

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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Greetings and may the peace of the Lord be with you!
A few things to report and some things I wish we could report. Plus joys aplenty!

SLOW: First the things I wish we could report regarding our new interim pastor. We have been stalled out due to the virus. Interim pastors are extending their service in currently served churches because the call process has been so dramatically slowed in those churches due to the permanent pastor call process challenges. We continue to work diligently with our assistant to the bishop, Pastor Phil Misner, in the process of naming our interim. Wish I could say more but standby and thanks for being patient with us.

GLACIAL SPEED: Some of you have been noticing the venue and participant changes in services lately and wondering about that (both joys and concerns). Happy to inform that we have a very well-qualified and informed Covid 19 Advisory committee under the leadership of Laura Hahn. This committee is providing guidance as we inch forward. The committee has approved a few slight changes. The worship committee recently requested the use of our church sanctuary for worship delivery. Here's the glacial speed part of this from the advisory committee.

"The church sanctuary may be used for taping of worship services. Three people is maximum number at this time: Pastor, musician, and IT/taping coordinator. Masks are recommended for musician and IT. Maintain social distancing of 6 or more feet between people. No singing at this time. No body contact."

The three people, two of whom you see, Pastor Lambertson and music director Tim Schulz, and behind the camera, Felicity. Huge thanks to these three! Then behind the "curtain" and not present in the sanctuary yet so very instrumental we'll find Jane Peterson, Duane Monick, and Lea Ramirez. Last Sunday you enjoyed a beautiful solo by Robin Kisala and the scripture reading by Kirsten Monick. I love and appreciate how the worship committee is expanding remote participation and we see more and more of our members. Who knows, you may be next with a remote contribution. I personally enjoyed the totality of last Sunday's service and really enjoyed the scanning of the church. I saw my "assigned" pew and pictured fellow members I share peace with as well.

We will take every inch allowed us from our advisory committee as we progress through the stages. So if you see something slightly different in presentation, it's because the council has supported the recommendations. Rest assured that the council has had numerous conversations about moving forward yet remains cautious and promotes our members' safety as a paramount consideration.

By the way, you are more than welcome as a guest as we zoom our council meetings the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Let me know if interested and I'll send you a zoom invitation. Guests at council meetings are like hen's teeth, yet recently we've had the joy of being joined by some.

More Joys Aplenty: Although this may appear self-serving, Lea suggested that I include a picture of my grandkids as Sonya and I have had the joy of our Charleston daughter and her two children with us the month of July. We brought them to the airport yesterday. Every time I talked to Lea we chatted about the latest adventure or cut short the conversation in hot pursuit of an energetic 2 1/2-year-old grandson or the starting to walk 11-month-old granddaughter. Busy little bees as our daughter worked remotely from our home. So for all you grandparents out there, thank the good Lord for this joy! You have been blessed.

Pax Domini,
Stephen Merz



Sunday Worship is available in 3 different methods electronically

1. Facebook - This is not a live stream so that chat is not available, a prerecorded video will be displayed @ 9am. Find our Facebook page by searching for Central Lutheran Yakima.
2. CLCYakima.org Website - Go to the Sermans & Worship Videos tab. You will find a link to the bulletin and recorded video.
3. CLCYakima.org Website - Go to the Sermans & Worship Videos tab. You will find a link to the YouTube live stream of the service. This will display the same pre recorded video but will also have live text chat capability so you can communicate with other worshippers.

If you do not have access to a computer, Facebook or the Website please call the office. We do have chromebooks which can be checked out. Felicity is also willing to show you how to use it!

