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Beginnings and endings are almost always messy.

Undoubtedly, this is not the first time you've heard or read this. I might as well let you know now that this is not the last time you'll hear or read it from me. In the same way that congregations are, or should be, continually in transition, beginnings and endings inevitably happen at the same time. What fun!

I'm hoping you will see this interim period as in the middle of an already-happening transition. Congregations, like the Church catholic, are, or should be, continually reforming. Our God is an active God, as Luther notes in the Small Catechism, where he writes that God renews us every day in the promises of our baptism. Even though it might feel otherwise, none of us is exactly the same person from day to day, all thanks to the One who transforms us daily.

An interim period can be an exciting time in the life of a congregation, a time of creativity and bearing of good fruit. An interim period is custom-made for experimentation with ministry. If anyone has an idea for a ministry at Central, please share it, whether it's a new idea or one you've pondered for a long time. An interim period also is a perfect time to either continue or become a permission-giving congregation and finally to give up being a permission-denying congregation. This frees up everyone for ministry. You, as a congregation, are limited in ministry only by your collective imaginations.

An interim period also is an excellent time to hone communication skills. I will do my best to model good communication with all of you, so that you can practice it, too. Communication has been an issue at virtually every congregation I have served. Maybe it has something to do with the sheer number of people involved. I think that another factor is that we often make assumptions about each other. No one can know anyone else's intention or meaning without clarification. Instead of assuming that you know exactly what another person means by something they've said, a good practice to get into is to ask, "What do you mean?", especially if you don't understand what you heard. This is something I have started asking with more frequency in the past few years, rather than assuming I know exactly what another person intends or means by what they say. If anyone is like me, my brain gets a bit ahead of my mouth and I might say something that is clear to me because of what I'm thinking. However, the person listening might not be able to figure out what it is I'm trying to say because whatever I said might sound vague or complicated. By asking me what I mean, I get a second (or third) chance to express clearly what it is I'm thinking and trying to express. Unless you read minds, which few of us can do, it's better to clarify with the person in front of you.

Soon, your council and I will be setting goals for the interim. Please understand that the work of an interim belongs to the congregation. I will do what I can to help you, to hear you, and to walk with you as you prepare to call a pastor, but the work, and the mission and ministry of Central, is yours. It's an exciting time! I hope you'll feel that way, too.

Peace to you, Pastor Kathleen Anderson



It is with a bit of anxiety, a lot of prayer, and anticipation that I step in to follow Stephen as your council president. I so appreciate all the work Stephen has done over the past year; he has piloted our ship through interesting times. Pastor David has “pastored” us through what could have been a trying and draining time. His faithfulness, humor, and care guided us through the double whammy of being without a called minister at Central Lutheran and being physically separated from each other during a pandemic. We can never thank him enough. Nor can we forget the hard work and expertise of Duane Monick. He works wonders with cameras, computers and sound equipment to post a service to the church website and YouTube every week. Thanks, Duane!

I look forward to working with Pastor Kathleen as we continue the ministry of Central Lutheran, hopefully seeing the light at the end of the tunnel of isolation and preparing to call a new pastor. I’m not a patient person. My prayer seems to be, “God, give me patience, NOW!” But as we move forward this year we all will learn to be patient. Calling a pastor isn’t a quick, git ‘er done task, but one to be undertaken with prayer, patience, and guidance from Pastor Kathleen. Please hold Pastor Kathleen, the Congregational Site Profile committee, and your church leadership in your prayers as we move forward in this exciting, challenging task.

As always, your council and your council president are willing to talk things over with you. Contact information is in this Messenger. President, Karen Baken



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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.
Rudy Ramirez (*Parkside*)



Please update any
prayer request

From Covid Committee

Things to do when in sanctuary: wears masks at all times. The reader, pastor and singer may remove their masks for their readings/song only during that time of engagement. The singer must wear a face shield during the song, and then resume wearing a mask. Social distancing recommended. Space out among each other, it is a large church. Singers should not be close to each other, recommend 10-12 feet spacing. Recommend no more than 2 singers. Good handwashing.

Don't: no singing without a face shield, this needs to be coordinated with Tim Schulz.



