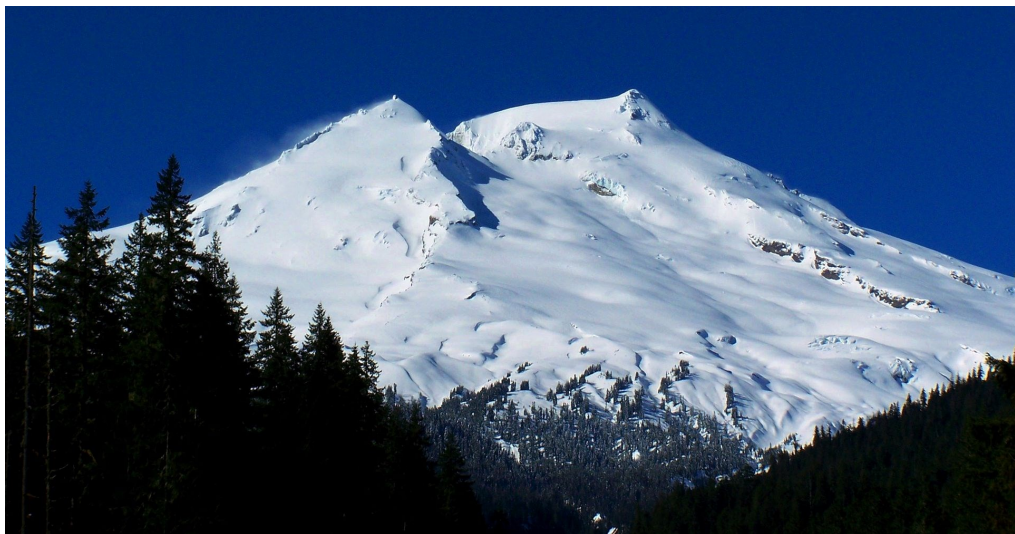


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We're Waiting as Fast as We Can

The pandemic has made us all anxious, and understandably so. We all wonder when things will get back to “normal”, whatever that is, and we fret about what the “new normal” will be. But what’s most important to us right now is simply the gathering together with friends and family, whether there is some kind of major event connected to the gathering. We miss simple social contact. I think that the lack of touching has been one of the biggest anxiety producers of physical distancing. Who isn’t comforted at one time or another by the touch of someone who cares about us or who is ministering to us? Not only is our country highly anxious, and not just because of the pandemic, but states, cities, and households are anxious. No one can truthfully say yet when this pandemic will be over, but we all can truthfully state how glad we will be when it is.

Has the pandemic taught us patience? Maybe for some people, definitely not for others. Waiting is something we have come to learn we really don’t like to do, at least not in isolation. and think we really shouldn’t have to do, anyway. I have many hopes of takeaways from this whole experience; one thing I’m hoping for is that the pace of life can slow down a bit that we can all be a little less frenetic. Learning to wait could help us to slow down, and it has the added benefit of bestowing on waiters seven spiritual gifts.

Author Holly W. Whitcomb (© 2005 Augsburg) writes about the seven spiritual gifts of waiting:

The Bible has many dramatic stories about waiting. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years waiting to get into the promise land. [That’s two generations these days.] Jacob waited 14 years before he could marry his love, Rachel. The Apostle Paul waited over and over to be released from prison. Jesus waited 40 days in the wilderness with no food or water only to be tempted by the devil. The hymnwriter Ruth Duck writes that “The journey is our home” and as followers of Jesus our journey always will include waiting. If we are going to continue to live, we are going to continue to wait. The good news is that the discipline of waiting offers us seven spiritual gifts.

- 1. Patience:** Waiting teaches us to live life in small pieces rather than in large chunks. Alcoholics and addicts, who measure years of recovery in single days, know this probably better than anyone. Take a look at Psalm 25 for what it’s like to wait on God. God’s time is different from our time, and God’s actions often unfold slowly.
- 2. Loss of Control:** Humans like to be in control, or at least think we’re in control, of our life. However, when we’re able to accept that something is beyond our control, like the virus and the containment of it, life could get easier. Some forces are beyond our control and when we accept that, we can find other gifts in that acceptance.

