

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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About a Journey

It's hot in Yakima in July. I hope you all are staying cool with whatever method is available to you. The Arctic region is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet, and that can affect the PNW by forcing colder, wetter air north into Canada while we get drier and hotter air here. We can see the result of that in, for one example, the length and intensity of the wildfire season. So please be careful out there.

This August I will not see you as I have in previous months. Something that I discovered recently was that this synod of the Northwest Inter-Mountain in Region I of the ELCA offers grants to fund sabbaticals. This is not a typical synod offering, and I hope that you are properly proud of it. Usually, clergy have to apply for a Lilly Foundation grant for a sabbatical, and those grants are not easy to get. Historically, a sabbatical is a full year, and often still is in academic circles. The typical time for a clergy sabbatical is three months, even with a Lilly grant.

Once I knew about this grant money offered by the synod, I started thinking that I might try to take advantage of it. As an intentional interim pastor, I normally would not qualify for a sabbatical, ever, although interim pastors need time for rest and refreshment every bit as much as a regularly called pastor does—and sometimes more. Even if there is time between interim calls, that time can be stressful, too, since most of us can't afford much involuntary time off and options for short-term employment are gradually disappearing. (Is there even such a thing as a temp agency any more?) Once I heard that funds were available, I was careful to check to be sure that interim pastors were not excluded from the grant, and they were not, so I decided to apply. And then I learned that I had missed the deadline by months, so I decided not to apply.

A couple of months after that, however, I was informed that there still were funds available and was encouraged to apply since the granting committee was particularly interested in pandemic self-care. I spoke with a couple of people in the synod office and we commiserated a bit about how that might work. My initial thought was that, if I got the grant, that would be a way for me to exit Central since the 24-month parameter of the 18-24 month interim period is rapidly approaching.

After talking to a couple of council members, though, I gradually became convinced that returning from a sabbatical, rather than ghosting afterwards, might encourage Central to form a full policy for the benefit of succeeding pastors. The benefit of a formal sabbatical policy for Central, as I saw it, could attract candidates and encourage pastors to stay longer than they might normally. I'm not saying that a sabbatical is necessarily motivation for clergy longevity, but it sure could be encouraging. A sabbatical period can be used as a time for discernment and reevaluation as well as rest.

The word “sabbatical” comes, of course, from the Hebrew word] שָׁבַט [shə-BATH] which means “rest”. Remember that after six days of working at creation, God shabbat—God rested. Later, the concept of sabbatical showed up in agricultural practices of the early Israelites. In Leviticus 25, God spoke to Moses about designating the seventh year to be a time of “complete rest” for the land after six years of planting. So a sabbatical is first and foremost meant to be a time of rest.

I realize that I have not been at Central for six years. This is, however, the only synod in which I have served where the synod offers sabbatical grants and after almost 30 years in ordained ministry I really wanted to take advantage of this unique opportunity and apply. I probably won't have another chance at something like this. I'm both happy and afraid to let you know that my application has been approved by the synod and I have received a grant for a short sabbatical. Afraid because there is a lot to do and I'm not sure I'm up to doing it or that I want to do it, and I'm not at all sure about leaving my dog Goldie for that long. Will she think I've abandoned her? She's already been abandoned once, I certainly don't want her to think it's happened a second time.

The period of time I plan to be gone is a little less than four weeks, 9 August through 4 September. I plan to spend most of the time with my husband, with whom I have spent about four weeks in the last 18 months and likely will not see again until January. If I get the chance, I'd like to do some genealogical research, but that's still up in the air. We plan to meet one of our seminary classmates in Minnesota to attend the State Fair (something we try to do every year) and then my husband's family has a reunion at the end of August/beginning of September.

In academic circles, as well as clergy circles, a sabbatical usually includes an educational component, but I have not built that into my time. Were I planning for longer than four weeks, I certainly would have included it, but since the time I have is less than four full weeks, I let it go. I'm having enough trouble coordinating dates and flights as it is. I tried to include Midsummer Musical Retreat in Walla Walla in my plans but could not make the dates work.

