

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it – Matthew 16:25

Saving and Losing

For the next several weeks we are going to use Matthew 16:25 as a lens through which we reflect on the lectionary texts. This verse is from the gospel lesson for the first Sunday in September where Jesus tells his disciples that the

path he is taking will lead to the cross.

When Peter heard this news he spoke for us. He said, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." Peter had big plans for Jesus, and this going to the cross business certainly was not part of it.

Jesus goes on to explain what it means to be his followers. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matt 16:24)

Then Jesus makes this well-known paradoxical statement: "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." (Matt 16:25)

This is not about putting ourselves down or neglecting our own needs, but about centering the cross of Christ in our lives so that our desires and dreams begin to arc ever more in the direction of God's love and mercy at work in the world.

When we try to hold onto our lives and hoard it, we lose it. It's wasted. But when we break it up, pour it out, and spread it around, for Christ's sake, we find the abundant life for which we were created.

Jesus calls us to let go of whatever is getting in the way of following him. We will be looking at the lectionary texts with this focus for the next few weeks. For it is in following this way of Jesus that we will, in the end, find an authenticity and purpose that will give strength to us as individuals and together as a congregation, and continue us forward on our faith journey and ministry to God's people for the years ahead.

†*Pastor Ann*

new MEMBERS CLASS



Next New Member Class

Sunday, October 15th & 22nd
10:30am-noon

Interested in exploring membership at Central Lutheran? We offer new member classes in the Fall and Spring. These classes explore the basics of the Lutheran faith, review the Small Catechism, and provide background on Central Lutheran Church.

The 2-session class will be offered this fall on Sunday 10/15 & 10/22 from 10:30am-noon. For those deciding to join, New Member Sunday will be 10/29. There is no obligation to join after taking the class.

For more information contact:
pastorannmurphy@clcyakima.org.

Children's Sunday School



Sunday School PreK-5th Grade
10:30-11:15am

Starts **September 24, 2023**

Orientation: September 17, 2023
▶ 10:15-10:30am, in the Chapel

Please Register by
September 10th

For more information or to register contact:
▶ pastoranmurphy@clcyakima.org

The poster features a vibrant yellow background with colorful geometric shapes (a sun, stars, and a crescent moon) and a photograph of five diverse children smiling and hugging.

All Pre-K - 5th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to **Sunday School Orientation, September 17th, 10:15-10:30am**, in the chapel. Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, **September 24th**, and will be held from 10:30-11:15am. Information regarding the curriculum and registration information forms can be found in the Narthex in the children's area. Contact Pastor Ann for more information.

Can you help? We still need 4 volunteers to help with this simple and fun Sunday School curriculum. Everything you need for the class will be provided.



This will be fun!

I hope they find some nice people to help!



CONFIRMATION

Central
Lutheran



**CONFIRMATION
BEGINS**

10:30AM
Sept 17th

Share
Read
Pray
Bless
Serve

A decorative graphic on a yellow background featuring a stylized palm tree and several small stars.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT PASTOR ANN
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All students 6th grade and up and their parents/guardians are invited to **Confirmation Orientation, September 17th, 10:30-11am**, in the chapel. Confirmation classes will begin the following Sunday, **September 24th**, at 1030am (following the 9am service).

Confirmation is a two-year program where students learn the basics of the Lutheran Faith, engage in the life of the congregation in meaningful ways, and have lots of fun! The two-year program culminates in the Rite of Confirmation.

We ask that you register by **September 10th** so we can be sure to have materials available for the start of class.



From the Council

If your council this year had a theme word I think it would be “transparency”. If you ever feel we’ve left you in the dark about anything, let us know! Our phone numbers and emails are always on the back page of the Messenger. Or stop us after church—a lot of us can be seen hovering around the cookie table. So in the spirit of transparency, the next

big project you’ll see is the installation of new windows on the lower level of church. Property Committee has done such a good job of replacing our furnaces (yes, plural. We have 13 furnaces); we would hate to continue letting all the heat go out through 60-year-old windows. This work will begin in September.

We are excited to be building our programs! Confirmation classes begin in September. Are you interested in an easy way to join the fun? Pastor Ann is hoping to find a few volunteers to teach Sunday School. The materials and all you need are provided; we just need an adult body. I don’t know about you, but I’m so excited to hear little voices in the pew, and to see smaller members go up for children’s sermon. How fun to have kids for Sunday School! If you know someone, or even you, we are still looking for a youth director. This is a full-time position, but we are praying for an enthusiastic, eager person to pull together all the possibilities for kids at Central.