3. Living in the Present: Waiting teaches us to dwell fully where we are. When we can't control our circumstances and we can't predict the future, we have the opportunity to live in the present.

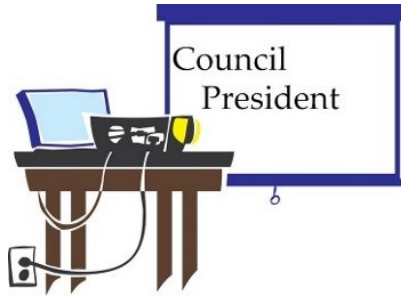
4. Compassion: When we're waiting for something important, we tend to turn to others who will sympathize with us, who will understand our restlessness and anxiety. Waiting together in uncertainty creates compassion.

5. Gratitude: Waiting can inspire us to look around carefully and observe what's there. Waiting teaches us to appreciate those pieces of our lives that have gracefully fallen into place. For all of us who are waiting in our homes through this pandemic, we can be grateful that we're in our homes instead of in a strange place, a strange country, or even a prison cell. Luther was in isolation in the Wartburg for nine months. We can cultivate gratitude for being with people who care about us and are in the same circumstances of waiting as we are.

6. Humility: Sometimes we wait because we can't do anything else. We recognize that we are powerless, and powerlessness can be a spiritual opening. We can come to realize that forces and powers greater than ourselves have taken over. If you've ever sat with a loved one who is dying, there comes a time when you realize you can't do anything to prevent this person from dying. You can't "fix" the situation, and you can't change it. All you can do is be a faithful presence. And so waiting becomes a holy and sanctified act; it becomes grace-filled.

7. Trust in God: When we can neither control things nor predict the future, we begin to live in trust. You may know someone who has survived cancer or another disease, and that person may speak of how that disease rearranged their life or realigned their priorities—and how much they appreciated that. Survivors who have waited out the course of a disease know firsthand what it means to loosen their grasp and develop trust in God. Trust in God takes us beyond self-reliance into new depths of faith. Trust in God invites us to let go of our fears, to open our hearts in prayer, and to trust in the boundless love and care that God has for us.

Followers of Jesus learn that how we handle this time of waiting can be an example to our neighbors and others, especially when others see us developing patience, relinquishing control, living in the present, growing more compassionate, cultivating gratitude, increasing in humility, and learning to trust God above all else. This applies to both the pandemic and the call process. Rushing to shed the precautions of the pandemic could well lead to disaster, and rushing to complete the call process won't be any better. Contracting the call process will keep you repeating unhealthy patterns that will not encourage either new members or a new pastor to come to Central. We all must trust the process, no matter how much we want to push forward. Above all, we trust God, who leads us. Trusting God is what Jesus calls us to do. It's why he became one of us; it's why he lived our life, and why he died our death. May the God who loves us all help us all learn how to wait.



What happened here?! A little over a year ago we were a congregation that worshipped together, got to visit together, received communion at the altar, went to meetings, celebrations, Bible studies, Sunday School classes, and then BOOM! Covid hit, and we could do none of those things. We're coming back, a bit at a time, but boy, do we miss some of these things, still. Pastor Kathleen and your church council are trying to put the pieces back together. In the coming weeks, expect a call from a council member, a checking-in to say we miss you, how are you doing. This will be your chance to not only say how you're doing, but to have a conversation about Central Lutheran. How do you think we'll look in another year? Will we have most of our programs back? Will more of us be worshipping in person, or will there still be a large virtual congregation? How will we relate to the larger community? Will our organization look the same, or will we evolve into something different? You don't have to have a deep, philosophical discussion, but you'll find a council member ready to listen and discuss with you.

