

# CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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WHEN MARCH  
COMES IN  
LIKE A LION  
IT GOES OUT  
LIKE A LAMB.



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## From the Pastor

### So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen

Like the synoptic gospels, John's gospel has a narrative structure. It's not like any of the other gospel accounts in many ways. Matthew, for

instance, whose gospel account is the focus of year A, the current church year, essentially alternates between discourses and narrative sections after three or four chapters of introduction. John, on the other hand, is more mystical: after a prehistoric prologue comes what scholars may call the Book of Signs followed by the Book of Glory, which then moves into a conclusion and then an epilogue, which may have been added in later manuscripts. At the beginning of the Book of Glory is a lengthy passage of about five chapters called Jesus' farewell discourse. It goes from 13:1 to 17:26, and is Jesus bolstering his disciples for his inevitable departure from them through a cruel and unjust death. During Lent this year, the year of Matthew, the gospel readings come from the Book of Signs in John, with the exception of 1 Lent, which is written in Matthew.

In John, though, we learn how much Jesus cares for his disciples, even the one who denied him and the one who betrayed him. He washes their feet, teaching them about service and humility, and gives them a new commandment: that they should love one another just as Jesus and his Father love them. During this section Jesus gives several "I am" statements such as "I am the vine". John uses these statements to argue and prove his case about who Jesus is, and this proof goes back to Moses and the burning bush.

If you recall, Moses was out tending his father-in-law's flocks one day when he happened upon a fiery shrub—on fire but not burnt up by the flames. Yahweh spoke to Moses from the burning bush to tell him that he had been chosen to lead the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt. You can read the details in Exodus 3. Eventually, Moses asked God what he was supposed to tell his fellow Israelites about who sent him to do this thing. He was understandably nervous about approaching Pharaoh and reluctant to make such a demand of a ruler whose culture considered him a god.

Remember how Yahweh answered Moses? Yahweh said: “Tell them I AM has sent me to you.” By giving Jesus the same phrase, John reckoned that he had proved without a doubt just who Jesus was.

But back to John’s gospel. In his farewell discourse, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet as an example to them of how they were to treat others and show God’s love and their own obedience to God’s call to humble service. Jesus also gave to his disciples that new commandment to love one another, and the promise of an advocate in his absence.

In his second post-resurrection appearance—his first appearance was to Mary Magdalene, remember—his disciples looked up from their own discourse to see Jesus standing among them. This is when he breathed on them, giving them the Holy Spirit, and he wished them peace.

In lieu, then, of a post-resurrection appearance or a lengthy farewell discourse, I wish the same things for you: that you love one another, following the example of our Lord Jesus. That you, like the disciples, learn to humbly serve people who are on the margins, who are most vulnerable, who may be lost and forgotten. You already are in the care of the Holy Spirit, who is your advocate in all things; you only need to call on her when you need her. I wish for you, Central Lutheran, to learn to serve God together as the body of Christ, and not to leave all the work to a handful of people. That approach has not served you very well so far.

Most of all, I wish you peace, the peace that the world can’t possibly know or give, since the world does not know Jesus, at least not like you in the body of Christ should know him. When Jesus is at the center of life, individual or corporate, rumors and gossip are especially egregious. This is not any kind of acceptable behavior in the body of Christ.

Here’s a Celtic blessing for my sisters and brothers in the faith at Central Lutheran:

Deep peace of the running wave to you; Deep peace of the flowing air to you; Deep peace of the quiet earth to you; Deep peace of the shining star to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Pastor Kathleen Anderson



Greetings Neighbors!

As we enter the Lenten season, it is a time for reflection and preparation.

Congregation and the council have much to reflect on this month. We, as a church, are transitioning from one chapter to another. Pastor Kathleen has served as interim pastor for 2 years and her time at Central Lutheran is drawing to a close. Pastor Kathleen's last service will be Sunday, March 12th. We sincerely appreciate all of Pastor Kathleen's work during those two years to guide us, inspire us to improve, challenge us to change, and encourage us through times of darkness. We wish her all the best in her next endeavors!

