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Dear Friends in Christ,

This is my final newsletter article to you, the people of Central Lutheran. I would like to thank all of you who have called or sent gifts and messages or cards with your well-wishes since I announced my retirement a month ago. It means a great deal to me, and your support is appreciated!

I am sending you this on June 29, the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul. I celebrated this special day in the life of the church on my final Sunday leading worship and preaching here, yesterday, June 28. I believe my message then bears repeating now as I prepare to end my call here.

The readings for this feast day are Acts 12:1-11, about Peter's deliverance from prison; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, about Paul's righteousness and confidence in the glory to come; and John 21:15-19, about Jesus and Peter, and their shared experiences.

In my sermon yesterday, I talked about how different these two apostles are:

Peter is the visionary, the dreamer, an impulsive extrovert who wants to take this new community eventually called "Christians" forward, for the sake of the world.

Paul is the scholar, the traditionalist, a Pharisee who is committed to maintaining the status quo, because "we've always done it that way."

Peter knows Jesus intimately, they have been together since Jesus called Peter (in Hebrew: Simon) and his brother, Andrew, by the Sea of Galilee to "follow me," and "fish for people." Peter was there when Jesus fed the 5000, and when Jesus healed his mother-in-law. He was at the Last Supper, in the Garden, and at the Cross. Peter saw the risen Lord, was there at His ascension, and preached on that first Pentecost. Peter was always there.

Paul (in Hebrew: Saul) on the other hand, didn't know Jesus personally. Paul, was an outsider. Paul was there when Stephen, the first deacon was stoned to death. Paul was there when Christians were being thrown in prison, just because they were Christians, and a threat to his way of life. Fortunately, Paul experienced a conversion on the road to Damascus...a radical change. He turned his whole life around, and became the greatest missionary and preacher for Christ that ever lived.

Yet, they have many things in common as well:

They led very different lives, disagreed on many things, but both became apostles in the early church, spreading the good news of God's amazing grace throughout their world. Both suffered for their faith. Peter was a supporter of Jesus his entire ministry, while Paul turned on everything he previously stood for, realizing it was time for something new in the world.

And that's what the church is all about. Throughout the past two millennia, Christians have learned to respect the traditions of our past while removing stumbling blocks to meeting the needs of the church of the present. Remember, we are "always being made new!" We, today, just like the church throughout the ages, need to maintain this balance. Being the church has never been easy!

I am reminded of the synod assembly held here at Central and the convention center two years ago, with its theme: Los Dones del Espiritu...Gifts of the Spirit! In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul writes about our gifts of the Spirit, and how the church is represented as one body with many members. We ALL bring our individual gifts to contribute to the body of Christ, the church. No one is more important than another; each opinion is equally valid and valued. It's a difficult thing for us to do, to maintain that equality. Our gifts are unique, but equal. We can't let worldly things interfere with our efforts to be the church we want to be in the community!

In the coming months, you will be asked to begin the call process. Keep primarily in mind the message of Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God?" As you develop your understanding of your mission, that is, who you are and who you truly want to be, keep it simple and be honest. Believe me, your new pastor will assume what you say is where you collectively want to go. Involve everyone, appreciate the process. A clear statement of the congregation's mission is most important as a congregation and new pastor begin their journey together.

Remember to always treat each other with mutual respect. This includes the pastor and her/his family. Since more than half of all seminary students are women, there is a good chance your next pastor will also be a woman. Hurtful comments, spoken, emailed, in any form, are totally unnecessary, and inappropriate in this setting. Bullying should never be acceptable behavior. Bystanders must speak up. We are all held accountable.

Everyone's opinion is always welcomed, and a lot can be learned from the discussion following. There is a constitution and various policies in place in the church for good order, and to maintain equity...no one's opinion is more important than another's. Your new pastor, and interim, will most likely come to Central assuming things will be done by the rules. When a decision is made by a committee or the council, it's made. If you feel it needs to be changed, it's only fair to bring your concerns up at the next meeting, not in the parking lot.