I will be back in September in time for Rally / God's Work Our Hands Sunday and looking forward to what's next. January will mark two years of my serving in this interim call and that is the recommended maximum. It certainly is not a rule, but it is a guideline, and I have served in an interim call longer than two years before. That doesn't mean, however, that I necessarily recommend it. We'll all have to wait and see how the Holy Spirit moves. I hope that you're curious, too, to see what comes next in the life of Central Lutheran as a congregation. To where is God leading you? To what is God calling you? Remember that God calls us to different things at different times. What do you think is next?

See you in September (I think I feel a song coming on. . . maybe sung by The Happenings?).

Peace, Pastor Anderson



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11
2022

Projects Planned to date and items needed:

Food drive for Salvation Army

*Any canned food needed

Knitted Prayer Shawls

*Yarn available in the office

Bags for the Children at Children Village

*We need color books (Have crayons)

*Piecemakers are making small pillows or if anyone would like to make small quilts they have the squares already cut

*Small stuffed animals (Need 9 more)

We have beanie hats, and bags to put everything in for 25 bags. If you have any other ideas for the children, please bring them!



Dear fellow members of CLC,

As you recall our president, Melissa Christianson, has asked each of her fellow council members to write a letter each month to communicate to you what issues the council is working on. Usually the council does not meet for one month of the summer. This year it happened in June. We met Monday, July 18th. ***The devotion's theme was that we personally or as a community (CLC) need to always have in mind a goal in order to move forward in our tasks at hand or our relationships. If we lose our focus and wander off base from our goals things can start to go astray. Of course, we always look to our master teacher, Jesus Christ in our decision making. One way or the other, positive or negative, one is always "becoming" or changing. We need to keep an active check on our goals with one another and with God.***

Not many of the committees met. The property committee continues to deal with the fire and security issue in and around the church. It had accepted a bid to upgrade and get the current system working properly. We granted them the funds to accomplish this. They may need to get another bid and we hope the funds granted will suffice.

Jason Bond reported on his week of OTC. See his report in the Messenger. It sounded like a wonderful experience for those kids. Felicity was having summer church camp that very week.

Tim Franks had reported our current financial situation. After funds from the endowment fund have gone through the system and our obligation to the synod benevolence was paid we seem to be some \$15,000. short on our budget. This needs to be addressed and we believe we need to have some preparatory meetings in September/October before the annual meeting in the end of November. We felt the members needed a heads up and be made aware of this situation.

The most pressing issue we needed to address was a very late request from pastor Katheen about a “sabbatical” leave for 4 weeks. (from 9 August to 4 September). She applied for this grant from the synod office and it was accepted by them. They will pay for the experiences she has during this time. Usually a sabbatical infers a time for a programed study or to refresh themselves and bring anything they learned back to share with their current organization. We didn’t see anything of this sort in her explanation of her time away. The obligation of the congregation will be to pay for a pulpit supply pastor of \$150.00/ week. The council struggled with this decision in light of our current financial status and the vote was by no means unanimous. The council has asked Pastor Kathleen to explain to the congregation in church before she leaves what she wants to achieve with this leave and then when she returns what she feels she gained by her experiences. She really wants to be back in town and ready for our Fall kick off of “**God’s Word, Our Hands**” Sunday in September.

Submitted by,
Kirsten Monick



Lea will be on vacation
August 1st until August 11th.

Pastor Kathleen will be on
Sabbatical August 9th until
September 4th.

Felicity Pittman will be at Church
Wide August 7th until August
13th.



