

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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Plans, plans; we all make plans. Plans are good to make and good to have, but we also have to be flexible. Sometimes things don't go as we plan, and usually it's because we have no control over surprise circumstances that end up scuttling those plans. If our plans are scuttled somehow, then we can abandon the whole plan and make a new one, or we can massage the plan we already have to fit the circumstances. This is where flexibility comes in. The more flexible we are, the more we can roll with changes, the better we can make something better out of scuttled plans.

CLC staff have plans. We plan to return to a full worship schedule in the fall: Sunday school, adult ed, a fuller liturgy, moving communion reception back into the sanctuary. We also are keeping in mind, as we hope you are, that we are still in a pandemic and none of us knows what the fall will bring. The Delta variant is showing itself to be highly contagious, and early cases, although few, are found mostly in unvaccinated people over 50. This, too, could change. The virus could mutate again. We don't know right now, obviously. Any surge in the virus once again could affect how worship is practiced. This is not living in fear, as we in this country have been taught to do for the last several decades, but living realistically. We don't fear because scripture tells us that love casts out fear. We are called to love fearlessly, boldly, and fully, not reserving it for those we tag as "deserving", because where would we be if God loved only those who deserve it?

So we have some plans. We hope and pray that all will be as we plan in the fall, but we also remain flexible. Even if our plans don't come to fruition the way we'd like, what's important is that we know that God is leading us, that Jesus is with us, and that the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, and enlightens us within the body of Christ.

Remembering the words of the Teacher, Qoheleth, or Ecclesiastes as we know him could be helpful in planning:

*For everything there is a season
and a time for every activity under heaven:
2 a time to give birth and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted;
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek and a time to lose,
a time to keep and a time to discard;
7 a time to tear apart and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak;
8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.*

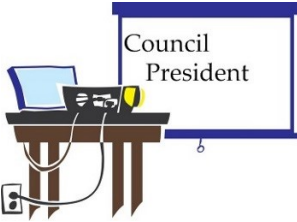
Whatever happens in our life has been touched by God somehow. When we believe that it's God who makes the sacrament effective, for example, then we receive the body and blood of Jesus. If we believe that time, place, and setting are what make it effective, then we really should think twice about receiving the Lord's Supper, because we may be eating and drinking judgment on ourselves, as Paul writes in I Corinthians 11.

Remembering what Robert Burns wrote, as well, could be a good idea when making plans: The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men / Gang aft a'gley. The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.

Being flexible helps us to adapt, and we are on the edge of coming out of an enormous adaptive challenge right into another one. How will CLC meet that challenge post-pandemic? Because this won't be the last pandemic we face. I do hope we learn from this one.

Here's to planning for the fall!

Peace to you all – Pastor Anderson



Two things I know for sure right now. It's hot! And your church council is working so hard to keep you "in the loop". I mentioned last Monday at our council meeting that I thought I should post our agenda on the council bulletin board. That grew to why not have an approval of the minutes done by Friday after the meeting? If you get emails from the church, you got our minutes the Monday after our meeting. If you have asked Lea to mail you the minutes, they are on their way. If you wish you got minutes mailed to you, you may call Lea and ask to be put on the list. You are always welcome to attend a council meeting. And council members' names are on the bulletin board in the narthex and in the Messenger. (Almost always!). Communication is a two-way street, so stay in touch with us, too.

Your Mission Site Profile team is working to stay in touch with you, also. Listen for a temple talk in the near future. They are eager to share the result of the survey and update you on their progress. It seems like a slow process but good things take time.

Stay cool, stay hydrated, watch the weeds grow, but don't go out and pull them right now. God's grace and blessings, k



Memory from the past:

Candle hung above choir,
which was scary to replace.

Mark (4 or 5 years old) and
Dalene (6 or 7 years old),
the Pittman helpers!

What is Central Lutheran currently doing for Outreach?

A lot, actually. Thanks to funding from Endowment Committee, we have made the following donations:

ELCA World Hunger: \$5,000.

Yakima Valley Habitat for Humanity: \$5,000.

