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A flower doesn't think
of competing with
the flower next to it.
It just blooms.

Zen Shin



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From the Pastor

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Now What?

On that first Easter Sunday, in the midst of a divine epiphany that caused Roman soldiers to faint dead away, the message to meet Jesus in Galilee is reported (Matt 28:10). When Jesus warned the disciples that they would all desert him, he told them to meet him after it was all over in Galilee. The angel gives that command to the women at the empty tomb and commissions them to tell the disciples. When the women meet the risen Christ on the way to deliver that message, Christ repeats the message for the third time.

What is so important for them -- and for us -- to understand about Galilee? Why not Jerusalem? Why Galilee? Could it be because Galilee is the place where the mission, ministry, and teaching of Jesus was primarily carried out? The disciples gather with Jesus back in the field, so to speak, and he gives them his final command, which we call The Great Commission: *Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you – Matt 28:19-20a.*

Because of the way this passage is usually translated in our Bibles, we might tend to focus on the “Go” and worry we must head to some far away distant land to do the missionary work God is calling us to. I don’t mean to suggest that is not the case, after all, our call is to reach “all nations.” But a careful reading of this passage in the Greek reveals there is only one imperative in the Great Commission, and that is to “make disciples.” The other “verbs” are participles. Literally, the Great Commission tells us: As you are going, i.e., wherever that may be, wherever I send you, wherever I plant you, my command to you is to make disciples...as you baptize....as you teach....

God has planted Central Lutheran Church as God's missionary outpost in the heart of Yakima for a purpose. As Christ's body in this place, we are filled with members who have many different gifts and abilities contributing in a variety of ways to the risen Christ's command to *make disciples*. To be sure, God's flock at Central is filled with the love of God and the desire to serve.

As we move out of the pandemic, one of the areas of discipleship that needs revitalization is the area of teaching, facilitating adult small group Bible studies and K-8 faith formation. No experience is necessary! Facilitating a small group Bible study is easy. There are many good Bible studies that will guide you through the material. Think, Men's Bible study, a "Thirty-Something" Bible study, an evening Bible study at church or rotating in homes, a "Lunch-Bunch" Bible study, etc. Small groups also deepen our connections with one another and build lasting friendships.

Another need is a small, dedicated cadre of volunteers willing to serve as Sunday School helpers. Faith formation of the younger generation is part of the Great Commission. No experience needed there either, just a heart to help our younger generation grow in their love of God. We need your support as we look forward to fall programming and readying ourselves for the relaunching of a Sunday school program as the new Youth Faith Formation position is filled.

Easter is not a one-day event. It is the greatest day in an ongoing story of the love and actions of our Savior. Christ continues to gather us and commission us for the ministry that we are now to continue in his name. Is the Holy Spirit pricking your heart in one of the above areas? Let me know. I'd love to hear from you.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Go Make Disciples!

Pastor Ann

April 23rd was the Installation for Pastor Ann Murphy

The attending clergy were Dennis Hickman (First Lutheran, Ellensburg, cluster dean), Chris Peterson (Christ Lutheran, Yakima), Kristen Sauey Hofman (Lord of Life, Kennewick), Phyllis Stromme, (Tri Cities)



A big thank you to the call task force for all their hard work.

Thank you to Karen Bodeen and Melissa Christianson for the pictures through out the Messenger



Please join Pastor Ann Murphy for CLC Prayer in the Chapel!

Every Tuesday through May 23rd from 12:15 until 12:45 pm.

Other items:

Confirmation Sunday is May 21st

(Ava Christianson)

Staff meetings in May: Tuesdays, 11:30am -Noon

Bible Study: Tuesdays, 10am (Romans)

May 7th: Blessing of Homebound Communion
(will be the 1st Sunday of the month during Sunday Service)



You're invited! Two events will be held celebrating Ava Christianson joining the church on Sunday May 21. You're welcome to attend both or just one.

9am worship and the Confirmation with the congregation 12 noon in the sanctuary - Girl Scouts' presentation of "God and Life" award, (a quick 15-20 min ceremony) please come in GS uniform/attire if you were a Girl Scout or volunteer.

April 16th, Pastor Murphy baptized Dawson Gilbert Daniels. He is the son of Dustin Daniels and Ashley (Wilson) Daniels.



Wishing
YOU
Health
AND
HAPPINESS
*now and throughout the year
from Art Ries*



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*It's been a wonderful year
with many family gatherings*

Best wishes for 2023
from Art Ries



1st Eva Stickney

2nd Joyce Hagen

3rd Stephen Merz

4th Janice Lyon

9th Ciela Switzer and Don Johnson

13th Adele Bainter and Felicity Pittman

15th Irene Hausken

21st Laura Hahn and Christoph Martin

24th Nancy Melville

27th Jodee Huylar

28th Matthew Argo



17th Stephen and Sonya Merz

18th Greg and Jodee Huylar

20th Don and Mary Johnson



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Phyllis Gillihan (Ponderosa)

Chet Hausken (Fieldstone)

Art Ries (Livingcare)

Toni Perschke (Brookdale)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)

Doris Benish (Orchard Park)

Marie Halverson (Yakima)

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Tim Schulz (Yakima)



Virginia Prochnow (Izzy's House)

Donald and Barbara Breshears
(Anne Chapman's Parents)

Eunice Koeppe (Sun Tower)



