

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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Ash Wednesday March 2nd

Daylight Savings March 13th

St. Patrick's Day March 17th

First Day of Spring March 20th



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March 29th, 2022
Please e-mail your articles to





My brother and I were baptized on the same day, even though he was almost twelve years older than I. My grandmother was a North Dakota Baptist, so my mother had been raised in the Baptist church and

my dad was raised Free Lutheran because the farm where he grew up had a church on the property. They ended up in an ALC Lutheran church when they moved West, and when they moved, they settled close to one of my dad's aunts, one of my Grandpa Anderson's sisters. My grandfather and his sister were Swedish, and Betsy married a Dane with the last name of Madsen.

My parents choosing Grandpa's sister and her husband as baptismal sponsors for both me and my brother was a logical and natural choice. They were lovely people and we both were close to them emotionally. Physically, they lived only about an hour away from my parents, so we went to visit them often. They were great examples of faithful people, and I learned a lot from them about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. I have lots of great memories of them.

One visit I will never forget was the time my aunt and I went to the grocery store to buy salad fixings. Centralia was, and still is, a pretty, quaint little town and, at that time, had no big stores. As my aunt and I made our way through the produce, she asked me to grab her a head of lettuce (because it didn't come chopped up in bags then). I reached into the chilled case that held the lettuce and noticed a movement. In the next second, I saw that there was a live mouse in with the lettuce heads, scurrying around. I quickly pointed this out to my aunt, who expressed a quiet surprise. I told her that we had to go tell the manager right away that there was a live mouse in the lettuce and looked around to see where he might be.

But my aunt stopped me. She didn't want to make a fuss, perhaps because she was in a small town and didn't want to be known as a troublemaker. And then it was my turn to be surprised because I felt informing management was the right thing to do.

How would you have reacted in this situation? What would you have done? Drop me an email at pastorpkanderson@clcyakima.org. I'd like to know.

Peace, Pastor Anderson



Feb 2022 Meeting

So many of our committees didn't meet, so we didn't see reports but we know they're working on future plans.

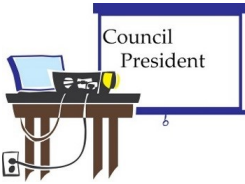
Property was given the approval to rewire the lighting in the sanctuary - keeping us safe from potential electrical fires. Lights will look the same but with new "guts." Unfortunately, this means worship services will be held in the Fellowship Hall until almost Easter. We plan 6 weeks for this project.

Council will be posting our agenda, call Lea in the office for details of where. Any member is welcome to attend meetings. If you'd like to speak at the meeting, please email or call any council member to be put on the agenda ahead of time.

Notebooks of meeting minutes & written correspondence, including emails, for the Council & the Call Committee are available in the church office for any member to read.

Planning for CLC's Centennial Celebration will be headed by Erika Vestad, we're hoping to have the bishop preach May 24, 2026.

As Tim Schultz battles his cancer, he is on leave from Central. We want to put together a thank you & celebration gift for all his service to us. Watch for a card in the Fellowship Hall or Office you can sign as you stop into church.



Jan 30, 2022 was our first special congregational meeting of 2022. As this was meant to be an informal conversation, and not a “voting with an action” meeting we did not take notes so keep in mind these are just my personal thoughts. Everyone will have a different take and will have heard the very same meeting differently. I focus hard on listening to what God wants me to hear, and not just what is said. I pray for clear signs, written confirmation, and not just closed doors but locked doors & windows. My personal signs started showing up with that Sunday’s scriptures - Luke 5:1-11, the story of tossing the fishing net from the other side of the boat. I heard this story multiple times with different words from both the Bishop & Pastor Kathleen. We are all in the same place of wanting the best for Central Lutheran. If we toss our nets out and try something new (as crazy as it sounds) we might see new people join us. I think it was helpful to hear what our friends were saying. It's always better to talk with people than about them. Rick Roddin had the best analogy that our church is a family - all different but we love each other and want the same end goal. We found out that Pastor Kathleen has chosen to stay and help Central through this transitional time, even with being offered several ways out. Bishop Kuempel reminded us all it's okay to feel your feelings but talk about them soon, don't let them fester and grow. A quick conversation can clear the air and a grievance can be forgiven and forgotten, but if we choose to hold onto a grievance and make lists in our minds they grow exponentially. Duane Monick contacted me just the day before the meeting, and then shared the same thoughts at church with all of us - stirring up can be seen in two different lights. I see it as a good thing, a desire to make things better, to run smoothly, to function well. If we choose to look for the good, we will find it. I was so pleased to see so many members in attendance, and am pleased to see so many reaching out to meet with Pastor Kathleen to continue the discussions. Council continued the conversation at our Feb meeting. I heard positive and negative thoughts - some members felt we were being scolded, some felt its hard to move forward when we keep rehashing prior years. I heard more positive comments than negative though and I know the office is hearing good things from people we've missed the past few years.

