

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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Ready?

What are your God-sized dreams? These are the dreams that you alone cannot achieve with more education, more hours, more determination, and more contacts. These are dreams

that only God can achieve working through the likes of you, a flawed, cracked vessel. These are dreams that have nothing to do with your quick wit and winning smile. It may be a dream to grow a church that reaches thousands. It may be a program that will help transform a neighborhood. If all obstacles were taken away, what are your God-sized dreams?

The story in Genesis about Abraham's obedience when called by God to sacrifice Isaac should cause each of us to stop in our tracks and consider these God-sized dreams. They are all good. They are all for the sake of the kingdom. They are all serving God.

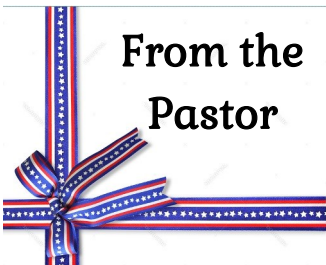
But the story about Abraham tells us in no uncertain terms, that we are ready to go forward with our dreams once we are ready to sacrifice those dreams on an altar before God, if God, indeed, calls us to do that. This reveals a walk so close with God that we trust God no matter what.

Often we confuse doing the work of God with having a personal relationship with God. Knowing God comes before everything else. The First Commandment is clear. You shall have no other gods before me. This includes our dreams.

What are our dreams for Central Lutheran? God in his own providence planted Central Lutheran by bringing together three different distinct congregations – Swedish, Norwegian, and German. Who knew that could be done? God did! Central is the direct initiative of a God-sized dream. What we have in this unique community is precious and wonderful. We love and care for one another. All are welcome here. No matter what you believe or who you are, you are welcome in the name of Jesus.

God has dreams for Central Lutheran. Let us pray for those God-sized dreams – dreams that can only be fulfilled by God as he works through us. But even more, let us pray for hearts made ready for those God-sized dreams among us.

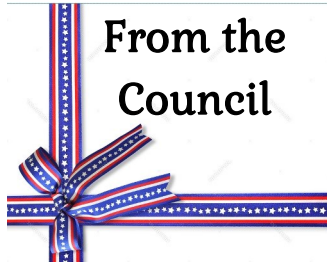
Pastor Ann



Upcoming schedule

June RDOs: Mondays & Tuesdays

Approved July Vacation: 5 days
(7/25, 7/26, 7/27, 7/29, 7/30).



Greetings and God's peace to you all. Have you felt a new excitement lately at Central like I have? We've been through many changes over the past 4 years including a worldwide pandemic. We'll never forget the Sundays we only had the option of worshipping by ZOOM. I, like many of you didn't even know what ZOOM was before March 2020. It's great to see new faces and some familiar faces returning to worship on Sunday. Do you know of someone in need of church home? Perhaps some friends that used to attend Central that you haven't seen in a while? Jesus came to "seek and save" (Luke 19:10) and we must also seek out those who are in need. We do that when we invite them to church. It was Jesus who gave us the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) "Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." I encourage you to reach out and share the good news that Central has to offer.

God Bless and enjoy your summer!

Shane Pierone

Council Secretary



The Property Committee will be doing some church clean up on Wednesday July 12 at 8:00 AM

We would welcome anyone who would like to come and assist who has a truck to help us haul items.

Also volunteers to pack items and straighten rooms.

Please contact Anne Chapman at 509-728-0216 if you are willing to help.



**The Church will be having the 2nd Annual Bazaar Saturday November 11th, 2023.
The planning committee will be meeting Thursday July 6th at 9:00am. Any one interested in helping please contact Val Ineichen or Jane Peterson.**

Friends,

For the last month or so I have been mulling in my head the things I would say in my last Messenger letter. Until the point that I didn't push delete after writing the sentence preceding this one, I have erased as many words as I have written because I simply cannot find the words to express how I feel, today, my last day as a member on staff at Central.

As siblings in Christ we have loved, celebrated, learned, grieved, and hoped together. Together we have witnessed baptisms of the tiniest babies, we've sat side by side at the funerals of many of our loved ones, and we've stood side by side through all things in between. Whether we have agreed on everything or on nothing, I love you and I will miss you.

Instead of writing the novel that is in my head I will leave you with some things I often say to our youth...

Read your Bible and ask questions, lots of questions.

Follow your heart, but don't forget to use your head.

Be kind, our assumed rightness is not an excuse for rudeness.

Be vocal and stand up for what you believe in.

If your tummy hurts, try drinking water and go poop (seriously, I say this at least twice a month).

Make good choices!

Peace be with you,

Felicity

P.S. Please water the plant in the Fellowship Hall and the plant in room 205.