Pastor's Message



I would like to thank everyone for the goodbye cards and gifts you so thoughtfully send for my retirement. In these days when we can't have a typical celebration, I appreciate all the effort that went into the gift basket and the physically distanced luncheon that even included a cake. Special thanks to the hospitality committee who made it all happen. Dave and I are happily settled in our Minneapolis condo and enjoying our new surroundings. God's blessings to you all.
Pastor Carolyn



Preaching Schedule

Pastor G David Lambertson will be preaching
August 2nd - 9th - 23rd - 30th

Rev. Phil Mieser August 16th

new PLAN

Life continues to pour forth challenges for all of us, but we will prevail. The Covid 19 Advisory Committee continues to monitor the status of Yakima County and is hopeful things will change in the near future. The committee continues to recommend that there be no services or meetings held in the church until we are able to safely move to Phase 3. We have allowed committee meetings of small groups 4-6 to meet outside maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, and limiting any physical contact. We are also allowing 2 people at a time to enter the building to work on projects, but this needs to be coordinated with Lea. Worship on Sundays has expanded to 3 people - the Pastor, musician and video support person. We are recommending a reader or singer record their part and add to the video for the present time if there is interest. If you have any questions please reach out to Laura Hahn, chair, or Lea at the church.



To my friends in Christ,

By the time you read this, Pastor Carolyn's time with Central will officially be over. Just because we don't have the cost of her salary, Central still has many expenses that continue. We are in the process of trying to hire an interim pastor to bridge the gap till a permanent pastor is found. In the past CLC has experienced less giving when parishioners perceive a reduction in expenses. If we can keep our giving stable, it might finally give us a little cushion that we have not had in many years and maybe we could afford to bring back some of those things that have been cut over the years. Summer is a time when church giving has historically fallen off. I ask that you pray about your giving and do what God leads you to do. In God we trust, Tim Franks, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report					
Financial results thru June 30, 2020					
Offerings/income			Expenses by major category		
	June	Year to date		June	Year to date
General fund	26,075.00	172,019.36	Salaries & benefits	18,082.00	125,884.81
Building Usage	1,090.00	8,749.00	Youth & Family	308.21	1,427.45
other income	2.58	(5.64)	Worship	95.00	1,704.34
Transfers			Hospitality	121.74	755.66
from endowment fund	-	13,614.15	Stewardship/Church in Society	150.00	8,793.05
from money market	117.81		Property	7,425.94	33,839.64
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-	-	Office	731.06	6,850.97
Total	27,285.39	194,376.87	Total	26,913.95	179,255.92
	June 2020		operating income, net of transfers	\$ 253.63	
			net income	\$ 371.44	
		Year to date	operating income, net of transfers		\$ 1,506.80
			net income		\$ 15,120.95
Monthly results:					
Central Lutheran's offering came in \$1,647 less than budget for the month.					
Operational expenses were \$5,822 less than budget for the month.					
This results in operating income, net of transfers of \$254 for the month of June.					
Including transfers, we have net income of \$371 for the month of June.					
Year to Date:					
Total offerings/revenues to date are -\$21,507 less than budgeted amount as of the end of the month.					
Total operating expenses to date are running \$17,157 under budget.					
Net of transfers, year to date we are in the black by \$1,507					
Including transfers, year to date we are in the black by \$15,121					
Balance Sheet items:					
Beginning of year cash balance				34,148.34	
Activity thru June 2020				15,120.95	
Payment of benevolence accrued in prior year reclassification between dedicated and undedicated					(24,838.08)
Current balance - undedicated bank account assets				\$ 24,431.21	
2019 Year to date benevolence					
			Amount due	Paid	Still due
	Synod	8%	13,761.55	7,893.05	8,488.26
	Local	2%	3,440.39	900.00	2,540.39
			17,201.94	8,793.05	11,028.65
				\$2,619.76	paid for 2019

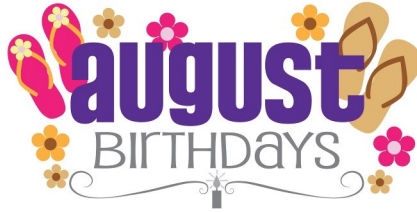




The Property Committee has been busy with repairs. A couple new furnaces were installed and a new fence put around the air conditioner. Next, the trees will be removed in the courtyard and the kitchen floor will be replaced.