I want to thank my full-time co-workers and friends, Lea and Felicity, for their collaboration in all we've done as a congregation the past four years. Lea has been a source of all necessary information about this church and the community. Felicity is a guiding force for children's, youth, and family ministry here, and more. I appreciate her interest in all facets of the life of this church, and her important work in the NWIM Synod.

I will always remember some of the opportunities this call gave me: Celebrating Central's 90th Anniversary with a special service in November of 2016; Worshiping with the Yakima Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church and preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in October of 2017; Hosting the synod assembly's opening worship in April of 2018; Graduating from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago with my Doctor of Ministry degree in May of 2018; Attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in July 2018; Attending the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee in August of 2019 and participating in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women; Supervising Vicar Ethan Bergman; Being a part of the monthly Cluster Text Study meeting at Central; Working closely with Christ and Tree of Life Lutheran Churches; Teaching Sunday school, Confirmation, Bible studies; Working with people of vision on committees of the congregation; Introducing Dinner Church; Getting to see the beauty of the Pacific Northwest...just to name a few. For these, and many other opportunities, I am grateful. Thank you.

Dave has been a tremendous support these past four years, and throughout our marriage. This month, he has moved our belongings into a condominium in midtown Minneapolis, and thankfully I won't have much unpacking to do when I get there later this week. I know his ministry of word and service here would have been a blessing to this congregation.

Ending my call here in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic is strange. It has been a challenge providing pastoral care, worship, education, etc. for the congregation and the community in very different ways. I appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we all "think outside the box" about doing things differently in these "unprecedented" times. At this writing, Yakima's cases and deaths continue to climb. Please follow the experts' directives: maintain social distancing and wear a mask in public places! I continue to care about you and pray for you.

We will now be living only 15 miles from our son and daughter-in-law. The new neighborhood is urban and diverse, just south of downtown Minneapolis. George Floyd was murdered on Memorial Day eight blocks south of our building, and the protests began at a police station just a mile east of here. The first floor of our building has a Global Market, a collection of 40 businesses representing 20 different cultures that "exist to promote the economic, social, and cultural assets of Minnesota and celebrate the healthy foods, arts, crafts, and other aspects of our diverse heritage." Out our living room window we have a view of Minneapolis and suburbs to the south, including the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. One of the city's many lakes is just a few blocks from our door. The neighborhood was revitalized over the past 20 years, and is home to people from around the world. We're so happy to be living in this rich, multicultural setting.

The church we are becoming members of is a very liturgical and social justice-minded, Reconciling in Christ congregation in the Minneapolis Area Synod. It's only two blocks from our new home. There are three other ELCA congregations in our zip code, and 140 in this geographically small synod. Dave and I are looking forward to being active in our own congregation, Mt. Olive, as well as surrounding congregations. There is so much for us to do in this neighborhood, and in this city. We will, of course, consider any call God may have for us in the future. Right now, we are looking forward to a little rest and relaxation as we both begin our retirements.

Finally, I leave you with these words from our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. She describes the church this way: "We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world!" Blessings to you all, that you may BE the church!

Peace,

Pastor Carolyn

New Address:

Rev. Dr. Carolyn and Deacon Dave Hellerich

2929 Chicago Ave. #1117

Minneapolis, MN 55407



Even though physical church has not been happening the property committee has been taking good care of the building in your absence. We have had a few projects going that I wanted to let you know about. We have been working on getting new furnaces purchased and installed for the sanctuary. We are also going to have the kitchen floor resurfaced. Something that you will see soon if you drive by the church is the trees in the courtyard. They are unhealthy and also very messy and are scheduled to be removed. We want to thank the endowment committee for funding those three projects. Our last project is to put a fence put around the large air conditioner Unit outside the library. This will keep it safe from vandalism. Stay safe and healthy until we can resume services.

The Property Committee-Anne Chapman(facilitator), Paul Rogers, Paul Soderstrom, Virg Umbarger, Wayne Hahn, Randy Town, Onni Perala and Melissa Christianson



Council Corner

June 28, 2020

Greetings and may the peace of the Lord be with you all.