Blessings, *Melissa Christianson*

Ash Wednesday

worship services will be held at
12pm in our Chapel
and
7pm in our Fellowship Hall



*Join us, in our chapel, on
Wednesdays at 7pm for mid-week
Lenten worship services.*

**"Stop looking for the
perfect church. Go
worship a perfect God
today with a congregation
of flawed people who need
grace as much as you do."**

Submitted by Milt & Sheila Gunderson



St Patrick's Day Dinner

***Support our youth by purchasing a
St Patrick's Day dinner!***

March 17th, 5-7pm

\$10/meal or two meals for \$15

Members of our congregation will be preparing corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes on St Patrick's Day for you to enjoy.

To make sure we have enough food for everyone please call the church office to place your order by Monday, March 14th. If you unable call during office hours please leave a message.

Swing by our CLC Fellowship Hall between 5pm and 7pm on 3/17/22 to eat with others or pick up your meal(s).



Women of Central

Do you have thoughts and ideas for ministry at Central Lutheran?

Would you like to have discussion about what's important to you?

Would you like to be more involved?

We want to hear you!

Join us in the Multipurpose (the room above the garage)

March 24th at 6:30pm.

For the next few weeks Sunday 9am Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall while the lighting is repaired in the Sanctuary. Please park and come in the lower doors.





As Melissa mentioned, Tim Schulz, Central's music director, currently is on leave of absence while he's receiving cancer treatments. He has not been dismissed from his position at Central. He is on leave of absence and receiving FMLA funds in lieu of his full salary. While we anticipate his retirement, we are all hoping that he will be able to return to Central at some time and in some capacity when he feels better and stronger.

In the meantime, Barb Beehler and Jane Petersen have been Godsenders as they have filled in for Tim at Sunday morning worship on piano and organ, respectively. Neither Barb nor Jane can be expected to continue this practice into perpetuity, however, so in January the Worship Committee made the difficult decision to hire a new music director and the council agreed with this decision. An interview team has spoken to applicants and is in the process of offering one of the applicants the position. The decision will be made public in March, when the new music director is expected to start, and the April *Messenger* will include information for the congregation about Central's new director of music so you can all start to get to know him.

We wish all the best for Tim, of course, and we continue to pray for him and his health and for his wife, Anna, as their journey continues. Tim still feels a strong call to Central, and I'm sure he will appreciate hearing from Central members. Please call the office to get his address from Lea.
Pastor Kathleen

Join us Sunday mornings for 11am Worship April 24th through June 5th

We will be offering an eleven am worship service beginning the Sunday after Easter until Pentecost Sunday.

This service will replace the experimental four pm worship service and will be more casual than the nine am worship service.

If this service is something that you would like to see continue after Pentecost Sunday please be sure to share your feedback with a member of our Worship Committee and/or Congregational Council.

We hope to see you there!

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

WHAT IS RIC?

Reconciliation is a fundamental value; it is what the Apostle Paul says we are all called to do. Through [the] Reconciling in Christ Program, ministries, resources, events and alliances, ReconcilingWorks builds community for worship, education and support; fosters welcome and acceptance in all Lutheran settings; and advocates for the ecclesial changes necessary to ensure full participation in all sacraments, inclusive liturgical resources, and ministries of the Church, inviting all people into Gospel lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:



<https://www.reconcilingworks.org>




Information about being an inclusive congregation can be found in our library.

Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. The RIC Program is made up of congregations, synods, colleges, seminaries, outdoor ministries, and other Lutheran organizations.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>WORSHIP IS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>		<p>1</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner 5:30 p Irish Band Practice</p>
<p>6 1st Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 a Bible Study 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner 5:30 p Irish Band Practice</p>
<p>13 2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:00 p Property & Safety Committee</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner 5:30 p Irish Band Practice</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity</p>
<p>20 3rd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>1st Day of Spring!</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner 5:30 p Irish Band Practice</p>
<p>27 4th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 3:00 p On The Corner 5:30 p Irish Band Practice</p>

2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
2 Ash Wednesday Noon Worship 7:00 p Worship 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Boy Scout Leaders	3 9:00 a Piecemakers 2:00 p Worship Committee 3:00 p 'On the Corner'	4 5
9 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 7:00 p Lenten Service - Chapel	10 3:00 p 'On the Corner'	11 12
16 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 7:00 p Lenten Service - Chapel Habitat for Humanity	17 9:00 a Piecemakers 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 6:00 p Youth Meal 	18 Habitat for Humanity 19
23 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 7:00 p Lenten Service - Chapel	24 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 6:30 p Women of Central	25 2:00 p Lakewood Dance Team 26
30 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 7:00 p Lenten Service - Chapel	31 Gym Schedule: 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 CRU Volleyball Monday through Thursday 6:30 until 8:30 pm	

“Celebrating Central”