But here's the next thing. What have YOU done to keep our sense of community going? Have you reached out, by phone or note or email even, to the person who used to sit in the pew behind you? Have you offered to meet someone for a cup of coffee—outside and socially distanced of course. Have you called Pastor Kathleen to offer to meet her at church or for coffee, just to say hi, this is who I am. We have some work to do so we don't find ourselves packing up and going home for good, but the Central Lutherans I know and love are ready for the challenge! Let's do this! God's peace, Karen



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The month of May:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Room 204 at 10:00am

Middle School & High School Youth Group

Multipurpose Room, Wednesdays

4:00pm until 6:00pm

Piecemakers

Rooms 107/108, Thursdays 9:00am until 1:00pm

Preschool

Playground and gym, Monday through Thursday

9:00am until 12:00pm

On the Corner

Fellowship Hall, Playground, and inside Courtyard

Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00pm until 3:00pm

Foot Care

Youth Room, Tuesdays & Fridays

9:00am until 5:00pm

Boy Scouts

Fellowship Hall on the Stage, Mondays

6:30pm until 8:30pm

Tops

Room 108, Mondays 9:00am

Committee Meetings for the month of May:

1st Worship Committee meeting 10:00am Zoom

4th Endowment meeting 7:00pm Zoom

4th Council Special OTC meeting 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

10th Property Committee meeting 6:00pm

In Person the Library or Zoom

14th Executive Committee meeting 10:45am Zoom

17th Church Council meeting 6:30pm

In Person the Fellowship Hall or Zoom

24th MSP Task Force meeting 6:30pm

In person room 203 or Zoom

25th On the Corner meeting 6:30pm

In Person Fellowship Hall or Zoom



“Celebrating Central”



2nd Joseph Baken & Joyce Hagen

3rd Stephen Merz

4th Jan Lyon

6th Diana Monroy

8th Nicholas Perry

9th Ciela Switzer, Don Johnson, Ria Desmarias

10th Elynor Roehr

12th Carly Riehl

13th Kyle Chapman, Adele Bainter, Felicity Pittman

14th Jazmyn Durel

15th Irene Hausken

21st Laura Hahn, Christoph Martin, Kylie Svendsen

24th Finley Keenan & Nancy Melville

27th Jodee Huylar

28th Matthew Argo



17th Stephen & Sonya Merz

18th Greg & Jodee Hylar

20th Don & Mary Johnson

Remember Mother's Day, May 9th

History of Mother's Day

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37 percent.

Central Lutheran Church

Join the Journey to call a Pastor

FILL OUT A SURVEY, CHAT WITH A
COMMITTEE MEMBER, SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS, HEAR WHAT IS
HAPPENING

Sun May 16 - Pick up a
Survey & return it at any
time

Tue May 18; 10am chat

Wed May 19; 4pm chat

Thurs May 20; 1pm chat

Sun May 23; 10:30am
chat & return survey

SURVEYS MAY BE LEFT IN THE
OFFICE AT ANY TIME, OR RETURNED
TO A MEMBER DURING A CHAT; DUE
DATE IS MAY 23 AFTER SERVICE

Call Melissa Christianson (509) 952-8495
for more detail.



Central Lutheran Church in Partnership with Yakima Health District

Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 11am-3pm

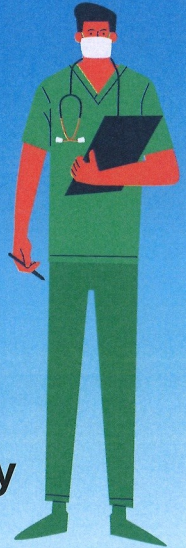
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***Open to anyone 16 and older**

***No personal identification required**



Scan the QR code to
register

Registration is optional,
walk-in's are welcome

Immunity for our Community

LINK: <https://prepmod.doh.wa.gov//reg/3261605392>



Thank you to all those who helped in decorating for Easter. We appreciate their time and talents in helping make the sanctuary a beautiful place to celebrate and worship. We want to thank Erika Vestad, Elise Bowman, Robin Emmans, Sarah Brown and Paarl Newstead for their help. - Jane Peterson and Kris Vestad





Thank you to Virgil Umbarger for keeping the Anne France garden so pretty!