Council, committees and the congregation at large is at a point where we must reflect on the purpose, structure and future of On The Corner program. OTC committee and council will be dedicating time in the coming weeks to share history, current status, and gather views of OTC's future. There will be one on one meetings, a questionnaire and more opportunities for the congregation to share thoughts and provide feedback so any decision will be a reflection of the congregation's wishes.

And there is much to prepare for! CLC is eagerly preparing for the arrival of Pastor Ann Murphy. Pastor Murphy's first service is planned for March 26th. We look forward to welcoming our new pastor to our community! CLC will have pulpit supply on March 19th.

Additionally, property committee has brought some building challenges to the council's attention and we will be working to improve and streamline the communication process to better support Property Committee's excellent work.

Warm regards, Toni Lynn Adams



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
*Spring*  
FORWARD

*March 12th*



Manny enjoys volunteering for On the Corner! If any one would like to volunteer please contact Felicity or the church office.



CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

# UPBEATS

## COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1604 W YAKIMA AVE

FREE ADMISSION  
DONATIONS ACCEPTED



JANUARY 22: THE CAMERATA CLUB  
FEBRUARY 26: THE FLUTE TROUPE  
MARCH 26: THE JOE BROOKS QUARTET  
APRIL 30: LAURA SCHACTLER  
MAY 21: THE COMMUNITY BIG BAND

Decorating Committee  
will be selling the Lily  
Memorials for \$5.00 in  
the Narthex on Sundays:  
March 12th, 19th, and  
26th. The donation will  
help decorate the  
Sanctuary for Easter.





Marion Jones would like to teach people how to use the coffee maker in the kitchenette for Sunday mornings. Please call her or the church office.

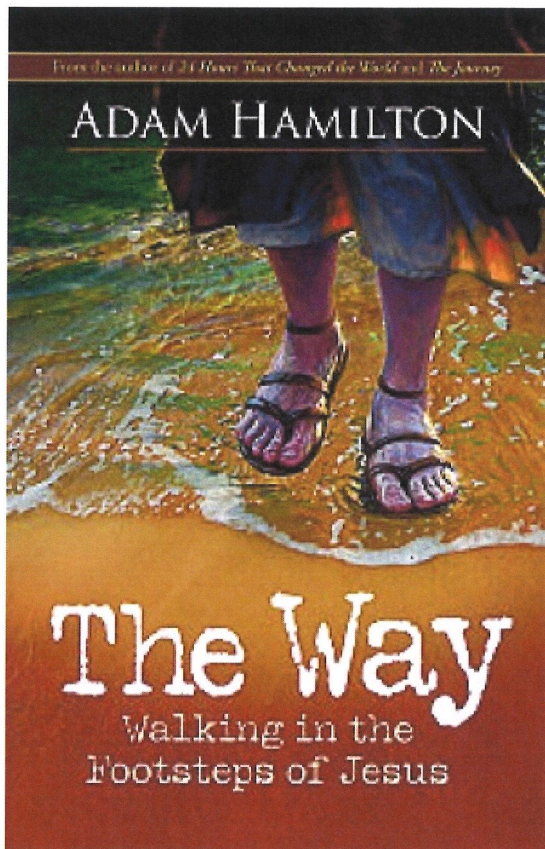


**Piecemakers are now selling quilts year round!  
They're now taking special orders.  
Ruth from footcare, loves the quilts they made for her.**



Christ Lutheran has invited Central Lutheran to their Mid-Week Lenten Services starting March 1st. (The address is 5605 W Lincoln Avenue in Yakima.)

Travel to the Holy Land in this inspiring volume of Adam Hamilton's Bible study on the life of Jesus. Using historical background, archaeological findings, and stories of the faith, Hamilton retraces the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the enemies he made, the parables he taught, and the roads he traveled.