La Casa Hogar: \$5,000.

Camp Hope: \$2,000.

Volunteer involvement opportunities are, and/or will be available with providing meals at Camp Hope, as well as building with Habitat for Humanity.

Previously Church in Society allocated congregational funds to various projects locally and globally. As congregational funds diminished, there were no longer funds to allocate and this committee disbanded.

Council President, Karen Baken, asked the committee to become active again, and our current funding source is through Endowment funds. A portion of proceeds from invested funds are available to the Property Committee, and to Outreach. Church in Society can make requests to Church Council, and, if approved, which can then be submitted to Endowment Committee for approval.

We can all be thankful that, even as our congregation faces the challenges of transition, that we are actively doing God's work in our community and our world.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Communion Assistant contact Mary Johnson

Reader contact Kirsten Monick

Sound System contact Ken Toop

Livestream contact Felicity Pittman

Special Music contact Tim Schulz

Fellowship in the Courtyard please call the office 575-6490.



It's time to sign up for Service at Lutherhaven!

Who: All Middle School and High School Youth

What: A fun service trip to Lutherhaven

Where: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho area

When: July 16th-18th

Why: To provide service to others and have fun together!

Cost: \$0



Forms can be picked up and returned in our church office or by emailing Felicity at felicity.pittman@clcyakima.org

We will be leaving Yakima at 12pm on the afternoon of July 16th and returning at approximately 10pm on July 18th. We will be staying both Friday and Saturday nights at Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. On Saturday we will be doing service work at Lutherhaven (in 2019 we cleared brush, chopped wood, moved bark and painted). On Sunday we will worship at and then have time to hang out and play at Lutherhaven. All meals will be provided.

You must RSVP by July 6th.



Camp Hope Update:

First a BIG thank-you for Denise Svendsen's amazing leadership in serving Camp Hope meals.

She is a hard act to follow, however Church in Society will coordinate efforts to continue this important Congregational Outreach. Currently we are serving dinner the second Monday of the month to 70-80 persons. Christ Lutheran also provides four monthly meals during the year.

June's dinner was capably served by Karin Avery, Helen Riehl, and Kathy Gillespie who provided a wonderful meal during a thunderstorm.

July's meal is being coordinated by Kirsten Monick, and Mary Johnson and the Day's for Girls group.

In September, Felicity Pittman will organize a meal with Youth & Family, Ann Willis will coordinate October, and December a meal will be presented by the men of central.

What can you do? We want to involve as many people as possible.

You can: Donate food, or money. Volunteer to help cook, or serve a meal, or drop off ingredients for a recipe that is being served.

If you want to help, or have questions please contact Ann Willis, Church in Society chairperson, at amwillis103@gmail.com, call Lea at the church office, or contact one of the coordinators.

With the involvement and support of our congregation we can continue this important outreach.

“Celebrating Central”



