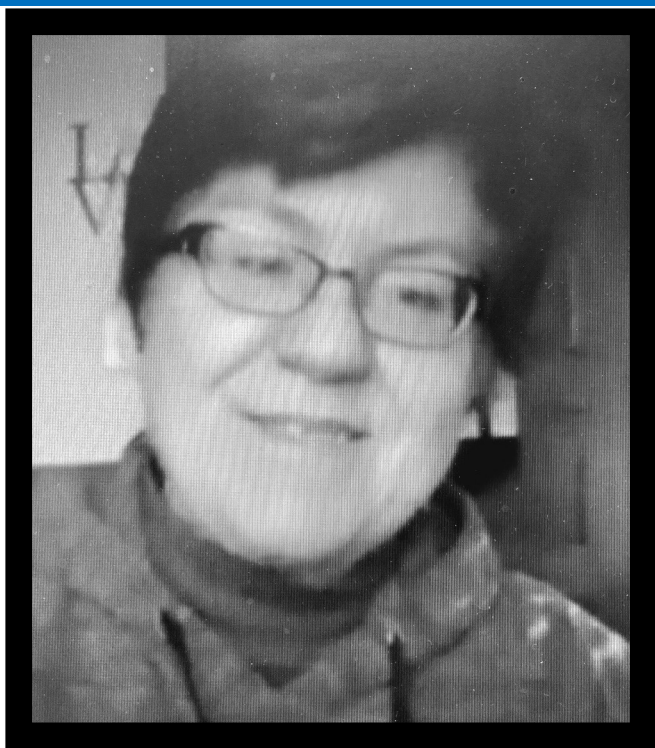


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Central Lutheran Church Welcomes
Pastor Kathleen Anderson



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It is a good question. In fact, it is a very good question, and it is hard to answer. In fact, it is very difficult to answer.

Let me begin by saying that I am honored to be able to say that I served Central Lutheran on a part-time basis for the last six months. Leading and planning worship allowed me to get to know you as a congregation on a different level. Though we seldom make eye contact, you have discovered ways to communicate and encourage worship as a priority for Central. In the days ahead we will need to sharpen our worship planning to discover the centrality of the Word to guide and equip us to serve each other and the Yakima Valley. Worship is not an event for spectators. Worship continues to be an opportunity to engage oneself in actively joining people to come into the presence of God to listen, respond, praise, and commit. This may help in answering the question, but let's continue to ponder.

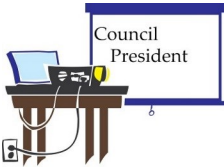
May I also say that I'm uniquely aware of the significant opportunity for a congregation to experience the transmission, shifting gears, when new Pastoral leadership arrives. The Apostle Paul encourages the Corinthian congregation to understand that Pastors come with a quiver full of gifts that lead the church in different ways. Paul says it so well in I Corinthians 3:

⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Shifting gears for Central requires us to us commit to Pastor Kathleen Anderson as the one receiving a calling to lead us. Pastor Anderson expresses her calling as a "transitional minister" that specializes in the "in between times" of a departing Pastor and the calling of a Pastor. I don't think she can walk on water, but I do believe that her specialized training is a wonderful opportunity for her to spend time assessing our church, prodding our church to get to know who we are, and shifting toward an understanding of what God is calling us to be and do. Transitional ministers are sojourners who come for a while, work hard in particular areas to prepare the way, and as fellow workers with Pastor Anderson, let's pay attention to what gear we are in: stuck in neutral, low gear, all-wheel drive to avoid crisis, or dead in the water, needing a need transmission. I hope Pastor and Congregation, working together will find a new gear. Overdrive- powerful infusion of the Holy Spirit to work across the mission (transmission) to discover a vibrant ministry in the Yakima Valley.

What is the good question that is hard to answer? The question is: What do you see on the horizon for Central Lutheran Church in 2021? The hymnist challenges us to "Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do." Look for me in the pew, pondering with you.

God Bless, G David Lambertson



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

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord as we look at 2020 in the rearview mirror. We have been richly blessed!

I write my last Council Corner as the president of the congregational council. Thank you for the privilege of serving the Lord and representing you in this capacity. The council will elect new leadership in their January meeting and I am confident that with your prayers, support, and encouragement we will experience continued blessings in this New Year called 2021. Wait-What!?! I know! Time flies...

Blessings you ask? The Lord watched over Pastor Carolyn in her four years of ministry with us and traveled with her to her new retirement life in Minnesota. The Lord brought to us Pastor David Lambertson who has served us so faithfully and richly as our stated supply pastor. This in the vacancy period as we faithfully prayed and waited for the Lord to deliver to us our intentional interim pastor. The blessings continue with Pastor Kathleen Anderson from Humboldt, Iowa who will serve us in our interim period. We are excited to have her join and lead us at Central Lutheran Church. She shares in her personal ministry statement, "God calls me to proclaim the Word in public ministry through preaching and teaching; to walk, talk, and live my faith daily; not to let others determine my actions, but to respond to the world out of faith; and, when called upon, to work with congregations in transition."

