



- 1 Bill Benson
- 2 Madeline Grau
- 4 Cara Preul
- 9 John Fineran
- 11 Dee Lyon
- 17 Dalton Miller
Larry Kastner
- 19 Wilma McClellan
- 20 Janet Lafrentz
Verdell Kastner
- 21 Kelli Rupert
Janet Whiteing
- 22 Scott Clausen
Abigail Slater
- 23 Emily Bahnsen
Wayne Bliesmann
- 27 Allie Bahnsen
Cal Kastner
Darrell Schmidt
- 28 Trudi Andernacht
Ericka Manchester
- 29 Lonnie Kastner
- 30 Wade Miller
Tammy Neubauer
- 31 John Bahnsen

MARCH HYMNS ON THE CHIMES



March 2nd 1:15 pm "In the Garden" in loving memory of **Gary Schultz** from his family

March 6th 5:00 pm "Holy, Holy, Holy" in memory of **Date Bumann** from CSF Committee

March 6th 5:15 pm "Jesus Loves the Little Children" in memory of **Date Bumann** from CSF

March 9th 1:00 pm "On Eagles Wings" in memory of **Amelia Miller** from her family

March 9th 5:15 pm "Lift High the Cross" in memory of **Malinda Evers** from her family

March 24th 4:00 pm "Shall We Gather at the River" in memory of **Mary Ann Reimer** from her family

March 31st 6:00 pm "You Are My Sunshine" in memory of **Hans Jess** from his family



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to build sustainable communities, respond to disaster and minister to refugees.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is administered through Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ. This offering will be taken on March 19th. Please use the envelope for your giving in your newsletter or from the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support!

March Greeters

March 5- Jeremy & Amy Paulsen
March 12- Jim & Jolene Whiting
March 19- Phyllis Sedore & Jill Sedore
March 26- Darrell Schmidt & Larry Kastner

March Acolytes

March 5- Brayton Johannsen & Cale Paulsen
March 12- Jersey Bral & Gracie Outhouse
March 19- Sophie Luth & Haxton Fineran
March 26- Ryder Luth & Jett Paulsen

March Technology

March 5- Jaxon Paulsen & Jett Paulsen
March 12- Jayton Bral & Ryder Luth
March 19- Colton Johannsen
& Brayton Johannsen
March 26- Journey Bral & Taryn Johannsen

Heifer International

Our Heifer International project has exceeded my expectations--thanks to our amazing congregation!

It has been fun giving the congregation updates on Sunday mornings and even showing a couple videos during announcements. I received quite a few phone calls and texts saying, "The goats were right!" Even with all the excitement of the last few minutes of the Superbowl, many members of our congregation remembered the Heifer International video that I played during the church service earlier that day and thought of our project. How cool is that?!

The support you have all shown is inspiring. We have collected a total of \$835.78, between the bake sale, little red bucket collections, and generous donations.

On March 1st, the Sunday School & Wednesday Night kids, along with their parents, will be preparing and serving the Lenten meal; all proceeds will go towards the Heifer International project.

The next and last Little Red Bucket collection will be held on Sunday, March 5th following children's time.

We really appreciate everyone's support and enthusiasm for this project. We couldn't have done it without all of you! We hope you have enjoyed the red bucket collection as much as the kids have.



June 25-June 28

5:30-8:00 pm

January Council Minutes

January 26, 2023

Call to Order—President Sandy Lacey called the night's meeting to order.

Opening Prayer—Pastor Kirk opened with a prayer.

Attendance—The following Council members were present: Jeff, Sandy, Pastor Kirk, Judy, Seth, John and Cheri by Phone, and Patti.

Approval of Minutes—A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report—A motion was made to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to Be Paid—A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid with the addition of \$21.39 for ice melt, \$55.00 for Markel, and \$49.00 for Computer MD for a total of \$125.39 and a grand total of \$6,812.30. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports—

CE: Talsha expressed some problems with communication at Confirmation between parents, the kids, and the pastor. Heifer's International is going well.

CSFD: Nothing to Report

CSFI: Nothing to Report

Property: Purchased a new washing machine for \$1399 from Bonsall's. They put some more internet hardware on the church.

Spiritual Life: Nothing to Report

Missions & Outreach: Christmas sale went well.

Stewardship: "Stewardship in Action" is the new article for the newsletter. Sandy was impressed with effort and talent when Pastor was gone.

Pastor's Report: Visitations are going well. Confirmation is having problem with attendance. The Christmas program went well. Gave out checks to three college students. Pastor started class on the 11th. Had the funeral for Arlis Neddermeyer. Pastor is getting things going for Lenten services.

Old Business—

Streaming & Technology: We are not going to broadcast the annual meeting, but it will be recorded and saved. Website is a work in progress.

Work on Balcony Room: Altars that were up there are gone. The pews are both claimed.

Poinsettia Tree Fund: Candice and Tammy got the tree and the poinsettias have been purchased. It will be paid for within the year, and donations will go to the church budget.

New Business—

Mission Committee: We've got the people running for this committee. They would like to donate \$2,800 from their budget to GoServ Global, a charity that helps in Haiti. They dig wells, build grain bin houses, and build on to schools. The council approved of this donation without any deductions.

Annual Meeting: Need a quorum for the meeting—25 people. We are going to vote on the three by-laws first. Tellers are chosen and said yes.

New Mission Committee: They are going to draw names for their term limits

Offering: The kids are going to do the red buckets during the first Sunday of every month.

Lenten Services: There will be meals again this year. The Council will serve the February 22nd meal for Ash Wednesday. The meal will be soup and sandwiches.