1st Tracy Durel & Lois Sabol

2nd Karen Baken & Darrien Gillespie

3rd Kae Miller

5th Jordyn Durel

6th Tamera Lewis

7th Taylor Ziegler

10th Melissa Christianson & Maureen Nygard

11th Faith Richardson & Mike Scheid

12th Al Karn & Bill Harrison

17th Hillary Franks, Brittany Valicoff, & Cooper Falk

18th Barb Beehler, Kathy Moen, & Milt Gunderson

20th Cheryl Bush & Suzanne Weil

21st Karen Franklund

22nd Ron Rutherford

23rd Ron Gillespie & Bessie Eberle

24th Enzo Maynard

25th Marcia Van Dyke

28th Teigan Greenside

30th Margaret Turner & Jessica McKeirnan

11th Randy & Kathy Jacobson

17th Shane & Nicole Pierone

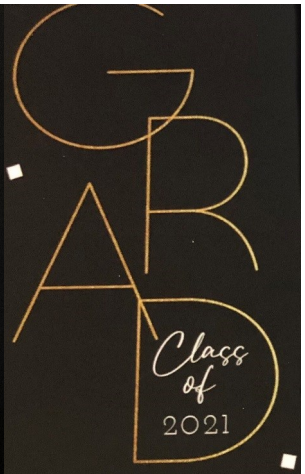
20th Doran & Mary Reihl

James & Karen Avery

28th Tom & Val Perry



Jazmin Santos Monroy



SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

“Social Statement on: Caring for Creation: VISION, HOPE, JUSTICE



SUMMARY

- **Major Theme:**

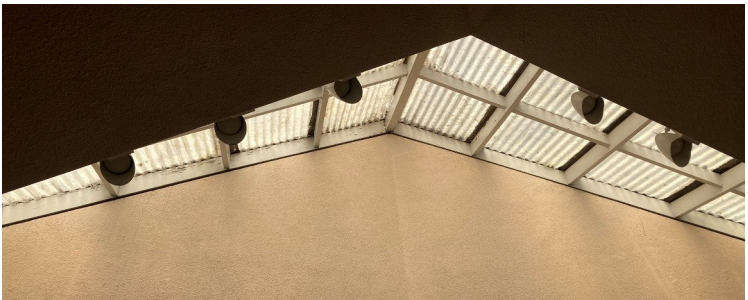
Human beings are called to care for the creation because we are full participants in the creation itself. The way we are to participate should imitate the way God cares for the creation—as a servant king. Rooted in the vision of God’s care for creation while troubled by signs of sin and yet empowered by the hope of creation guided by principles of justice. This involves:

- * honoring the integrity of creation
- * striving for fairness within the human community

NOTE: This is part 1 of a 6 part series from the office of the ELCA.



Thank you to Virgil Umbarger and Felicity Pittman for cleaning the skylight in the Chapel. Sure made it brighter in there!



June 28th through 30th the College Age Young Adults went camping at Kaner.



The pleasure of being a Young Adult...no one tells you how many marshmallows you can eat!

The Youth grades 6th through 12th will be going August 17th - 20th!



Treasurer's Report	May 31, 2021			
	Financial results thru			
	Offerings/Income		Expenses by major category	
	May	Year to date	May	Year to date
General fund	20,170.35	147,140.89	19,739.51	92,985.88
Building Usage	3,906.31	4,006.31	821.54	1,350.63
other income	0.07	83.05	240.64	1,072.45
Transfers			-	151.96
from endowment fund		2,149.49	5,150.00	22,509.34
from money market	202.84		1,453.33	21,890.33
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-	-	1,163.65	6,255.72
Total	24,279.57	153,379.74	28,568.67	146,216.31
			\$ (4,491.94)	
	May 2021		\$	
			\$ (4,289.10)	
		Year to date		\$ 5,013.94
				\$ 7,163.43



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Tim Franks, recovering from accident
Dotty Swank, recovering from surgery
Suzanne Weil, recovering from surgery