Treasurer's Report		December 31, 2020			
Financial results thru					
Offerings/income		Expenses by major category			
	December	Year to date	December	Year to date	
General fund	50,735.00	352,029.36	11,853.81	201,328.57	
Building Usage	950.00	14,489.00	454.73	3,836.03	
other income	2.99	5,930.62	1,483.74	4,558.96	
Transfers			-	806.45	
from endowment fund		41,501.62	150.00	23,925.65	
from money market	133.31		4,671.31	87,049.70	
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-		725.21	11,570.79	
Total	51,821.30	413,950.60	19,338.80	333,076.15	
	December 2020		\$ 32,349.19		
			\$ 32,482.50		
	Year to date			\$ 39,372.83	
				\$ 80,874.45	

“Celebrating Central”

1st Denise Svendsen

2nd Mike Richardson

3rd Kathy Gillespie & Lea Ramirez

5th Tim Franks

7th Ezra Rottman & Jeff Rolls

9th Francisco Monroy & Jacob Brown

10th Val Perry, Erica Simison, & Doran Riehl

11th Marion Jones

13th Lynda Birmingham

15th Chris Svendsen

16th Tim Johnson

18th Helen Riehl & Sophia Rodriguez

19th Greg Bainter

20th Brynn Valicoff

24th Melanie Sanderson

27th Tim Gatton

28th Ava Christianson



FEBRUARY

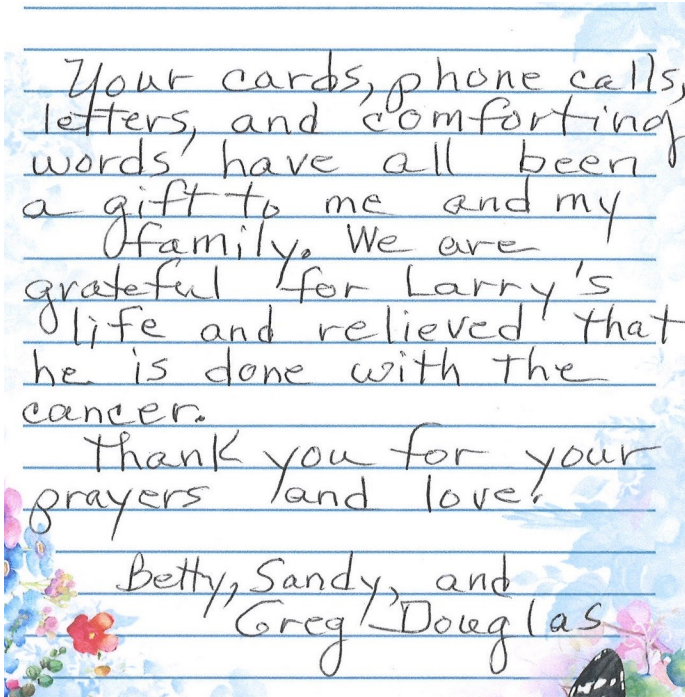


13th Mike & Jean Scheid

13th Ron & Jennifer Loyd



Dear friends , thank you *all* on behalf of our family; for all your prayers and loving thoughts for Rudy. It will be a long fight with therapy, but hopefully he will begin to speak and move his right side. Thank you and love always, Lea Ramirez



Appreciation, Pondered

Your thoughtful words and gifts reminded me how important our relationship as partners in the gospel are to you and me. I will always cherish your advice and affirmation, encouragement and helpfulness. Together, let us continue to focus on our common ministry and build each other into the Church Christ urges us to become. Thank you and God's Blessing, G David Lambertson

The last seven months have been a wonderful experience working with Pastor Lambertson. Thank you for your organization, willingness, dedication, scholarship, caring, and preaching. We appreciate all your work. Thank you Worship Committee



Wayne Hahn sent in old photos of Central Lutheran maybe ca 1956. His maternal grandparents were members, Selmer and Lillian Syverson ca 1940-1950.





**Join us in collecting,
making, and coloring
Valentine's Day cards
for residents at
Good Samaritan Health Care
Center and Willow Springs
Care.**



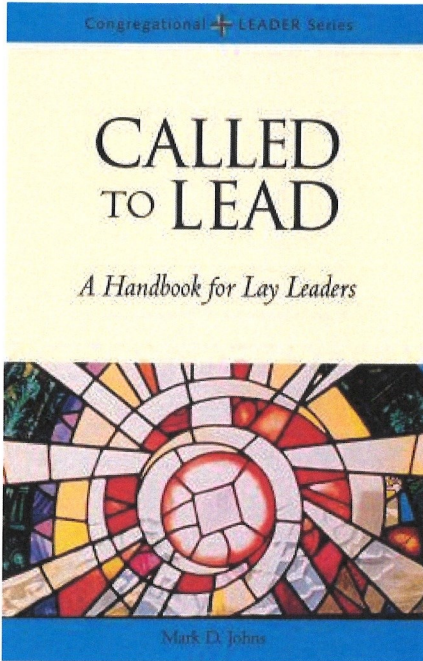
We will be collecting cards in a basket just inside the Yakima Ave entrance. Please have cards in the basket by noon on Friday, February 12th to be delivered to the centers on Sunday, February 14th.