As I write this, our pastor for the last four years is driving to her new home in Minneapolis to start July vacation and then her well deserved retirement. Thank you for your faithful service, Pastor Carolyn, and may the good Lord richly bless you in all you endeavor in this exciting chapter!

Further, Vicar Ethan has been supported by the Northwest Intermountain Synod Candidacy Committee in acknowledging the successful completion of his internship requirements at Central Lutheran. Good on you, Ethan, and may the Lord richly bless your ministry path forward as well.

So now what happens in this vacancy period? Good question!

First and foremost, we do have pastoral care available to us and please do not hesitate to contact Lea Ramirez at the church office 509.575.6490 or Stephen Merz 509.952.1706 and we will arrange for this care in time of need. Pastor Schraan from our neighboring Christ Lutheran and Pastor David Lambertson from Central are very happy and willing to help us in our vacancy period.

As you know, we also have one of the most wonderful collection of ministers called your fellow church family members that will continue to lift and support you. May the good Lord bless us all in this work of care and support.

Sunday services are on schedule so please continue to attend our virtual services. The month of July brings us Pastor Phil (assistant to the bishop) on July 5, Pastor David Lambertson on July 12 and 26, and Bishop Kristen Kuempel on July 19.

Our council's executive committee has been busy in the transition process with our assistant to the bishop, Pastor Phil Misner. Our council has been informed of our work and will be processing a candidate recommendation when we get to that point. The focus of our work is to identify an intentional interim pastor to serve us and help us in preparation and processing of our next pastoral call. We will keep you informed and update you with specifics on this important work as soon as possible.

Continue to support and pray for each other as you check in with your church buddies. Always important but of heightened importance during these virus times.

I pray that you are happy and safe!

Pax Domini, Stephen Merz



Treasurer's Report

Financial results thru

May 31, 2020

Offerings/income			Expenses by major category		
	May	Year to date		May	Year to date
General fund	28,077.26	145,944.36	Salaries & benefits	19,546.04	107,802.81
Building Usage	1,162.00	7,659.00	Youth & Family	246.05	1,119.24
other income	32.16	(158.68)	Worship	155.12	1,609.34
Transfers			Hospitality	70.81	633.92
from endowment fund	-	13,496.34	Stewardship/Church in Society	150.00	8,643.05
from money market			Property	2,425.03	26,413.70
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-	-	Office	1,229.00	6,119.91
Total	29,271.42	166,941.02	Total	23,822.05	152,341.97

May 2020

operating income, net of transfers	\$ 5,449.37
net income	\$ 5,449.37
Year to date	
operating income, net of transfers	\$ 1,102.71
net income	\$ 14,599.05

Monthly results:

Central Lutheran's offering came in \$428 more than budget for the month.

Operational expenses were \$8,913 less than budget for the month.

This results in operating income, net of transfers of \$5,449 for the month of May.

Including transfers, we have net income of \$5,449 for the month of May.

Year to Date:

Total offerings/revenues to date are -\$22,883 less than budgeted amount as of the end of the month.

Total operating expenses to date are running \$11,335 under budget.

Net of transfers, year to date we are in the black by \$1,103

Including transfers, year to date we are in the black by \$14,599

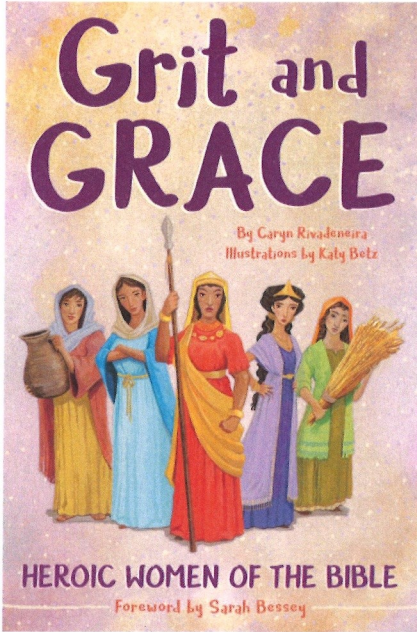
Balance Sheet items:

Beginning of year cash balance	34,148.34
Activity thru May 2020	14,599.05
Payment of benevolence accrued in prior year	
reclassification between dedicated and undedicated	(24,770.24)
Current balance - undedicated bank account assets	\$ 23,977.15

2019 Year to date benevolence

		Amount due	Paid	Still due
Synod	8%	11,675.55	7,893.05	6,402.26
Local	2%	2,918.89	750.00	2,168.89
		14,594.44	8,643.05	8,571.15

\$2,619.76 paid for 2019



Zoom Book Study July 2020

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Join us on Zoom, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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.