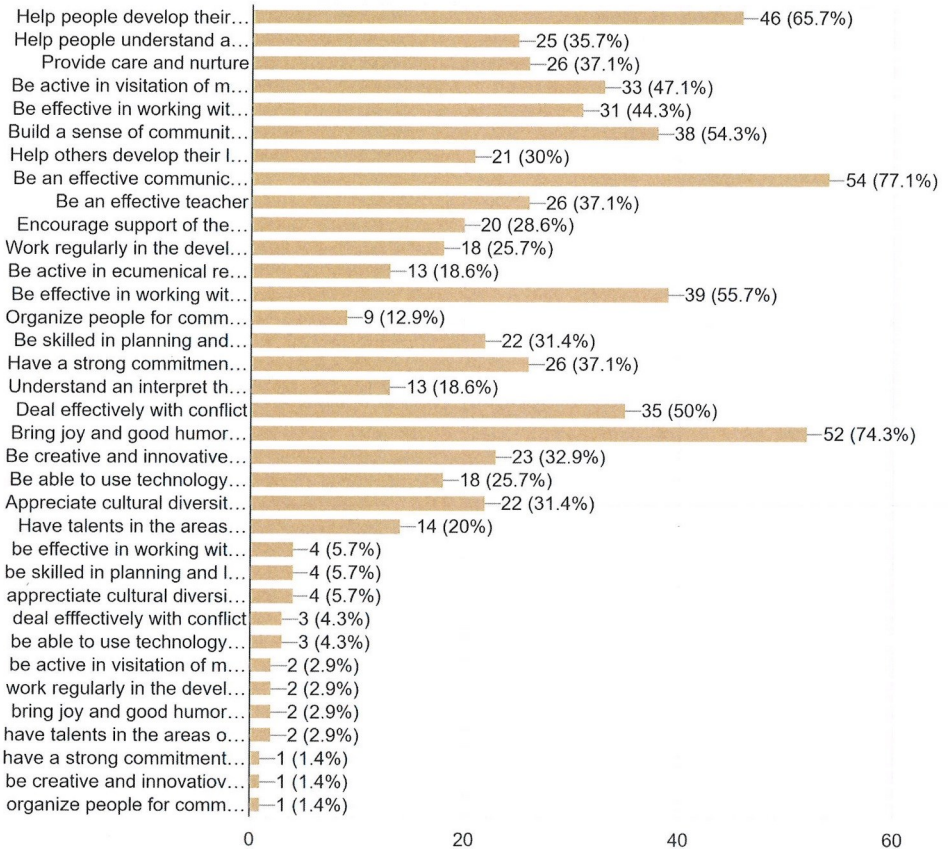
Phyllis Gillihan (*Ponderosa*)
Joanne Puyear (*Arbor House*)
Art Ries (*Livingcare*)
Toni Perschke (*Avamere*)
Walter & Edith Mabry (*Yakima*)
Betty Douglas (*Moxee*)
Elaine Bueling (*Covenant House*)
Mel Carlson (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)
Gail Hills (*Yakima*)
Gary Pierone (*Good Samaritan*)
Dale Miller (*Yakima*)
Wilma Aspevig (*Yakima*)
Doris Benish (*High Gate Memory Care*)
Kathern Carmichael (*Karen Franklund's friend*)
Chet Hausken (*Yakima*)

Please update any
prayer request

MSP Survey as of June 28th

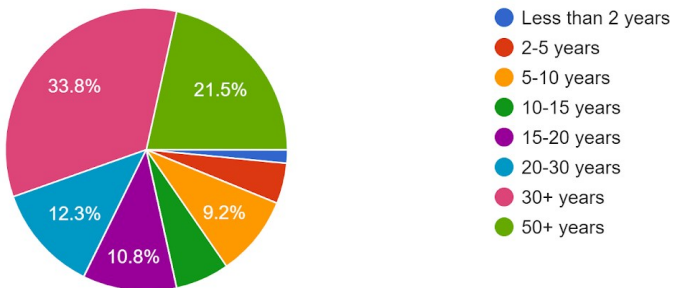
Chose your top TEN (10)

70 responses



How many years have you attended?

65 responses



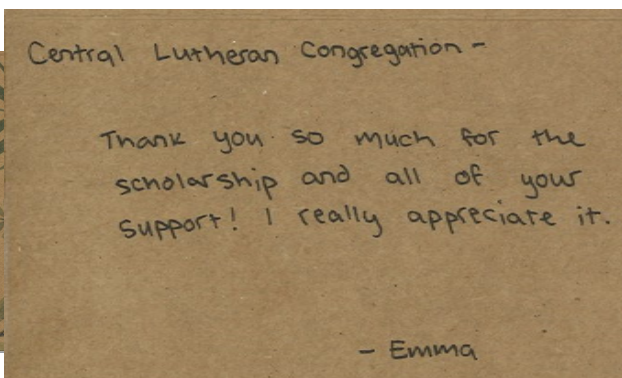


While my family hasn't been in the church very long, the time we have been there the members of Central Lutheran Church have been very welcoming and made sure my family has felt like they belonged to the church since the beginning. They have been kind to me and have

always offered their support when I needed it. I have enjoyed helping out at the church and doing so has taught me that people are not as intimidating as they appear which has made it easier for me to make friends and talk to people I don't know very well. I used to be so shy and closed off from others that I wouldn't talk to anyone or even attempt to make friends. Now that has changed significantly, to the point where I have a few friends that I cherish and am willing to talk to people who I wouldn't have talked to before. I want to be as welcoming to others as Central Lutheran has been for me, so that I can make others feel more included and confident in places where they don't feel comfortable or in their everyday lives.