WE'RE HIRING!

**CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RECEIVE JOB
DESCRIPTIONS AND POSTINGS TO SHARE WITH
FOLKS WHO MAY WISH TO APPLY!**

**DO YOU HAVE THOUGHTS AND IDEAS, FOR OUR COUNCIL AND HIRING
COMMITTEES AS THEY PREPARE POSITIONS FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION
COORDINATOR AND A VISITATION MINISTER?
GIVE THEM A CALL OR SEND THEM AN EMAIL.**



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION AND FINAL CHAPEL TIME WITH FELICITY





2nd Karen Baken

3rd Kae Miller

7th Taylor Ziegler

10th Melissa Christianson

12th Al Karn

17th Cooper Falk, Brittany Valicoff, Hillary Robey

18th Kathy Moen, Barb Beehler, Milton Gunderson

20th Suzanne Weil, Cheryl Bush

21st Karen Franklund

22nd Ron Rutherford

23rd Ron Gillespie

30th Margaret Turner



11th Jeff & Joyce Hagen

17th Shane & Nicole Pierone

20th Jim & Karen Avery

28th Tom & Val Perry

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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)

JoAnn Schielmann (Ponderosa)

To my brothers and sisters in Christ,
I want to thank everyone that sent cards, picked up the phone or sent cards to me when my mother passed.
I rec'd so many card with warm thoughts and it was just what was needed. Knowing that you thought of me during that difficult time helped so much.
I am part of a very special family here at Central.
Thank you, Tim Franks

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>2 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION Farewell and Godspeed for Felicity plus Graduation</p> <p>New Member Class after Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>4TH - OF - JULY</p>
<p>9 6th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Habitat Group staying at the church</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>16 7th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>23 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>BBQ after Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>30 9th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION</p>		

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
5 6:30 p Boy Scout Leaders	6 9:00 a Bazaar Planning 9:00 a Piecemakers 1:00 p Hospitality Committee	7 9:00 a Foot Care 8
12 8:00 a Property Clean Up	13 9:00 a Piecemakers	14 Habitat Group leaving the church 9:00 a Foot Care 15
19	20 9:00 a Piecemakers	21 22
26	27 9:00 a Piecemakers	28 29
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Hospitality Committee would like to invite everyone to the following events, be sure to mark your calendars!



A graphic for a church BBQ event. It features a black charcoal grill on a wooden stand with red smoke rising from it. To the right of the grill, the words "CHURCH BBQ" are written in a bold, red, blocky font.

July 23rd after church!
We are looking for volunteers for organizing the event.



A graphic for an ice cream social. It shows a bowl of ice cream with various flavors (vanilla, chocolate, pink), topped with whipped cream and a cherry. The bowl is set against a red and white checkered background. Above the bowl, the words "Ice Cream Social" are written in a cursive font.

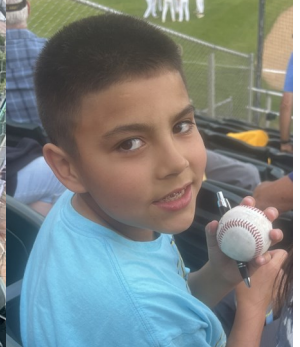
August 13th after church! Contact Kathy Buckingham & Ardelle Ringhouse in you can help with this event.



Tuesday, August 1st meet at the gate 6:00 pm. Make reservations in the church office for \$5.00 per person. The games starts at 6:30 pm



52 people attended the **Pippin Game** the night of June 27, 2023. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for organizing the fun evening! Even with the rain delay it was a good time.





THANK YOU
FOR HELPING OUR VETERANS

CHUCK AUSTIN PLACE



Building Stronger Communities Through Our
Commitment to Safe and Affordable Housing

Dear Central Lutheran Church,

The Staff and Veteran families at Chuck Austin Place would like to thank you for your donation. Your generosity provides much needed resources in support of those who have served our country.

Sincerely,

Chuck Austin Place Veterans & Staff

Your contribution is much appreciated and helped so many. God Bless



To our friends at Central Lutheran Church,

I want to express my gratitude for your continued support of our inclusive child development center, Easterseals Washington Jane's House. By donating items to clear out your space, you made an impact much larger than you could have known. The art supplies will stock the art centers of 5 classrooms to keep infants, toddlers, and preschoolers creative and busy. The books and classroom materials will provide resources to support teachers. The office supplies allowed much needed relief to an already tight budget of a non-profit organization. The most priceless of them all is the feeling of support in our community. My goal is to serve children and families in the Yakima Valley who need services most including those with disabilities, foster children, and children of YVC students. With your continued support, we are able to meet our goal by providing the highest quality of experiences to children. We appreciate you.