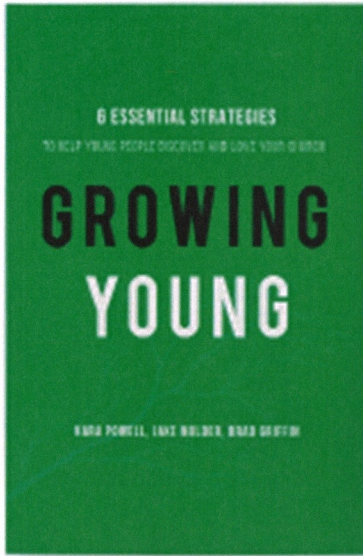


Elementary
9-10am

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



CENTRAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH



JULY 14TH-AUG 18TH

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.

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.

“Celebrating Central”



1st Lois Sabol & Tracy Durel

2nd Darrin Gillespie, Dave Hellerich, & Karen Bacon

3rd Kae Miller

5th Jordyn Durel

6th Tamera Lewis

7th Taylor Ziegler & Mary Jones

10th Maureen Nygard & Melissa Christianson

11th Bree Northcott, Mike Scheid & Faith Richardson

12th Bill Harrison & Al Karn

17th Brittany Valicoff, Hillary Franks, Cooper Falk

18th Kathy Moen, Milton Gunderson, & Barb Beehler

20th James Board & Cheryl Bush

21st Karen Franklund

22nd Ron Rutherford

23rd Ron Gillespie & Bessie Eberle



Betty Tester is in Bothel babysitting her grandson Jack who will be 2 years old in July. All is well with her!



11th Randy & Kathy Jacobson's 18th

Jeff & Joyce Hagen's 49th

17th Shane & Nicolle Dierone's 26th

20th Doran & Mary Riehl's 28th

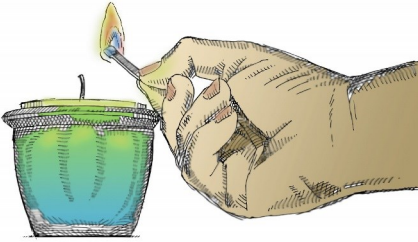
James & Karin Avery's 51st

28th Tom & Val Perry's 29th



Throughout my life, my faith has played a very important role in most things I do. Since I started my spiritual journey basically from the time I was born, I have been able to grow my faith and use it as a rock throughout trying times. I have been lucky enough to have participated in Sunday School, Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, and other Central Lutheran Church activities. Through those activities, I have been able to learn more about God, which has made me a more knowledgeable person of faith. In school I have been able to meet some people and have been able to have some productive conversations about religion, which I have found to be very eye opening. I love talking to other people my own age to learn about their beliefs and see how they compare to my own. Since my school has people from many different religions, I am proud that as a Lutheran, I bring something new to the mix. However, as I got more and more involved in school and its activities, I had less time to attend church services and events, so, I became more spiritual on my own. I started to take the time to pray by myself, which I have found so useful to communicate with God. I am looking forward to going to a religious college in the fall. Although Carroll College is a Catholic school, I think that the ministry opportunities and other faith activities will help me grow my faith. The way faith was included in every step of my life has made me more knowledgeable and strengthened my beliefs. Delaney Boyle

Central Lutheran Youth and Family presented Delaney Boyle with a \$250.00



Devotions Available



Devotion Books for July-August-September are available in the box to the left of the doors to the office, Yakima Ave side.