Thank you to Rick and Barb Rodden for zooming the Synod Assembly as the delegates from Central Lutheran Church, April 24th. Also in attendance was Pastor Kathleen Anderson.

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*)
Rudy Ramirez (*Yakima*)
Kathern Carmichael (*Karen Franklund's friend*)
Onni Perales (*Good Samaritan*)
Chet Hausken (*Living Care*)
Dotty Swank (*Yakima*)



Please update any
prayer request

FABRIC WANTED:



Piecemakers have been busy making beautiful quilts, even with the Covid shut down! They are in need of cotton fabric. So it's a good time to clean out your closets and sewing rooms!

If you are willing, Virginia Prochnow needs weeds pulled. Please contact her at (509) 452-2798





Treasurer's Report		March 31, 2021			
Financial results thru					
Offerings/income		Expenses by major category			
	March	Year to date		March	Year to date
General fund	26,204.00	98,378.44	Salaries & benefits	19,357.22	54,865.94
Building Usage	60.00	60.00	Youth & Family	132.51	226.06
other income	4.24	304.74	Worship	557.74	806.19
Transfers			Hospitality	51.96	151.96
from endowment fund		1,192.69	Stewardship/Church in Society	150.00	13,339.06
from money market	580.46		Property	6,663.35	17,023.77
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-		Office	811.11	3,884.97
Total	26,848.70	99,935.87	Total	27,723.89	90,297.95
	March 2021		operating loss, net of transfers	\$ (1,455.65)	
			net loss	\$ (875.19)	
		Year to date	operating income, net of transfers	\$	8,445.23
			net income	\$	9,637.92



Seven of our young adults spent an entire day serving at Lutherhaven during Lutherhaven's "Spring Servant Weekend". They split and stacked wood (approximately ten cords) for eight hours in the snow, hail, and sun. Lutherhaven offered two and a half hours of free time as a reward to all the workers that day and our YA's choose to work through free time to complete their project!





Thank you, Jan Lyon, for supporting our young adults on their trip to Lutherhaven with your Thrivent Action Team dollars! Love, CLC Youth and Family Committee





Join us Tuesday afternoons, in May, at 11:30am in room 209 for a friendly game or two of Yahtzee!

**We will sit four to a table and each person will have their own dice.
We have twelve sets of dice to share, if you have your own set please feel
free to bring them.**

Be sure to wear your mask and sign in when entering the church.

We look forward to seeing you!



YAHTZEE! One of our youth rolled a Yahtzee on their first roll of the game on Wednesday night!

*Covid19 social distancing protocol was followed while enjoying ice cream and playing Yahtzee after working hard on a service project.



On The Corner Update: Stay open or close... that is the question.

Do you, members of CLC, still want to see OTC continue as a ministry of the church?

There has been some discussion that this ministry is not a priority of the congregation anymore. If this is true for you, let your voice be heard. If this is not true for you, now is the time to speak up before the program is permanently shut down. Council is in the process of making this decision and they need to know what you are thinking. I am still set to leave this summer, and if you, the members of Central Lutheran Church, have an opinion about the future of OTC one way or the other, please make it known. Council has before them the task of determining the fate of this ministry, and will be discussing it on May 4th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to have your voice heard at this open meeting, but please RSVP to the church office or Denise, so we can be Covid compliant. I have offered to stay on longer to help transition the new OTC program director if CLC members decide to keep OTC running.

Please contact the church office and leave a message or email me at denise.svensen@clcyakima.org and I will forward your comments to council members. You might also reach out to Karen Bacon directly at klbakon@gmail.com or any other council member.



My name is Christi Garza, Jeff and Carol Nelson's daughter from Texas.

There's
Room
for
YOU!

I am thinking of coming up to spend some time near Mom, now that things have opened up a bit more. These last few years have made it so clear to me how short our time with our loved ones is. I am looking to see if there might possibly be someone from the church that might have a room to let. I don't know exactly when I would be in Yakima or how long I would stay (possibly late summer in to fall)...At this point I'm mostly seeing if it would be something that I could do. If you think there might be someone please let me know.

I really appreciate your help! *Christi Garza*

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