Thank you,
Tomi Barragan
Program Director
Easterseals Washington Jane's House
Child Development Center
P 509.574.4742

Thank You... to everyone that provided treats and all the people who volunteered to help at the reception following Chet Hauskens memorial service. You are all appreciated.
The Funeral Reception Committee

Church in Society:

July 23: Caring for Creation: Want to be a Film Star?

If you want an A+ in recycling, I will share a little secret that will make you an environmental film star.

Lots of plastic can *NOT* be put in with regular recycling. This includes a lot of plastic items that *CAN* be collected for a special project of the Yakima Harman Senior Center. These film plastics are collected by the Trex Company which produces many useful outdoor products like decks, and outdoor furniture, while saving them from the landfill.

They *DO* Want: (clean and dry) grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, produce bags, air pillows, bubble wrap and shipping sleeves, retail bags, product wraps, newspaper sleeves, stretch film, and ziplock-type food storage bags. All these products should pass the test: do they stretch?

This list does *NOT* include: chip bags, frozen food bags, candy wrappers, disposable gloves, six pack rings, or crinkly films like floral wraps.

Gather your select film plastics and deliver to the Harman Center at 101 N. 65th Ave. (just to the south off Summitview), and you will be a Film Star!

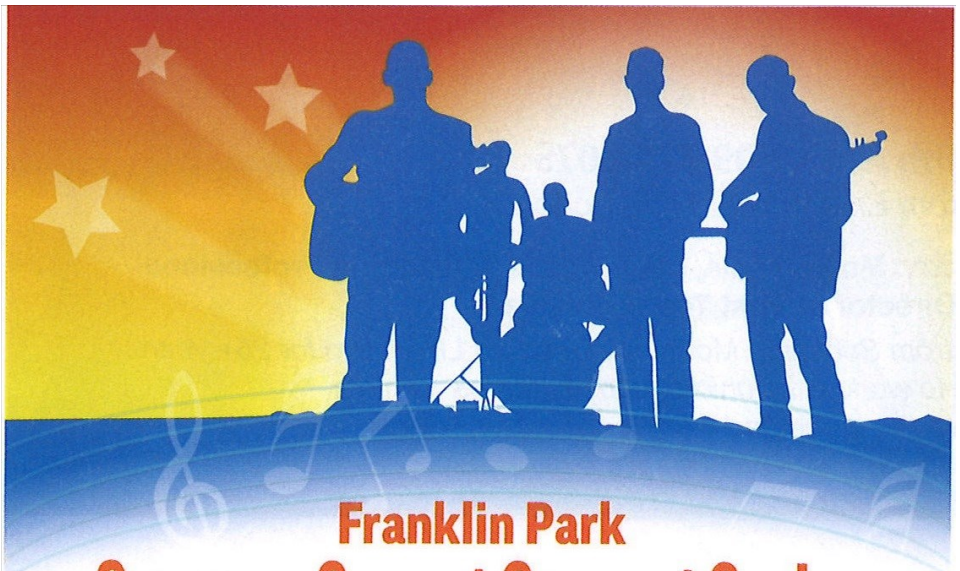
Camp Hope: A very big thanks to those who collected and purchased, cooked, and served the June 12th dinner; Julie and Soren Rottman, Patty Pruitt, Devi and Karen Baken, Bruce and Ann Willis, Jim Bodeen and granddaughters, Katie and Deanna Pappas. The dinner of homemade bread, spaghetti, and fresh watermelon was a big hit.

July's Camp Hope Dinner: Mary Johnson is coordinating a meal and you're invited to help. Three boxes of individually wrapped chips, packages of regular hamburger buns, large containers of either potato or macaroni salad, and bottled water. Please deliver to the church kitchen, labeled Camp Hope by July 7th. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted, with a notation for our Camp Hope fund. Your participation is an act of sharing God's love.

Davis High School Graduation Luncheon June 8th, 2023



Over 275 graduates came to the fellowship hall for lunch. Thank you to the Piecemakers for donating a quilt for a door prize. Plus Mary Johnson who made a quilt with the school colors. Both were big hits!



Franklin Park Summer Sunset Concert Series

FRIDAY EVENINGS • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Bring your picnic dinner and a blanket or lawn chair.
Come relax and listen to great music in a beautiful park.

- July 7** Genevieve Country
- July 14** Rice Classic Rock
- July 21** Rod Giles Band Blues Rock/Jazz/Fusion
- July 28** Ockham's Razor Celtic Rock
- Aug. 4** Naughty Pine Reggae/RnB/Pop
- Aug. 11** XYZ and the Boomers Classic Rock/Country

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