

# ***CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER***

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Lately, I've been thinking about U.S. culture and how the church ends up reflecting it. When I was growing up, the phrase we were taught at church was that Christians are "in the world, but not of the world".

Of course, now I realize that's neither a correct nor a faithful statement because we are both. If we see ourselves primarily as not part of this world, then we neglect our obligation to work with God to make this world better for everyone. When we follow Jesus, we have obligations to our neighbors, outlined by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism's explanation of the ten commandments.

One way we might better serve the world, as the church, is to have more of an influence on the world rather than allowing the world to influence us. On the other hand, Luther wrote that any society cannot be governed by the gospel because if we try that the gospel will end up becoming only another law, and that would do the gospel a disservice, at the least.

I think one of the most important things we can do within the church is for individuals to work on self-differentiation. Self-differentiating teaches us to stand firm in our beliefs even when attacked. This can be a powerful witness to the world and help to strengthen our faith. God promises us an advocate in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit will come to stand next to us whenever we call upon her.

My fifth grade teacher (yes, the same one) had us memorize poetry and other documents, and every morning we would stand beside our desks and recite that week's memorization assignment. It's too bad that memorization largely has been lost. I can't even get confirmation students to memorize one Bible verse, let alone the books of the Bible. Memorization is a good discipline and likely will help us later in life as we grow older. It helps to keep the mind active.

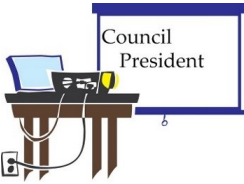
One thing that we had to memorize was the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling. It's the best literary explanation of self-differentiation that I know. When I graduated from high school this poem was on most of the cards I received. However, it is good advice and something we all could use as a guideline. Despite the closing line, it works for, and applies to, both women and men.

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!



Wow! Time flies when you're having fun. And it's been fun, even if sometimes it felt like a roller coaster. It's been a privilege to be council president for the 2021 year. Some highlights: \* We started the year

doing everything remotely—services, meetings, everything. \*At the end of January, we welcomed Pastor Kathleen as our interim, picked by the synod to shepherd us through the MSP process and now the call process. Thanks, Pastor Kathleen. \*By Lent, we began in person worship: hand sanitizer, masks, socially distanced, but back! I think, even though it was a bumpy road, it was something that needed to happen. The good news is we still have live-streamed services that are also available on YouTube the next day, so members who are not comfortable joining us in person can still worship with us. A huge thank you to Duane Monick who loaned us equipment, did the initial work to set up the system, and worked with the worship committee to acquire the system we have now. \* We hired a new OTC director, Jason Bond, following the retirement of Denise Svendsen after 11 faithful years of leadership. \*We hired a new custodian, Manny Guzman, who not only keeps the building clean, but is quite handy at repairs and maintenance. \*Choir got to sing a few times this fall: small numbers, no director, but it felt good to be back and hopefully contributed to worship.

Looking ahead to 2022, we anticipate the continuing call process in coordination with the synod. We also hope that we continue to find our "new normal," continuing to add activities and participants in the existing activities. Most importantly, we pray that God's people at Central Lutheran continue to serve God with joy, with love for all His people, and with willingness to work for His purposes.

God's blessings, Karen



Thank you to all those helping decorate for Advent and Christmas:

Robin Emmans  
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Elise Bowman  
John and Karen Baken  
Katie Svendsen  
Erika Vestad



We appreciate all your time and effort in making the sanctuary and narthex ready for the Season.