“Celebrating Central”



2nd Chip Roenlie

7th Julie Lambertson

9th Mary Johnson, Jim Eodeen, Rhonda Boyle,

& Erika Vestad

12th Ken Toop

13th Holly Gonseth

14th Faith Hahn-Landis

18th Fran Karn

19th Leah Meiser & Krista Sanders

20th Sharon Havig

21st Wilma Aspevig

23rd Madison Holmes

24th Pat Ackley

25th Erika Belles

26th Carter Svendsen

27th Brandon Pittman & Amber Hahn-Keenan

28th Svea Brown

29th Luke Svendsen, Scott Deterson, & Delaney Boyle

30th Tom Perry

31st Lorry Evert-Garvin



4th Ron & Barb Rutherford

7th Chet & Irene Hausken

8th David & Julie Lambertson

14th Kevin & Janet Barnes

17th Fred & Marie Halverson

19th Al & Fran Karn

21st Rick & Barb Roddden

Don & Sharon Having

Bill & Joan Harrison

22nd Onni & Norma Perala

23rd Duane & Kirsten Monick

26th Wayne & Laura Hahn

31st Virg & Selma Umbarger

Friends, I sang in the Nordic choir while in college; it was a lasting experience of my life. This link is of a song that for 70 years the choir sang at the end of every concert. Recently, they sent out a request for any of us who wanted to, to sing the song and send it in and then they collated all of the voices. As you can see most all the singers are younger; haha. Not all of us elders are as brave. But this is a superb presentation and it will lift your spirits as we are staying mostly at home.

Blessings and be safe and healthy!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRhPBluloOU&list=RDTRhPBluloOU&index=1>

Kirsten Monick

Steve Hill car accident and is currently at Harborview

Kris Vestad, family and friends for the death of Ola July 24th

Kristen Monick upon the death of her brother Dr. Bjorn Monson

Wilma Aspevig in rehab for a fall

Ongoing Prayer For Shut Ins

Phyllis Gillihan (*Ponderosa*)

Mary Frances Jones (*Emerald Care*)

Joanne Puyear (*Arbor House*)

Art Ries (*Livingcare*)

Toni Perschke (*Avamere*)

Walter & Edith Mabry (*Yakima*)

Betty Douglas (*Moxee*)

Mae Hansel (*Yakima*)

Elaine Bueling (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)

Mel Carlson (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)

Gail Hills (*Home with Hospice*)

Gary Pierone (*Good Samaritan*)

Fred Halverson (*Yakima*)



Please update any prayer request

GREETINGS!



Steve Hill -Goal is to stay out of bed all day. Doing great,pain controlled.



Matt and Emma Argo enjoy the quilts from the Piecemakers and the Church for the twins, Lewis and Henry, that were baptized June 23rd.



On the Corner Update:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13

This is not how we thought starting our 10th year of this ministry would go. Just like everyone else, OTC is trying to figure out how to best navigate safely continuing our amazing after school program during this pandemic. We are waiting to see what YSD decides to do, along with following the guidelines from our CLC Covid19 Committee. Right now our start date is on hold while we address all of these concerns. Watch for more details in the September Messenger or for more information reach out to Denise at denise.svendsen@clcyakima.org. Thank you to all of you who continue to support OTC.

Camp Hope Needs:

I am still delivering meals to Camp Hope. Due to COVID19, I purchased most of our meal ready to serve and deliver to their site. I am no longer serving the meal. Contact Denise Svendsen @509-949-8580

Current Needs: Serving 80

Plastic Spoons

Pop

Water

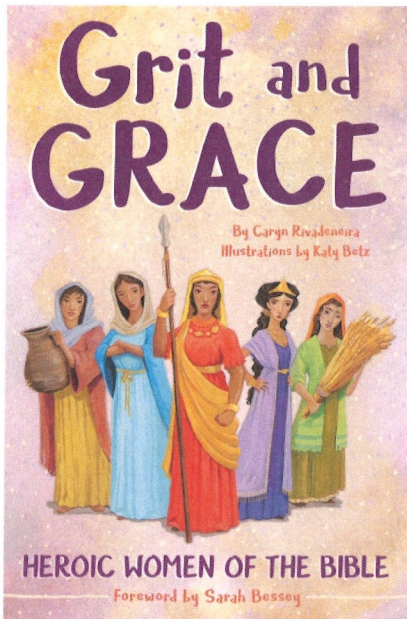
Costco Jello Pudding Cups

Applesauce Cups

Individually Wrapped Cookies & Rice Krispie Treats

Call church office or Denise Svendsen (leave message) to arrange dropping off items.