John Wulf Money: We have \$14,415. 59 as our share of the John Wulf money this year. We need to start thinking about how to donate this money for the good of the local Schleswig community.

Next Meeting will be February 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Adjourn with Prayers, Concerns, Celebrations, & The Lord's Prayer—

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Boelter

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

As we are entering the Month of March, we are wondering: Where is spring!!! Are you tired of all the snow? Will March come in like a Lion and leave like a lamb? Or will it be like Phil predicted, six more week of winter. But it does mean that we are entering the Lenten season. The time we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter and Christmas are our two Holidays as Christians. We celebrate the birth, the death and resurrection of our Lord and savior. This man Jesus was born and walked on this earth for only thirty-three years, before his untimely death.

Why Is Easter the Most Important Holiday for Christians?

This is a holy day for Christians because Jesus died for us so that we might live. Every human goes somewhere when they leave this earth. We will all live forever somewhere. For Christians, we will live for eternity in Heaven. That is why it is so important to witness to others who do not know Christ. We can rejoice when a Christian transitions from this life unto the next because Jesus died for us.

God values us so much as His children that He allowed His Son to walk and minister among us. He allowed Him to be ridiculed and betrayed. He allowed Him to die a shameful death on a cross. He allowed the temptation of Jesus Christ. He allowed Jesus to suffer many things. Through all of that suffering, we do not have to worry about a hell that was created for Satan and his fallen angels. We can be assured that our names will be found in the Book of Life. We do not have to be condemned for life when we missed the mark. We can go to God in prayer to obtain grace and mercy to help in a time of need. If we keep His commandments and keep a heart of repentance, we shall live with Him for eternity.

I invite you to attend our Lenten services every Wednesday in March:

Meal will be at 6:00 and the service will follow at 6:30. Each Wednesday will be a meal followed with a short service.

I hope and pray that you will join us for these Lenten Services as well as our Sunday Services during the month of March.

I pray that you have a blessed Lenten season.

Pastor Kirk

January Financials



Income:

Weekly Envelopes	\$5825.00
Loose Offering	\$388.00
Seasonal Offering	\$92.00
Misc. Offering	\$25.00
Misc. Income	\$335.07
Interest Income- General Fund	\$12.47

Total Income: \$6677.54

Expenses:

Association Dues	\$762.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$327.81
Janitor Supplies	\$9.63
Misc. Expenses	\$128.39
Music	\$160.00
Office Expense	\$588.77
Pastor Expense	\$4951.30
Repairs and Maintenance	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Support Staff Salaries	\$3535.00
Utilities	\$2887.05

Total Expense: \$13349.95

Net Ordinary Income: - \$6672.41

January Numbers in the Books

Date:	Attendance:	Contributions:
1-1-23	40	\$1982.00
1-8-23	65	\$669.25
1-15-23	49	\$1155.00
1-22-23	51	\$332.75
1-29-23	41	\$2046.00
Total:	246	\$6185.00
Average:	49	\$1237.00



CHRISTIAN SERVICE FUND SCHOLARSHIP FORMS are available to college students and high school seniors. If you need an application form, you can download an application from our website www.uccschleswig.org or you can pick one up in the office.

All applications are due back in the church office by **APRIL 3rd**.



STEWARDSHIP MARCH 2023

This month of March falls totaling in the 40 days of Lent and preparation for the coming crucifixion of Jesus and the following joy as He rises on Easter Sunday. Church tradition finds us contemplating this message and Jesus' journey. We also have many opportunities to practice stewardship in this month.

First we can look at the continuing mission project of our youth – Heifers International. We will have one more red bucket change collection to help them reach their goal!

Another opportunity is for a group or committee to host a Lenten meal as a fundraiser for a goal chosen by them. Consider donating your profit to the Heifer International project. Perhaps your committee wants to plan an energizing special event, speaker, or activity for our church and needs starter funds. The general budget can always use a boost of funds. Publicize your goal so all will be generous.

It is time for each committee to organize and energize for the coming year. Explore new ideas to make a vibrant light of Christianity. Try something new and exciting. Projects don't all need to be grand and glorious! Small, meaningful efforts are appreciated too.

Spring grants from the Jens A Carstensen farm account will be allocated. If you have an idea, I hope you have completed a grant application because the deadline to submit them is March 1. Try thinking outside the "box". This gift of the Carstensen's to our church allows us to give small and large grants locally, area-wide, nation-wide, and internationally. We touch many lives.

We give major financial support to the Under the Son Day Care every year but we have an added opportunity in March. They will be sponsoring a fund raiser to bolster their operating budget. Support them as you can. This top-notch child-care benefits many in our area and is such a needed service.

Do you sacrifice something as a penance during Lent as you contemplate what Jesus gave for us? Perhaps you are giving up soda, beer, cigarettes, sweets, or some other pleasure. Could you use the cost or part of the cost of what you are **not** spending to the church budget or a needy person.

So many choices are available. Do and give what you can. Pray earnestly about what you can give and where you give it as you consider your choices.

The church office will be ordering Easter Lilies or Tulips for \$15 each. Donations may be made in honor or memory of a loved one or you may purchase a plant. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex , as well as below. Donations must be in the church office by April 3rd. As in previous years, a special insert will be in the Easter Bulletin. If you purchase a plant, you are welcome to pick it up after the service on Easter Sunday.

2023 Easter Fund

AMOUNT: \$ _____

DONATION _____

LILY _____

TULIP _____

SAME MESSAGE AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR: YES NO

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____