Our mid-week Lenten services will be on the Wednesdays in Lent beginning at noon. We will be watching a short video that will take us on the roads of the Holy Land. We will also have books available to accompany each video. Please join us.



1st Paul Soderstrom

4th Elizabeth McKeirnan

7th Judy Johnson

10th Elise Bowman

14th Mark Pittman

15th Julianne Lybeck and Jean Gunderson

17th Claudia Burkhardt

19th Henry and Lewis Argo

22nd Devyani Baken

23rd Alessandra Nygard and Joyce Rikerd

24th Toni Perschke

26th Anne Chapman

30th Virginia Prochnow

31st Bonnie Molsberry



19th Ron and Kathy Gillespie



## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Phyllis Gillihan (Ponderosa)

Chet Hausken (Fieldstone)

Art Ries (Livingcare)

Toni Perschke (Brookdale)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)

Doris Benish (Orchard Park)

Marie Halverson (Yakima)

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Tim Schulz (Yakima)

Virginia Prochnow (Izzy's House)

Donald and Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Parents)


Eunice Koepp (Sun Tower)



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>5 2nd Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:00 a Bible Study            9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a TOPS            6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a Bible Study            3:00 p On The Corner            6:00 p Boy Scouts in Fellowship            6:00 p Yakima Boat Club</p>
<p><b>12 3rd Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <div data-bbox="279 786 417 954" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a TOPS            6:30 p Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:00 p Property &amp; Safety Committee</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a Bible Study            3:00 p On The Corner            5:30 p Irish Band Practice</p>
<p><b>19 4th Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a TOPS            6:30 p Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p> <p><b>1st day of Spring!</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a Bible Study            3:00 p On The Corner            5:30 p Irish Band Practice</p>
<p><b>26 5th Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>6:00 pm Up Beat Concert</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10:00 a TOPS            6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            10:00 a Bible Study</p>

# 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>2</b> 9:00 a Piecemakers 2:00 p Worship Committee 3:00 p 'On the Corner'	<b>3</b> 8:00 a Foot Care <b>4</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 a Preschool 11:00 a OTC Committee 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>9</b> 3:00 p 'On the Corner'	<b>10</b> 8:00 a Foot Care <b>11</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>16</b> 9:00 a Piecemakers 3:00 p 'On the Corner'	<b>17</b> 8:00 a Foot Care 
		<b>18</b> 11:00 a Ramirez Memorial
<b>22</b> 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>23</b> 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 2:00 p Lakewood Dance	<b>24</b> 8:00 a Foot Care <b>25</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:00 a Foot Care



Canticus Vocal Ensemble  
Presents In Concert

# Return, Renew and Revive!

ENGLEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
511 NORTH 44TH AVENUE

MARCH 5TH, 2023 4:00PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR  
\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION,  
\$5 STUDENTS

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT  
[YAKIMACANTICUS.COM](http://YAKIMACANTICUS.COM)

# Church in Society:

## Caring for Creation:



When we're heating anything we are using big energy. This holds true for the use of our dryers, too. It took a long time before energy efficiency was even addressed in clothes dryers.

Here are the best things you can do to reduce your dryer's energy consumption.

- 1). Before you even put things in your dryer, make sure you get all the moisture possible out by maximizing the spin cycle.
- 2). Don't overload the dryer.
- 3). Clean your lint filter every time, and then clean out your dryer duct periodically. This reduces energy use AND can prevent a fire.
- 4). Throw in a dry towel to help absorb moisture, and it shortens drying time.
- 5). Use lower heat settings, even for a longer drying time, it uses less energy.

For example, drying on medium for 45 min. uses less energy than on high 30 min.

- 6). Choose the automatic setting rather than a timed setting and let the dryer turn itself off rather than letting things run longer than necessary.
- 7). If you are in the position of choosing a new dryer, choose a *Green Choice*, and if you want to really cut energy use, there are new dryers that are heat pump dryers, operating like a heat pump furnace. These cost more, but also cut energy use to a much greater degree.