The members of Central Lutheran have been a huge help with encouraging me to be supportive of others and to love everyone in spite of their flaws, which is something I hope I can help others do as well. Without the members of Central Lutheran I don't think I would feel as confident in myself as I do now. Hopefully this will help me be successful in college as well as whatever career I choose to devote myself to. Being more confident in myself has already helped me to try new things that I might've not done before; such as learning how to crochet and working with plants. Both of which I really enjoy and have helped me immensely with managing my stress, which is going to be a huge help for the rest of my life. I have been able to work for what I want to accomplish instead of doubting myself because I now have the confidence to do so. In spite of my struggles I have been able to be myself and work towards my goals and dreams for myself with the help of the members of Central Lutheran which I am very grateful for.

Emma Christianson



Denise Svendsen's farewell on her retirement from



Denise, I feel honored to say a few words to you publicly on behalf of the congregation. Your leadership coupled with your innovative ideas, organizational skills, boundless energy and your dedication to the OTC program has taken On The Corner from a vision to a bustling after school program that is known and respected throughout the community.

Sandi Gibson, who has worked alongside Denise for the past ten years as a volunteer and currently chairperson of the OTC Committee, thinks Denise's greatest gift is in relating to children. To see her work her magic on the kids in the program, especially the sullen/wayward children, is something to behold. She commanded respect but also showered the children with love. Discipline was swift but fair and done without malice. Parents, too, looked up to her and knew that their children were in good hands while at OTC.

Suzanne Weil commented that Denise was a Pied Piper in a good way as they followed her lead easily. Denise knew this was a huge responsibility to lead in a positive, constructive manner. Her gifts are rare these days and it will be difficult to find someone to continue this legacy. A quote from Garrison Keillor seems appropriate when defining Denise's gifts..."**Nothing you do for children is ever wasted**". - Sandi Gibson & Mary Johnson





I want to thank everyone for the kind words, cards and gifts, and celebrations, as I retire from OTC and look forward to spending more time with my family and whatever else God has planned for me. It has been my sincere pleasure to be part of Central and this special ministry.
Denise Svendsen

To members of Central,

I can't say thank you enough for all the get well / thinking of you cards. The words of encouragement and outpouring of love is beyond belief. I also want to say thank you for the phone calls, the gifts, food, text messages and visitors I have received. Most of all I want to say thank you for all the prayers. God has listened and I can feel his work in me.

Thank you and God Bless, Tim Franks

THANK YOU to the members of CLC for the prayers, visits & cards sent to Onni as he was suffering with end stage heart failure. Thanks be to God. We also want to thank all the people who helped us with planning the memorial service: Pastor Kathleen, Pastor David Lambertson, Jane Peterson, Lea, Felicity, Ardelle, Virgil & Selma. We received many comments on how meaningful the service was.

With love & thanks from the Perala family



The Freedom walk began at the lower church parking lot. Felicity was kind enough to put water out from the church.

THANK YOU

Thank you - Lynette Gutierrez.
 Thank you - Yvonne

Thank you!
 Teachers really appreciated the Mothers Day Gift Bags & canned food. The kids loved it!
 -Teacher Amy

Thank you From the bottom of our hearts
 WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR THE CENTER!
 -TEACHER LESLY

Thank You So Much!
 Maria

Thank you for all the donations! We are so grateful!
 -Sarah

Central Lutheran church,
 Thank you so much for everything.
 Gaby
 Your thoughtfulness meant so much.

Thank you for everything!!!
 The kids love it
 Michelle

Thank you so much. It was so nice of you!
 Dawn

Thank you for your continued support to our programs children. The mother's Day gift bags were a hit and the donated food has made a huge difference!
 Many thanks,
 Jane's House Staff

Thank you for thinking of us so appreciated
 Tomi

July