Kris Vestad and Jane Peterson

# “Celebrating Central”



1st G David Lambertson, Alejandro Velasquez, Angelica Reyes

2nd Karen Baken

3rd Sandra, Connie Buchanan

4th Barb Rodden

5th Brett Valicofff

6th Erik Reiersen

8th Theresa Whitlock

9th John Svendsen

10th Kathy Jacobson, Sofia Rabadan, Amanda Holmes

12th Beverly 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 Jane Peterson, Kevin Good, Angie Karn

31st Ella Davenport





17th Chris and Denise Svendsen

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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Phyllis Gillihan (Ponderosa)

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Art Ries (Livingcare)

Toni Perschke (Avamere)

Walter Mabry (Yakima)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Elaine Bueling (Covenant House)

Mel Carlson (Fieldstone Memory Care)

Dale Miller (Yakima)

Wilma Aspevig (Yakima)

Doris Benish (Yakima)

Chet Hausken (Yakima)

Marie Halverson (Yakima)

Kyle Dixon (Yakima)

Tim Schulz (Yakima)

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>2 Second Christmas</b>  9:00 am WORSHIP 4:00 am WORSHIP	<b>3</b>  8:00 a Bible Study 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts	<b>4</b>  8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner
<b>9 Baptism of Our Lord</b>  9:00 am WORSHIP 4:00 am WORSHIP	<b>10</b>  8:00 a Bible Study 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts 6:30 p Property Committee	<b>11</b>  8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner
<b>16 Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>  9:00 am WORSHIP 4:00 am WORSHIP	<b>17</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <i>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY</i>  6:30 p Church Council	<b>18</b>  8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner
<b>23 Third Sunday after Epiphany</b>  9:00 am WORSHIP 4:00 am WORSHIP	<b>24</b>  8:00 a Bible Study 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>  8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner 7:00 p Endowment Committee
<b>30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b>  9:00 am WORSHIP 4:00 am WORSHIP	<b>31</b>  8:00 a Bible Study 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts	



# 2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
<b>5</b> 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Boy Scout Leaders	<b>6</b> Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 3:00 p On The Corner	<b>7</b> 8:00 a Foot Care <b>8</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>13</b> 9:30 a Preschool 3:00 p On The Corner	<b>14</b> 8:00 a Foot Care <b>15</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>20</b> 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 3:00 p On The Corner	<b>21</b> 8:00 a Foot Care 6:00 p Rock & Mineral Club <b>22</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>27</b> 9:30 a Preschool 3:00 p On The Corner	<b>28</b> 8:00 a Foot Care <b>29</b>
<b>Gym Schedule:</b> Youth Group Wednesdays 4 until 6:00 pm OTC Tuesday and Thursday 3 until 6:00 pm Preschool Monday through Thursday 9:30 until noon Rosebud Dance Sundays 5 until 7:00 pm CRU Volleyball Monday through Thursday 6:30 until		



Treasurer's Report					
Financial results thru		November 30, 2021			
Offerings/income		Expenses by major category		Year to date	
	November	Year to date	November	Year to date	
General fund	23,820.28	310,860.47	Salaries & benefits	17,232.50	199,375.51
Building Usage	540.00	5,144.31	Youth & Family	1,074.90	3,582.33
other income	14.25	186.12	Worship	157.44	3,270.50
Transfers			Hospitality	-	417.82
from endowment fund	6,000.00	51,684.43	Stewardship/Church in Society	6,150.00	52,650.01
from money market	1,856.63		Property	7,379.74	94,435.44
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-	-	Office	1,172.84	13,850.01
Total	32,231.16	367,875.33	Total	33,167.42	367,581.62
	November 2021		operating loss, net of transfers	\$ (8,792.89)	
			net loss	\$ (936.26)	
		Year to date	operating income, net of transfers		\$ (51,390.72)
			net income		\$ 293.71

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Camp Hope:

December's meal is being coordinated by men of the church. They will be serving about 120 persons and are serving chili with corn bread, fruit salad and cookies. A big thanks to Bruce Willis, Bill Harrison, David Lambertson, Shane Pierone, Stephen Merz, Wayne Hahn, and Jason Bond.

Jason Bond is coordinating a meal for January 10th and will engage OTC in this project.

We are filling in the months of 2022 so please contact Ann Willis if you would be willing to be included as a coordinator, or a helper in one of the 8 meals Central Lutheran will be in charge of in 2022.



*StewardshipCorner*

Caring for Creation:

(We have reviewed in previous Messengers the ELCA's theological statement about Caring for Creation, now we will give some practical tips that can be adopted to help us as individual's honor and sustain God's creation.