8). Line drying takes no electricity. Even in winter a folding clothes rack can offer an inside option for some extra drying. I like fluffy laundry as much as the next person, but I find, like with towels for example, that using air drying either before using the dryer, or after fluffing things up in the dryer, you can have it both ways...fluffy and energy efficient. Try it!



## Chuck Austin Place

For the month of March we will be collecting cleaning supplies for the Veteran's Housing at 1630 S 16th Avenue. The shopping cart is located in the entry way by the office. Thank You Myrna Hillestad for your great idea!



A few ideas: Brooms, dust pans, mops, sponges, dish soap, dish cloths or towels, window cleaners, bathroom cleaners, shower curtains and liners, bath or hand towels, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels.



Cottage in the Meadow Family Kitchen with the food from Central Lutheran Church. Lea used one of her Thrivent card. If you can receive cards please contact the office for ideas or sign up with Thrivent.





# What's the Plan?

## **Making Tough Decisions (So Others Don't Have To)**

Lee McClanathan of Dignity Memorial, Yakima, will lead a free seminar/Q&A session at Christ Lutheran Church in Yakima, March 8, 1 p.m. Topics will include funeral costs, information about cremation vs. burial, what families can expect at the funeral home, Medication and Veterans' reimbursements, and other legal concerns. The community is welcome. Bring your questions!

**March 8, 1 p.m.**

**Christ Lutheran Church, corner of W. Lincoln and 56<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Yakima, WA.**

**Admission is free!**

# On the Corner Enrichment Program

**S** - science

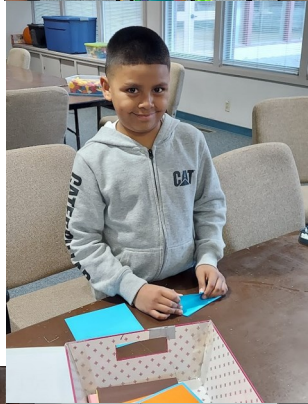
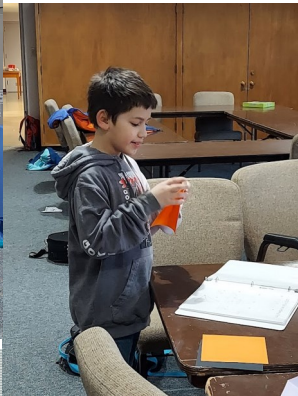
**T** - technology

**E** - engineering

**A** - art

**M** - math





## The Future of On the Corner

The On the Corner (OTC) Committee and the Central Lutheran Church (CLC) Council need to hear from members of the congregation about your interest in and commitment to the OTC program and in what direction you want the program to go in the future. A decision will be made soon about whether to continue or to terminate the program. If enough of you wish to see the program live on, there will also be considerations and decisions about hiring a new director, determining if paid staff is necessary to assist the director, recruiting volunteers from CLC and the community, and choosing a program model and content.

Before we look to the future, here is a bit of history of the OTC program. Twelve years ago, after inspiration from Father Gregory Boyle, who spoke at Central about his work with gang intervention and rehabilitation in Los Angeles, Pastor Jim Engel and others in the congregation had a vision for an outreach program for area students, giving them a safe and nurturing place to go after the school day and hoping that it might help some of the area youth stay out of gangs. Our building was ideally located on the corner of Yakima and 16th Avenues, only a short walk from both Roosevelt Elementary and Franklin Middle School.