May

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| <p><u>UpBeats Community Concert Series</u> <u>May 30th at 6:00 pm</u> <u>Performance by</u> <u>The Community Big Band</u></p> | <p>1 1:00 p Hospitality Meeting</p> | <p>2 10:00 a Bible Study 11:30 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 p On the Corner</p> |
| <p>7 5th Easter 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION WITH BLESSING OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION</p> | <p>8 6:00 p Property Meeting</p> | <p>9 10:00 a Bible Study 11:30 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 p On the Corner</p> |
| <p>14 6th Easter - Mother's Day 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION</p>  | <p>15 6:30 p Council Meeting</p> | <p>16 10:00 a Bible Study 11:30 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 p On the Corner</p> |
| <p>21 7th Easter 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION WITH CONFIRMATION 12:00 p Girl Scouts Award Ceremony</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23 10:00 a Bible Study 11:30 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Prayer Chapel 3:00 p On the Corner</p> |
| <p>28 Day of Pentecost 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION</p> | <p>29</p>  | <p>30 10:00 a Bible Study 11:30 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 p On the Corner</p> |

2023

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday/Saturday |
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| 3 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Bell & Choir | 4 9:00 a Piecemakers 2:00 p Worship Meeting 3:00 p 'On the Corner' | 5 |
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| 24 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Bell & Choir | 25 3:00 p On the Corner | 26 Messenger Cut Off! |
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| 31 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Bell & Choir | | |
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Church in Society:

Caring For Creation:

BYOB is a good thing to remember when spring or summer plans call for an overnight or two in a hotel. This is not a reference to bringing your own beer or wine, but rather bring your own travel sized containers with soap, shampoo, conditioner, or lotion.

A recent Washington state bill will eliminate small plastic bottles, or wrapped personal care items provided by hotels. It also requires bottle filling stations in new construction so you can refill your favorite water bottle that you *hopefully* remember to bring with you. Your water bottles are useful on summer strolls around the area, or at that conference presentation or meeting. 92% of Washingtonians are concerned about single use plastics and we can all do our part to reduce our use of them. **BYOB** and cut down on single use plastics!

Camp Hope:

Gratitude for Felicity and her daughter, Delene for cooking and serving in March. Big thanks, too, to Devi and Karen Baken for water bottles, for Jeanne Dillahunt and Marian Jones for preparing the spaghetti and coleslaw dinner, and for Shane and Nicole Pierone, Jim Bodeen, and Ann and Bruce Willis for serving about 100 very appreciative persons at Camp Hope the day after Easter.

Donations toward these food costs are gratefully accepted. Food costs have gone up just feeding our families and feeding large numbers is a significantly escalating cost. Please consider donating. Thanks!



GOOD FRIDAY pic by Karen Bodeen



Chuck Austin Place

For the month of April we collected personal hygiene supplies for the Veterans Housing. Thank you to the Piecemakers for your great idea!



FOUR THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO !

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies... Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST

Emergency Services

The Emergency Number worldwide for all Mobile Phones is 112.

If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and your mobile will search any existing network in your area to establish the emergency number for you, and **interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. This works on all phones worldwide and is free.**

SECOND

Have you locked your keys in the car?

If your car has remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone:

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end.

Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be thousands of miles away,

Editor's Note: I didn't believe this when I heard about it! I rang my daughter in Sydney from Perth when we went on holiday. She had the spare car key. We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a mobile phone!

THIRD

Is your mobile phone battery flat

All mobiles have Hidden Battery Power

To activate, press the keys *3370# (remember the asterisk). Do this when the phone is almost dead.

Your mobile will restart in a special way with this new reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery life. This reserve will get re-charged when you charge your mobile next time.

This secret is in the fine print in most phone manuals. Most people however skip this information without realizing.

FOURTH

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone:

* # 0 6 #

Ensure you put an asterisk BEFORE the #06# sequence.

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone ever gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code.

They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless.

You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

This secret is also in the fine print of most mobile phone manuals. It was created for the very purpose of trying to prevent phones from being stolen.

Also - ATM PIN Number Reversal - Good to Know !!

If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN # in reverse. For example, if your pin number is 1234, then you would put in 4321. The ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location.

All ATM's carry this emergency sequencer by law.

This information was recently broadcast on by Crime Stoppers. It is, however, seldom used as people just don't know about it.



Sent in by Marion Jones

On the Corner Enrichment Program



The Council decided with the Congregation's help to retire OTC after this year.



Central Lutheran Church Youth and Families Coordinator

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\$15,000 - \$40,000

Passionate about youth faith formation? Seeking individual to provide dynamic leadership for our youth ministry. Applications at:

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"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'"
(Matthew 28:18-20).

Dear siblings in Christ,

We know the gospel changes lives and that God's power and grace are real and at work today. Together we are called to bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. What if we could make God known to more people? To the child who's never heard of Jesus? To young adults who are trying to make sense of the world? To older adults who often feel lonely and isolated?


Our purpose – "to activate each of us so that more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love" – is an expression of our calling and our longing for others to know the love of God in Christ Jesus. We live out our purpose through worship and service, in our congregations and communities, through our individual vocations and our collective work as church together.

Many of you have wondered why we set a goal to reach one million new, young and diverse people. We believe that each of us is made in the image of God, redeemed by Jesus on the cross, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Our focus on young and diverse people is not exclusive but an acknowledgment that younger and more diverse people are disproportionately missing from our pews and gatherings. We are challenging one another to reach out across differences of all sorts to meet our neighbors.

Setting a goal to engage with one million is a way for us to know whether the work we are doing is, in fact, reaching new people. It encourages us to work together to be a church that cares about the world around us and is effective and faithful in responding to God's call.

Join us on this future-focused journey to widen our welcome and break down the barriers that keep people from engaging with the church. Together, we can help people experience the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

In Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America


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MAY

SUNSHINE AND BLUE SKIES

AND
SPRINGTIME BOUQUETS,

LIGHT HEARTS

AND LAUGHTER AND

BRIGHT, HAPPY DAYS...

DOGWOODS ARE BLOOMING

YOUNG HATCHLINGS APPEAR

MAY IS SUCH A LOVELY
TIME OF THE YEAR.