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Phyllis Gillihan (Ponderosa)

Chet Hausken (Landmark)

Art Ries (Livingcare)

Toni Perschke (Avamere)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)

Doris Benish (Orchard Park)

Marie Halverson (Yakima)

Kyle Dixon (Yakima)

Elaine Bueling (Covenant House)

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Carol Nelson (Yakima)

Greg Bainter (Yakima)

Tim Schulz (Yakima)

Dave Desmarais (Ria Desmarais' Husband Good Sam)

Donald Breshears (Anne Chapman's Dad)

Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Mom)

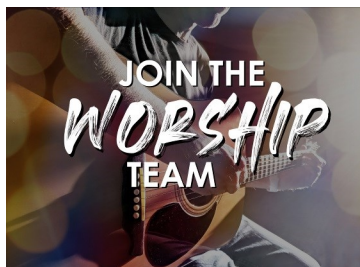
Chris DeMonbrun (Friend of Anne Chapman)

Mickael Benson (Heart surgery Swedish Hosp.)

Don Adams (Toni Lynn Adam's Grandpa in Cowiche)

Lindsey Nelson (Naches)

**PLEASE CONTACT BARB BEEHLER IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PRAYER CHAIN**



Worship Assistants need for August:

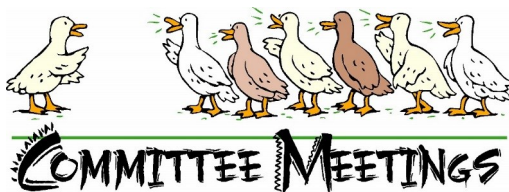
Reader: please contact Kirsten Monick

Ushers: contact Rick Rodden

Be sure to check for Greeters, Coffee, and Treats sign up in the Narthex

Also, if anyone would like to run the sound system or livestream please contact Ken Toop or Duane Monick.

Committees are always looking for new members. If you would like to join a committee please contact the office, (509) 575-6490.



August 8th at 6:30 pm Property Committee

August 15th at 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

August 25th at 2:00 pm Worship Committee

“Celebrating Central”



1st Finnegan Bond

2nd Chip Rognlie

9th Erika Vestad, Rhonda Boyle, James Bodeen,
& Mary Johnson

12th Ken Toop

13th Holly Gonseth

14th Faith Hahn-Landis

18th Fran Karn

19th Krista Saners & Leah Meiser

20th Sharon Having

21st Wilma Aspevig

24th Pat Ackley

26th Carter Svendsen

27th Amber Hahn-Keenan & Brandon Pittman

28th Svea Brown

29th Luke Svendsen, Delaney Boyle, & Scott Petron

30th Tom Perry

31st Lorry Evert-Garvin



4th Ron & Barbara Rutherford

7th Chet & Irene Hausken

12th Erika & Chris Camren

14th Kevin & Janet Barnes

19th Al & Fran Karn

21st Bill & Joan Harrison, Donald & Sharon Having,
Rick & Barb Rodden

23rd Duane & Kirsten Monick

25th Dick & Beverly Larson

26th Wayne & Laura Hahn

27th Ron & Claudia Burkhardt

31st Virgil & Selma Umbarger




We are hoping to restart a bell choir at Central Lutheran. The vision is to prepare pieces to play once a month - perhaps the first Sunday of every month.

The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 PM, and will continue every Wednesday.

I am looking to have the bell choir play for the first time on October 2. - Bart Roderick

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1	2 8:00 a Foot Care
7 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION	8 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts 6:30 p Property Committee	9 8:00 a Foot Care
14 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION	15 9:00 a Summer Program 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts 6:30 p Church Council	16 9:00 a Summer Program 8:00 a Foot Care
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2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
3 6:30 p Bell Practice 6:30 p Boy Scout Leaders	4 9:00 a Piecemakers	5 8:00 a Foot Care
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10 6:30 p Bell Practice	11 9:00 a Piecemakers	12 8:00 a Foot Care
		13 11:00 a Memorial for Pat Ubelaker
17 9:00 a Summer Program 6:30 p Bell Practice	18 9:00 a Summer Program 9:00 a Piecemakers	19 8:00 a Foot Care 6:00 p Rock & Mineral Club
		20
24 6:30 p Bell Practice	25 9:00 a Piecemakers 2:00 p Worship Committee	26 8:00 a Foot Care
		27
31 6:30 p Bell Practice		

Church in Society:

Camp Hope

Central Lutheran appreciates those who helped serve a meal to Camp Hope on July 11th; Bruce Willis, Duane Monick, Kathy Moen, Devi and Karen Baken. The meal was fried chicken with potato salad and cut watermelon.