Central Lutheran has "called upon" you, Pastor Anderson, and we know the Lord will bless your time with us richly in our time of transition!

Thanks again to Tiffany Nygard and Carissa Switzer for serving a combined 7 years on the council and blessing be on you. Welcome to Melissa Falk and Felicity Pittman who begin their service on the church council in January.

Finally, you know I've been on the road (7500 miles to date) and write this from New Orleans. Home of our eldest daughter and family. We've visited our three children and five grandchildren in Livingston, Charleston, and New Orleans and all the beauty of this country in between. Now time to head home and we'll head west on January 5. Winter suggests a southern route of 2900 miles and we will be back in Yakima soon.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Pax Domini,

Stephen Merz



Sunday school children enjoy their boxes with crafts for the Advent and Christmas seasons.



**Join us in collecting,
making, and coloring
Valentine's Day cards
for residents at**



**Good Samaritan Health Care
Center and Willow Springs
Care.**

We will be collecting cards in a basket just inside the Yakima Ave entrance. Please have cards in the basket by noon on Friday, February 12th to be delivered to the centers on Sunday, February 14th.



Cards can be store bought or homemade. If you would like some supplies to make valentines at home "Valentine Kits" can be picked up at Central starting January 4th just inside the Yakima Ave entrance.



**Together we'll be sure that every resident
at Good Sam and Willow Springs feels
loved this Valentine's Day!**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Prayers for our valley, our nation and the world affected with the Covid virus pandemic.

Ongoing Prayer

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*)
Elaine Bueling (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)
Mel Carlson (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)
Gail Hills (*Home with Hospice*)
Gary Pierone (*Good Samaritan*)
Dale Miller (*Yakima*)
Julie Peterson (*Yakima*)
Wilma Aspevig (*Yakima*)
Doris Benish (*High Gate Memory Care*)
Julie Peterson, having cancer treatments.



Please update any
prayer request



Sunday Worship is available in 2 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 Sermons & Worship Videos tab. You will find a link to the bulletin and recorded video.



Treasurer's Report		November 30, 2020		Expenses by major category		Year to date	
Financial results thru		November 2020		Year to date		November	
Offerings/income		November	Year to date	Expenses by major category		November	Year to date
General fund	26,625.00	301,294.36	Salaries & benefits	12,127.16	189,474.76		
Building Usage	950.00	13,539.00	Youth & Family	355.16	3,381.30		
other income	27.54	5,927.63	Worship	172.94	3,075.22		
Transfers			Hospitality	-	806.45		
from endowment fund	23,270.60	41,368.31	Stewardship/Church in Society	6,150.00	23,775.65		
from money market			Property	9,857.96	82,393.24		
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-	-	Office	434.72	10,845.58		
Total	50,873.14	362,129.30	Total	29,097.94	313,752.20		
	November 2020		operating loss, net of transfers	\$ (1,495.40)			
			net income	\$ 21,775.20			
		Year to date	operating income, net of transfers		\$ 7,008.79		
			net income		\$ 48,377.10		

“Celebrating Central”



1st € David Lambertson

2nd Karen Bodeen

3rd Sandra Rabadan & Connie Buchanan

4th Barbara Rodden

5th Brett Valicoff

6th Erin Reiersen

8th Theresa Whilock

9th John Svendsen

10th Kathy Jacobson & Sofia Rabadan

12th Bev Larson

15th John Bishop

16th Steve Hill & Spencer Pierone

19th Randy Jacobson

21st Katie Pappas

25th Betty Douglas & Jeff Chapman

28th Brandon Gillespie

29th Erika Camren & Jackson Daniels

30th Kevin Good, Jane Deterrson, & Angie Karn

31st Ella Davenport

January ANNIVERSARIES

17th Chris & Denise Svendsen



Thank you Piecemakers for my Seahawk quilt. I love it! - Boston Ramirez

Thank you for your kind donation. The quilts and cards will touch the hearts of young adults in our outreach program! - Sincerely Rod's House

A BIG thank you to everyone who purchased quilts at our first ever online quilt sale. Since everything was different this year, we appreciate your generosity and we will now be able to purchase more supplies for next year. Besides the quilts that were sold, we were able to donate 20 quilts to Rods House and 18 quilts to the homeless Veterans.

We wish you all a Blessed Holiday Season and good health in 2021.

Central Lutheran Piecemakers

Thank you to all who made Central Lutheran Church's Advent and Christmas season possible this year. Special appreciation to Pastor Lambertson for his organization of inspirational meditations and messages.

Thanks to Tim Schultz, Robin Kisala and all musicians that added so much to our services. This would not have been possible without the many hours spent by Duane Monick doing the videoing and editing.