We rejoice with Matt and Emma Argo as we welcome Lewis and Henry into the body of Christ and the mission we share. The baptism was June 23rd, 2020.

You may watch the video here:

<https://youtu.be/7xGWIB-mb38>



Elena Riehl graduated in May from Gonzaga University and is applying to grad school at OHSU for a Master's degree program in Epidemiology. She was active in Pastor's Engel confirmation classes and attended the Lutheran national youth gathering in New Orleans.



Terrie Dreisbach and family for the death of Bob June 23rd.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Randa Emmel
Kyle Dixon
Pastor Mike Scheid
Rev Charles Ewan
Dr. Richard Ehlers
David Desmarais
Jessica Rodden
Gerald Ramsey
Jeff Chapman
Larry Douglas
Fred Halverson
Steve Berreman
Ruth Borders
Gary Pierone

Ongoing Prayer For Shut Ins

Phyllis Gillihan (*Ponderosa*)
Mary Frances Jones (*Cedar Hills*)
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*)

Please pray for all the people affected with Covid 19



A big thank you to Ron Burkhardt for cleaning up the leaf bags left in the playground area and taking the recycling to Wesley!



A shout out to the Piecemakers for the quilts to the Seniors! They are so special when entering the net phase of one's life!

Thank you Central Lutheran Church for the postcard I received in Saturday's mailbox. I would love to personally thank the individuals that wrote the card; however, there is no signature. So I wish to thank all of you that were involved from the idea, to the printing on front, to the writing and art work on the face, to placing the stamp and finally mailing. Thank you. Helen Riehl

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



Pictures, poem, history from
Karen Franklund



Nostradamus wrote in the year 1551 this!
There will be a twin year (2020) from
which will arise a queen (corona) who
will come from the east (China) and who
will spread a plague (virus) in the
darkness of night, on a country with 7
hills (Italy) and will transform the twilight
of men into dust (death), to destroy and
ruin the world. It will be the end of the
world economy as you know it.

Thursday, November 7th, 1918

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KELOWNA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in order to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza, all Schools, public and private, Churches, Theatres, Moving Picture Halls, Pool Rooms and other places of amusement, and Lodge meetings, are to be closed until further notice.

All public gatherings consisting of ten or more are prohibited.

D. W. SUTHERLAND,
Mayor.

Kelowna, B.C.,
19th October, 1918.

**HOW
YOU
CAN
HELP**

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

Pop

Water

Costco Jello Pudding Cups

Applesauce Cups

**Call church office 575-64990 (leave message)
to arrange dropping off items.**



On the Corner Update:

OTC wrapped up feeding our OTC kids meals on Monday June 29th. We handed out over 1925 meals to OTC kids over the past 11 weeks.

Thank you to everyone that supported this effort by donating food items, bags and money. Thank you Ron Burkhardt for picking up all of our recycle.

A big thank you to Arianna Nygard who never missed a Monday; Ally Nygard who helped out almost every Monday and Maddie Falk (now residing in Montana) for helping us out while visiting her cousins. They organized plastic bags and broke down all of our boxes and there were a lot of boxes!



Denise and Suzanne prepare for last meal distribution.

Church Camp 2020

Our annual church camp (since 1992) ccwas held June 12-14 at Boardman, Oregon. The Boardman Marina and RV Park is semi-private which is why it was open for camping, and most State Parks are still closed due to COVID-19. Ardelle Ringhouse, Kathy Buckingham, Rondi Marsh and her friend, Gina, Ann and Jeff Chapman, and Jean Hansard enjoyed visiting and fellowship (distancing of course), despite the weather being windy and cold most everyday. We took walks and had some nice photo opportunities. Always a good time with friends camping.



Pictures from Ardelle Ringhouse



Ardelle Ringhouse
& Kathy Buckingham



Rondi Marsh, Ann Chapman,
Gina (friend of Rondi), dogs Mary
and Marley.



Jean Hansard



Anne & Jeff Chapman

Lea's daughter and grandkids make the best of the stay at home order. A little Shoots and Ladders game is always fun!



The youngest Granddaughter just feels like standing on her head!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!**