HOW
YOU
CAN
HELP



Zoom Book Study

August 2020

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Join us on Tuesdays on Zoom as we read and learn the stories of 19 gritty and graceful women in the Bible.

Please email Felicity at felicity.pittman@clcyakima.org for details.

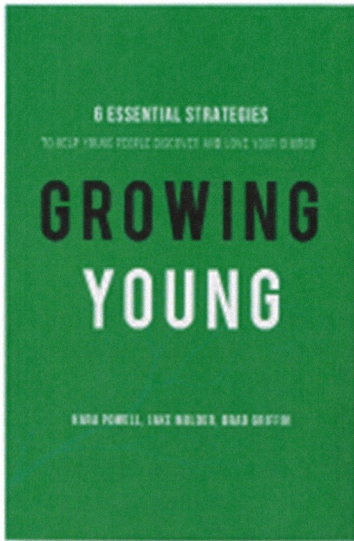


Elementary
9-10am

**Middle &
High School**
**10:15-
11:15am**



**CENTRAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



BOOK STUDY

“GROWING YOUNG”

All churches grow old. Strategic churches grow young.

Across the United States, churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15- to 29-year-olds and as a result are growing--spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with both research and practical ideas, *Growing Young* shows pastors and ministry leaders how to position their churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church.

AUG-SEPT

TUESDAYS

7PM

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL FELICITY AT
felicity.pittman@clcyakima.org

WE HAVE 12 BOOKS
TO SHARE.
PERSONAL COPIES
CAN BE PURCHASED
FROM AMAZON.COM

We will meet through Zoom. Please email me for a link.

If you have not used Zoom in the past, please let me know and I will walk you through the setup.

“Bega Kwa Bega”

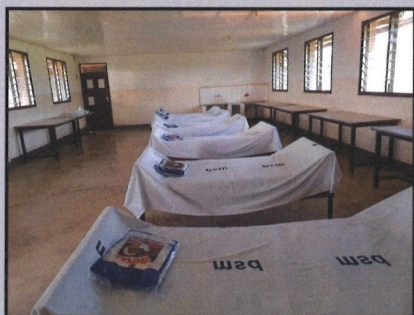
Walking “Shoulder-to-Shoulder” with the Lugala Lutheran Hospital

Ulanga Kilombero Diocese, Tanzania (Our Companion Synod)

Covid-19 Relief Needed — Can You Help?

Our friends in the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese are preparing to manage Covid-19, which as of May 4 is in Tanzania but has yet to reach the UKD. Schools are closed, churches still meet using precautions, and the Lugala Lutheran Hospital is preparing to treat Coronavirus patients. The hospital perpetually operates on a very tight budget, and funds are very limited for purchasing supplies. Hospital administrators compiled a list of needed supplies— PPE, oxygen masks, and oxygen concentrators— totaling \$15,000 in value. The supplies are available, but the hospital lacks the funds to make this purchase. The Global Mission Committee of the Northwest Intermountain Synod recently approved sending the \$5,000 we had in reserve for the hospital, which nearly depletes this fund.

We are seeking gifts to restore the Lugala Hospital funds, with the immediate need being \$10,000 for purchase of Covid –19 supplies and equipment.



Coronavirus will be devastating if it reaches the isolated and impoverished Ulanga Kilombero Diocese. Please help our partners prepare to safely treat patients. Donate to the Global Mission fund on-line at <https://nwimsynod.org> or mail a check to:

Northwest Intermountain Synod

245 E. 13th Ave. Suite A

Spokane, WA 99202

Earmark for *Lugala Hospital*

Asante sana! Thank you very much!



The baby Kestrel at Central learns to fly!

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INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD &
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**WILL
WORSHIP
TOGETHER
*LIVE***

August 2, 2020
11am Pacific
12pm Mountain

WATCH EMAIL & FACEBOOK
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
HOW TO PARTICIPATE!

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



August