We will start by addressing the issue of plastics and their impact on the environment)

TIP: Reduce the use of plastic water bottles. Try to use containers that can be refilled, instead.

The US produces 20,000 plastic water bottles per second. Only about 9% of plastic actually gets recycled, and it takes over 400 years for plastic to biodegrade Since China no longer accepts our shipments of plastic garbage, there is no market for the plastic that gets put in recycling containers so it ends up in landfills.

When you see a plastic bottle of water realize that it takes 3x the amount of water in the bottle, to produce the bottle, and you could fill the water bottle 1/4 of the way full with the fossil fuel that is needed to produce the plastic to make the bottle.

Try to find alternatives to single use plastic bottles.



A BIG thank you to everyone who purchased quilts at our annual quilt sale again this year. We appreciate your generosity as we continue our stewardship into the new year. Besides the quilts that were sold, we were able to donate 24 quilts to Noah's Arc homeless shelter in Wapato and another 20 quilts to the new "Chuck Austin Place" for homeless veterans in Yakima. Monetary gifts were also given to various charities in the community.

Peace and good health in "2022" from the  
Central Lutheran Piecemakers

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The Call Committee would like to invite the congregation to submit interview questions if they so desire. The committee will meet again on 1/9/2022 to finalize the interview guide. We are hopeful to have a call list of candidates in early 2022. Respectfully, Laura Hahn  
email [schullergrade@aol.com](mailto:schullergrade@aol.com)

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LEA AND FELICITY'S OFFICE HOURS FOR 2022 WILL BE:  
TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 AM UNTIL 2:30 PM.  
FRIDAY 9:00 AM 12:30 PM.



Tuesday mornings 10 am - Bible Study - Pastor Kathleen is helping this class explore how all the Bible stories we know and love fit together as the bigger story of God and God's people. You are always welcome to join any time in room 204.

Monday mornings 8 am in the Fellowship Hall so you will want to use the Chestnut Avenue parking lot and lower entrance. Bring your Bible and your appropriate beverage choice and plan to spend an hour in study and prayer.



Pastor Kathleen performed a wedding in the sanctuary December 21, 2021 at 1:00pm. The happy couple are Jordan Perterson and Jitsupa Peelay The groom Jordan was in Youth Group at Central. The couple now live in Hawaii.





The Youth and Family along with On The Corner made gift bags for the children of Jane's House. The bags included beanie with gloves, color book and crayons, stuffed bear, and a reading book.



The Youth and Family also gave the Preschool stuffed bears for their Christmas Party.







The Staff and Central Lutheran Church donated 650 cans of Jelly Cranberry Sauce to O.I.C. for the Christmas food baskets.



## Thank you Central Lutheran Church!

From Mother's Day craft bags to Community events, Central Lutheran has stepped up to support our center in a successful year. Recently, Central Lutheran Church and their many programs have supported Easterseals WA Jane's House CDC's community work by donating items to the community baby shower and to our partners by donating to the OIC's Henry Beauchamp Center during their annual Holiday Dinner.

Making the season bright in our center, the church directly donated gift bags to Jane's House CDC that were full of Holiday goodies for every child enrolled from infants up to preschool. Your support makes the greatest impact in the lives of the children and families that we serve. Easterseals WA Jane's House Staff would like to thank all of those individuals at Central Lutheran Church for their continued support!

### Easterseals Jane's House Child Development Center

A Huge Thank You to Central Lutheran Church for donating 80 Mother's Day Gift Bags. Each gift bag contains a flower pot, coloring book, seeds, paint, a paint brush, crayons and a blank card. The children were overjoyed with the gift. Some classrooms got right to the craft and created some lovely pots. While others chose to send it home as a Mother-Child Craft to do on Mother's Day.

Here are some great photos we captured while our ESCDC Preschool students painted their flower pots.



### Easterseals Jane's House Child Development Center

Our friends at Central Lutheran Church delivered Christmas gifts for every boy and girl at Jane's House today full of books, coloring supplies, hats and gloves and more stuffed animals! Thank you for the generosity!!!





**January**