Third Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> following worship Meal to follow?

**New Business:**

1. Notice of Estate Gift – Charles Kloster
2. End of Year Committees/Organization of 2021 committees
  - a. Nominating – Zach Egesdal, Blake Henely, Ruth Sheldon (positions to be filled – Treasurer, ½ trustees, ? deacons, Auditing: Steve Knudtson, Carroll Reines Altar Guild, Ushers

**Adjournment/Lord’s Prayer**

**Respectfully Submitted by Eric Johnson,  
Secretary**

**Next council meeting Tuesday January 9, 2022**

**After Worship - Council**

**THE REJOICER ~ Bethany continued...**

**Bethany Lutheran Church Council**

*Minutes Pending Approval*

**December 19, 2021**

Members present were Paul Anderson, Donica Arneson, Mardene Lien, Judy Wonsmos, Julie Rasmussen, and Pastor Bill. Absent Kelly DeLawyer.

Devotions lead by Pastor Bill.

Secretary’s Report was reviewed. MSC (Motion, Seconded, Carried.)

Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. MSC

One In Christ Lutheran Parish report reviewed.

Old Business:

1. Update Lift Chair – project tabled for now.
2. Bat removal additional project starts the week of December 20<sup>th</sup>. Kent Hanna’s driveway was cracked but buckled as Orkin used a lift to get to the church roof.
3. Carpet project – carpet is available and project will begin after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
4. Water heater/softener project will begin after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
5. Custodian – Doug Arneson volunteered to remove snow.
6. Funeral Booklet for Bethany will be created once One In Christ has completed a book for the parish.
7. Front door opener repair has been paid for but expensive.

New Business:

1. Create a Welcome bag from our church for new community members was discussed.
2. Bethany 2022 budget was reviewed and MSC.
3. Bethany’s annual meeting will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned MSC.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Donica Arneson, Secretary