Additional thanks to those decorating inside and outside, Altar Guild, readers, acolytes and Lea for the many bulletins and announcements. Thanks to all those behind the scenes making our worship possible.

Worship Committee—Jane Peterson, Chair

Central Conversations

How are you? What joys and sorrows do you have that you would like to share with your Central family? Let's chat!

Join us via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10am now until the beginning of Lent. We will begin with a short devotion and prayer.

If you need help logging into Zoom or have any questions at all please call the church office at 575-640 and Felicity would be happy to help you.

Topic: Central Conversations

Time: Jan 7, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific Time Every week on Thu, until Feb 11, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

Jan 7, 2021 10:00 AM

Jan 14, 2021 10:00 AM

Jan 21, 2021 10:00 AM

Jan 28, 2021 10:00 AM

Feb 4, 2021 10:00 AM

Feb 11, 2021 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89097324531>

Meeting ID: 890 9732 4531

Youth Group Zoom

Log into Zoom on Wednesday evenings,
January 6th-February 10th
as we discuss Gross, Creepy, and Weird
stories from the Bible.

Topic: Youth Group-Elementary

Time: Jan 6, 2021 04:30 PM Pacific Time

Every week on Wed, until Feb 10, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81893913531>

Meeting ID: 818 9391 3531

Elementary at

4:30pm

Middle and High

School at 6pm

Topic: Youth Group-MS & HS

Time: Jan 6, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time

Every week on Wed, until Feb 10, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85412689290>

Meeting ID: 854 1268 9290

Property Committee has been busy -



Thank you to Paul Rogers for having
D-Fencing fix the fence!



Also thank you to Paul Soderstrom for having
his son Steve add lights to the courtyard area!



JUST FOR FUN

December's question: How many hats, gloves, and scarves will members donate to hang on a tree to be given to Rod's House?

Answer:

Hats - 77 Gloves - 181 Scarves - 19
And 1 pair of Slippers!



Camp Hope Needs:

In December we were blessed to receive \$600 in grant funding from the Covid-19 Appeal through the ELCA for this ministry. To feed this venerable population at Camp Hope costs about \$375 which includes all of the food, beverages, and paper goods. Next time you shop, please consider purchasing an item from below. *By providing even one case of pop or water or a box of plastic spoons, you help defer the costs of this ministry that serves less fortunate folks in our community.*

**HOW
YOU
CAN
HELP**

Items Always Needed: Serving 100

Pop

Water

Jello Pudding Cups/Applesauce Cups/Fruit Cups/

Individually Wrapped Cookies & Rice Krispie Treats

Sturdy Large Paper Plates

Plastic Forks and Spoons

Contact Denise Svendsen @509-949-8580

Call church office to make sure it is open before dropping off

items. 509-575-6490

On The Corner Update:



Saturday, December 19th. We handed out over 750 pounds of food, which included items for a Christmas ham dinner, pancake breakfast, a holiday cookie baking/decorating family activity, and individual Christmas gifts for all of the kids. This special event was supported by many CLC members, community partners, and OTC volunteers. *Special thanks to Ardelle Ringhouse and Kathy Buckingham for supplying Thrivent cards, Katy Svendsen who put together gifts and grocery gift cards for one of our neediest families, Marie Halverson who helped fill in the gaps, you are my OTC angels!* We served 25 families and handed out over 50 kids gifts.

OTC will continue to hand out meals on Wednesday nights to the 42 kids currently registered in the OTC program. We are supported with funding from OSPI, which is used only to feed our OTC kids, and in December received \$1,400 in grant funding from the Covid-19 Appeal through the ELCA and \$5,000 from Winter Relief Aid from the Blaine & Preciosa Tamaki Foundation. Our OSPI meal funding is only for the kids participating in OTC, and not for the adults or older/younger siblings that also reside in the home. Food insecurity is a big concern for the families that come to get meals. This funding will allow us to include an additional \$10 per week in food for these struggling families to take home, which isn't a lot but every little bit helps. This is a huge blessing and answer to prayer.

We recognize that it is critical to continue to strengthen relationships with our existing students during this difficult time. Fostering healthy relationships has always been a cornerstone of the OTC program. The opportunity to distribute meals has allowed us to continue to engage with our OTC families. We use this time of engagement to hand out fun home activities and share information about upcoming special events like our online art show, writing contest, and the Christmas family event.

We DO NOT need any plastic bags at this time...but DO NEED printer paper size boxes!

OTC Volunteer Opportunities:

- Bookkeeper-This volunteer position will take about an hour of your time every month and you can do it from home.

OTC Committee Member-Be part of this amazing CLC ministry. We meet the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30...remotely right now.

For more information contact Denise at denise.svendsen@clcyakima.org.



Family Activity Gift Bag



Representing the 80+ year olds.



Food Boxes



James and Kaleb do the heavy lifting.



Santa is the highlight of the eve.

The only picture allowed!
(Denise's grandson Thomas)





• JANUARY •