Caring For Creation (August)

Buying Local is Buying Green

Yakima Valley is a great place to take advantage of buying local, especially as summer brings on more and more local products. Why is this also a better option for the environment?

Reducing “food miles” is a plus in several ways.

Transporting food over long distances has many disadvantages. One is obviously that the use of petroleum in shipping uses energy that increases cost, increases the carbon footprint, and increases air pollution.

Additionally, when food is grown for shipment there is a higher likelihood of using chemical sprays and preservatives, as well as needing more packaging to sustain things for the shipping. Long distance shipping also necessitates more storage spaces, and often refrigerated storage is needed before the produce is delivered to market.

Locally grown produce is healthier and more nutritious and less likely to be wasted. Produce can be picked at peak ripeness which translates into a higher quality fruit or vegetable that is not only more nutritious, but also is less likely to be spoiling after extended shipment and storage.

Finally, when we support local farmers, we support the rural economy and the continuity of smaller family farms rather than losing the land that surrounds us to more industrial development, or large scale agricultural corporations.

Look for products labeled “local” in your neighborhood grocery store, shop at Farmer’s Markets, or Farm Stands. The Yakima Valley is a perfect location to buy locally and thereby help the environment, as well as ourselves!

Piecemakers:



Central Lutheran Piecemakers recently visited the new Chuck Austin Place, the homeless veterans facility, located at 1630 South 16th Ave. We enjoyed a tour conducted by Nathan Gano, who is the Resident Services Coordinator. Last December we donated 20 quilts and just recently we made a monetary gift to use for resident services.



The Piecemakers meet regularly on Thursday mornings from 9-12, in Rooms 107 and 108 at the church. If you can tie a knot, join us for good fellowship and a useful project!!



Central Lutheran Youth & Family and On the Corner are teaming up to bring days of activities, games, guest speakers for 1st through 6th grade kids this summer!

Join us for all the fun over the final 4 day session! Our FREE summer programming will occur from Monday -Thursday at Central Lutheran Church from 9am - 3pm during the week of: August 15 – 18

If you can donate a little time please contact Felicity Pittman, (509) 575-6490.

Things to donate:

Oyster Crackers, Goldfish Crackers, Go-Gurt, Cheese Sticks

Perishable the Sunday before each week please – baby carrots, celery, apples, bananas, grapes

July Summer Program

Day Camp special thanks to Val and Dee (prepared all the snacks and lunches), Arianna, Jennifer & Brandon (activities and enrichment), Many (cleaning and good company), Tim (guest speaker about healthy bodies & choices) and Bart with his Jazz



Pictures from Felicity and Jason

Day Camp also spent an afternoon at Franklin Pool -



Pictures from Felicity

Lutherhaven Camp 2022

Resource Staff - Felicity & Jennifer

Campers - Jesse, Scarlett, Rowan, Abby
SALT (formerly known as J-Staff) Ava



Thank You
to Felicity
Pittman for
the pictures

Serve & Play at Lutherhaven

Mixed group of 12 kids

Our Savior's - Everett, Pastor Deb

Pointe of Grace - Mukilteo, Pastor Pam

Split/moved/stacked wood





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God's work. Our hands.

July 6, 2022

Thank You

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Dear Central Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in May 2022.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

With you in the Spirit,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Gifts are designated for:

Date	Program	Amount
5/31/2022	Eastern Europe Crisis Response	\$16,385.00

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