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 on the table next to the inside chapel door.



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



BOOK STUDY

“CALLED TO LEAD”

JOIN US TUESDAY MORNINGS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 9TH,
AT 10AM VIA ZOOM AS WE WORK OUR WAY THROUGH
“CALLED TO LEAD”

Called to Lead contains basic information to help members carry out their roles: the biblical and theological foundations for leadership, how congregations function, the role of the larger church, strategies for effective leadership, the decision-making process, enlisting and encouraging volunteers, dealing with conflict, and maintaining spiritual foundations.

SIX WEEKS
BOOK STUDY

TUESDAYS

10AM

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL FELICITY AT
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WE HAVE 18 BOOKS
TO SHARE.
PERSONAL COPIES
CAN BE PURCHASED
FROM AUGSBURG
FORTRESS.ORG

We will meet through
Zoom. Meeting ID #

816 5777 2834

If you need help with
Zoom please let Felicity
know and she will walk
you through the setup.

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 Tuesday mornings at 11:30am now through the end of Lent.

If you need help logging into Zoom or have any questions at all please call the church office at 575-6490 and Felicity would be happy to help you.

Topic: Central Conversations

Time: Feb 2, 2021 11:30 AM Pacific Time

Every week on Tue, Thu, until Mar 30th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88303326503>

Meeting ID: 883 0332 6503



On The Corner Update:

Meet our new OTC Assistant Director
Diana Gonzalez

When I began volunteering my junior year of high school at a small tutoring program in a church I had not previously known existed, I believed perhaps I would change some children's lives or, the very least, I would complete the community service hours I needed for school. I could never have guessed the irrevocable significance On the Corner would have on my life which echoes into my future.

In the beginning, I was supporting the 2nd grade lead. I was very impressed with Denise, because she had managed to make this small program possible. The following school year, Denise needed a lead for the 2nd grade group, and she felt I would be great in the position. I remember being extremely nervous and worried the first day, when I saw all those little eyes filled with curiosity looking at me. Every day I gained the new and priceless skills necessary to run my group smoothly, of course not without help and being surrounded by great role models. Because Denise is always working to expand and make the program better, I was asked to help her integrate science into the program. I was ecstatic to be able to share my knowledge and spark an interest in science in the children, and it made me realize I truly had a passion for it.

The hours I spent at OTC helped me receive my International Baccalaureate Diploma after I graduated high school, and I am certain was instrumental to my admittance into the University of Washington in Seattle. Denise and the OTC volunteers awarded me with a scholarship to help me achieve my dream of attending college. If that was not enough, I won a Yakima Youth Award in the Civic/Community Service category in 2016, for my service at OTC. The award made me introspect about my impact on the children in OTC, and I realized I had begun to achieve my most fundamental life goal: making the world a better place. I always feared that being so young deterred me from bringing to fruition my life goal, but OTC gave me so much hope and confidence in the world, in humanity, and most importantly in myself.

Most significantly, Denise has become a priceless reference for me, and she wrote several letters of recommendation throughout the years for my many employment and academic endeavors. The skills I gained landed me a job at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle on their frontlines interacting with children and their parents.

Recently, the plans I laid out after high school for my life did not unfold as intended. I decided to move back to Yakima amid the brave new world the pandemic has carved out, but fortunately, I made my way back to the On the Corner. It has always been my intention to contribute more of my time to the program if I ever found myself back in Yakima, but never did I think I would have the honor to assist Denise in directing the program. When she offered me the position, I could not say no, because this program gives so much to the Yakima community; it has positively impacted the lives of so many children struggling. I used to be one of those kids; therefore it is extraordinarily fulfilling to help run this program. I have so many ideas, but most importantly, I am looking forward to expanding our inclusion of our Spanish-speaking community. Lastly, I hope I can be instrumental in helping impact someone's life through this program as much as it has impacted mine.



We are also excited to announce **Mary Johnson** as our new OTC bookkeeper. We want to thank **Tracy Durels** for serving in this position over the past 2 years.

Our goal of doing community service projects continues even though our program site is closed. We are providing our OTC kids the supplies necessary to make Valentine placemats for Meals on Wheels. Their placemats will be returned to us to laminate and the kids can pick up more supplies Wednesday nights during meal distribution.

OTC will launch our remote tutoring for our most at risk kids in February.

Needed:

Empty egg cartons

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

Check out our website at otcyakima.org

February