1st Paul Soderstrom

4th Elizabeth McKeirnan

6th Brad Christianson & Bryan Simison

7th Judy Johnson

10th Elise Bowman

11th Jasmin Santos

12th Hudson Gillespie

14th Mark Pittman

15th Julianne Lybeck, Jean Gunderson

16th Dorothy Brink

17th Patti Rolls

19th Henry & Lewis Argo

21st Carrie Reierson

22nd Devi Baken

23rd Kevin Simison, Joyce Rikerd, Alessandra Nygard

24th Toni Perschke

25th Zach Dixon

26th Anne Chapman

30th Francisco Santos, Virginia Prochnow

31st Alison Juarez, Bonnie Molsberry



MARCH
BIRTHDAYS



19th Ron & Kathy Gillespie

24th Gordon & Elaine Bueling

30th James Board & Francisca Trevino

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Phyllis Gillihan (Ponderosa)

Chet Hausken

Art Ries (Livingcare)

Toni Perschke (Avamere)

Betty Douglas

Dale & Janice Miller

Wilma Aspevig

Doris Benish

Marie Halverson

Kyle Dixon

Elaine Bueling (Covenant House)

Dotty Swank

Mel Carlson (Fieldstone Memory Care)

Tim Schulz

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Anne Chapman's friend Chris

Dave and Ria Desmarais



Reminder

March 13th

Turn your clock ahead!



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!

Felicity will be driving the van to, working as resource staff, and staying at Lutherhaven the week of June 26th-July 1st. If you would like to register your children for that week please go to Lutherhaven.com and click on "Find Your Camp".

Register and pay in full by 3/15 for a \$20 Trading Post credit on your camper's account.

Questions? Email Felicity at felicity.pittman@clcyakima.org



Pastor Kathleen and Lea enjoyed a get away to Seaside, OR. One thing seen was this life size sandcastle with such detail.



**THRIVENT
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A **CHOICE DOLLARS** reminder. Are you a Thrivent Financial member? If so, you may have Thrivent **Choice Dollars** available to help support one of the ministries here at First Lutheran in Ellensburg.

You have until **March 31** to designate where these dollars are used or they go away. This money is NOT out of your account and comes directly from Thrivent but you have to designate where the funds are sent. You have to do this each and every year or the money goes away. Do not hesitate to put this on your "To Do List" this week!

You may select where this money goes in three different ways;

Sign in to www.thrivent.com with your ID and password and select "My Thrivent" then select "Direct Choice Dollars" (just above "Start an Action Team"). You may select First Lutheran Church (or another approved 501c3) as the recipient of these funds;

Call Thrivent Financial toll free at 1-800-847-4836 and let them know you want to assign your Thrivent **Choice Dollars** and they will assist you with this.

Call our Thrivent Financial Representative in Yakima, Jay Kelley, at 509-494-3401 and he will assist you.

All the monies received at FLC from Thrivent Financial **Choice Dollars** program goes into a special account to be used for special needs of the ministries of FLC. **Don't delay!** Connect these funds to somewhere they can do good. God's Work. Our Hands.



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 through March 7th in the Family Room 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.



Youth and Young Adults ages 16-24 are invited to attend Lutherhaven's "Serve and Play Weekend" April 8th-10th. If you are interested and/or have questions please contact Felicity asap. Additional information can be found on the the Lutherhaven website.

In Spring of 2021 Lutherhaven staff had put out a stack of logs that they assumed would take all day to split and stack. Our CLC team of eight were so efficient that they completed the project before lunch! Lutherhaven staff and volunteers then brought up several more trees they thought would take well into the summer to process and our team split and stacked them in time for dinner!



Caring for Creation:

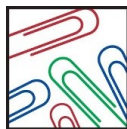
Washington State recently passed a new rule that for restaurants, fast food and take out situations there will no longer be an automatic inclusion of single use plastics. You can still ask for those straws, disposable plastic utensils, or packets of ketchup, mayonnaise, or whatever, but they will no longer be automatically included.

TIP: Think before you decide what to request. Do you really need a straw, spoon, or multiple little packets? If you are going home to eat or drink this, use what is at home. If you are going to eat it on the go, try putting a couple reused, clean disposable utensils in your glove box.

There is estimated to be one trillion pieces of plastic food service products used each year. Many of these items are never even used, but go straight into landfills or are used and discarded as litter in parking lots, parks, or along roadways. Just think first and only ask for and take what you really need and will use.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Habitat for Humanity The first home in the Vines project is nearing completion, and Central Lutheran is planning a week to help out. March 14-18th we will have a work party of congregation members to help with the fence, and outside landscaping. It will be spring by then, right? You can do heavy labor, or something as light and fun as you might choose. It is a productive and fulfilling way to be involved in a meaningful outreach. It is also a fun way to create bonds with other congregation members and share God's love in our community. You can choose to work all week if you would like to, or come a few hours if that works for you. Please contact Bruce Willis at hbrucewillis@gmail.com to let him know if you would like to be involved.



Office Hours

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



Thank you to Felicity Pittman
for making new banners for
the Chapel.

We Thank You, OUR CREATOR,
FOR ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND GOOD
THE SEED TIME AND THE HARVEST
OUR LIFE, OUR HEALTH, OUR FOOD,
NO GIFTS HAVE WE TO OFFER
FOR ALL YOUR LOVE IMPARTS,
BUT WHAT YOU MOST WOULD
TREASURE
OUR HUMBLE, THANKFUL HEART,
AMEN

Submitted by Bev Larson

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