In its first year and a half, OTC operated on a shoestring budget with a director from AmeriCorps and served only elementary students. Then a volunteer from the program, Denise Svendsen, stepped up and served as OTC director for the next ten years. Under her direction the program flourished. As elementary students moved on to middle school, many wanted to still participate in the program, so OTC grew to include grades 6,7, and 8. As the reputation of OTC was recognized in the wider community, some students from elementary and middle schools beyond the neighborhood joined the program increasing the number of participants into the 40s and 50s. Grant money covered meals served to the students. Community grants also funded a small, paid staff to reinforce the fluctuating group of volunteers, as well as other program materials and activities. Area high school students who needed volunteer hours to graduate showed up to work with OTC kids, too, a few who had once been participants themselves. Students in the program also gave back to the community by participating in service projects. An inclusive list of the activities, projects, concerts, and celebrations during the 10 successful years of OTC is just too long to include here.

Even in 2020 when the COVID pandemic closed schools, the OTC program continued off-site. Denise provided creative at-home activities to 42 students and used grant money and donations to buy food and

coordinated meal distributions to families with need. When the Yakima School District opened up for in-person learning again in March of 2021, so did OTC. A record, post-shutdown enrollment of 57 students was most likely due to students and their families remaining engaged with the program while the schools were shuttered.

In April of 2021, Denise Svendsen resigned as OTC Director. The CLC Council voted to continue and support the program by fully funding a new director's salary. In October 2021, a new director was hired. The change in leadership and the lingering effects of COVID, however, proved to be a challenge for the OTC program. Student numbers plummeted to 5 to 10, and volunteers were scarce.

In October of 2022, the CLC Council decided to temporarily eliminate the OTC Director position. Felicity Pittman, CLC Youth and Family Director, took over the duties of continuing the OTC program until June of 2023, when she will be moving out of town.

So here we are, in the present with the future of OTC hanging in the balance.

The OTC Committee and the CLC Council invite you to submit opinions, questions, and suggestions concerning the program. If you want the program to continue, please also include ways you would be willing to support it. We await the arrival of Pastor Ann Murphy and are eager to get her input on this outreach program.

You choose the method of getting your prayerful thoughts to the committee and council: Emails work well. You may use: [office@clcyakima.org](mailto:office@clcyakima.org). Responses expressed on paper, signed or unsigned, are welcome and may be placed in the offering plates during the Sunday services or dropped off at or mailed to the church office. Please indicate on the back of the paper or on the envelope that the submission is for OTC. Written responses are easier to collect and tabulate, but we also invite you to talk to members of the committee and council in-person. Members are listed below. Please be thoughtful and constructive in expressing your feelings.

Sincerely, Sandi Gibson, On the Corner Committee Chair

OTC Committee members: Kathy Moen, Tim Franks, Felicity Pittman, Melissa Christianson, Jennifer Crane, and Sandi Gibson

CLC Council members: Karen Baken, Tim Gatton, Tim Franks, Shane Pierone, Chris Svendsen, Felicity Pittman, Melissa Christianson, Jennifer Crane, Kirsten Monick, Val Ineichen, Toni Adams, Pastor Anderson

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Treasurer's Report					
Financial results thru		January 31, 2023			
	Offerings/income		Expenses by major category		
	January	Year to date	January	Year to date	Year to date
General fund	22,116.05	22,116.05	Salaries & benefits	19,219.35	19,219.35
Building Usage	531.00	531.00	Youth & Family	672.66	672.66
other income	17.28	17.28	Worship	1,444.71	1,444.71
Transfers			Hospitality	103.56	103.56
from endowment fund		507.80	Stewardship/Church in Society		-
from money market	507.80		Property	8,551.03	8,551.03
Gertie Hein - Visitation		-	Office	1,353.82	1,353.82
Total	23,172.13	23,172.13	Total	31,345.13	31,345.13
	January 2023		operating loss, net of transfers	\$ (8,680.80)	
			net loss	\$ (8,173.00)	
		Year to date	operating income, net of transfers	\$ (8,680.80)	
			net loss	\$ (8,173.00)	

# Hello March

**M**ay the early spring

**A**waken your soul and

**R**emind you to

**C**elebrate the season with the

**H**ope and joy it brings

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