Kids are so important, but so are other aspects of Central Lutheran. We have active committees, bell choir, Festival Choir, decorating committee—jump on in! If you’ve heard our music director on Sundays, you know he brings a lot of enthusiasm to worship.

We try to be transparent, and we definitely want you to catch the excitement of Central Lutheran moving forward. Stay in touch! Talk to us! See you in church, karen

1st Lynn Buchanan

3rd Shane Pierone,
Mark Roehr

5th Robert Good

9th Kathy Buckingham,
Joanne Puyear

10th Emma Christianson

13th Ron Loyd, Joan Harrison

15th Gerry Gilyard

18th Anne Gatton

22nd Selma Umbarger

23rd Von Steinhilb

24th Duane Monick

26th Becky Liudahl

28th Eunice Koepp



7th Lynn & Connie Buchanan

12th Tim & Ann Reiersen

15th Bruce & Ann Willis

17th Dick & Pat Ackley

On Our Thoughts and Prayers

Art Ries (Livingcare)

Toni Perschke (Brookdale)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)

Doris Benish (Orchard Park)

Marie Halverson (Murano Sr Living - Seattle)

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Tim Schulz (Yakima)

JoAnn Schliemann (Rexford Manor)

Donald and Barbara Breshears
(Anne Chapman's Parents)

Eunice Koeppel (Sun Tower)

Terri Storlie, Margaret Turner's Sister In Law

Manny our custodian

For Those Who Grieve

The family and friends of Pastor Joel Martyn


The family and friends of William (Bill) Harrison

The family and friends of Mel Carlson (long time member)

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
<p>3 14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 11:30 a Staff Meeting 1:00 p Cluster Meeting 6:00 p Open Gym</p>
<p>10 15th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool & Toddler 10:00 a TOPS 4:00 p Camp Hope Meal 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:00 p Property Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Open Gym</p>
<p>17 16th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL ORIENTATION 10:30 am CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool & Toddler 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Open Gym</p>
<p>24 17th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 am CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:00 pm UPBEAT CONCERT</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool & Toddler 10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Open Gym</p>

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
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6 9:30 a Preschool & Toddler 6:30 p Boy Scout Leaders 6:30 p Handbells 7:30 p Choir	7 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 1:00 p Hospitality Committee 2:00 p Worship Committee 6:00 p Open Gym	8 9
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Church in Society:



Caring for Creation: Good Thoughts on Unplugging

I am not saying to get off your electronic devices, or you wouldn't be reading this! What you might think about is unplugging your electrical connections.

Even if unused, plugs left in

our outlets can be electrical vampires.

Electrical vampires suck up our home's energy even when you are not utilizing them.

It is estimated that simply unplugging devices and appliances when not in use can potentially save you \$100 to \$200 every year. Additionally, unplugging can protect you from power surges, and the possibility of electrical fires.

If it is easy, for example kitchen appliances and cell phone or laptop chargers, then unplug them when not in use. You have nothing to lose and much to gain. What might you do with that money you save?



Camp Hope:

Kirsten Monick is taking the lead on September 11th's Camp Hope meal. She is organizing a dinner of Sloppy Joe's, green beans, cole slaw, with cookies and chocolate pudding. She can use donations of packaged

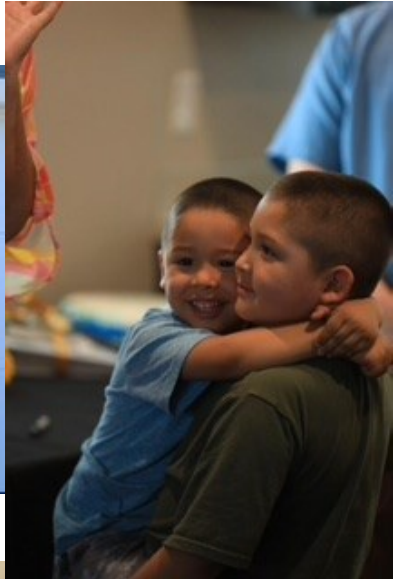
cookies, and cartons of milk (to make pudding). Please drop off donated food in the church kitchen by Sunday, Sept. 10th .

If you can assist with preparations or with serving contact Kirsten at 509-494-3858 (cell), or at kmonick@icloud.com.

Monetary donations are much appreciated as well.

Thanks to Central from Habitat for Humanity:

Central Lutheran was thanked in a lovely ceremony that celebrated our local Habitat affiliate's 202nd home. We at Central have been behind donations, work groups both local and international, and our building is used for groups coming from out of town. We provide a home base while doing construction here in Yakima. Pastor Ann Murphy and John were present to receive the acknowledgement of thanks to CLC.



CLC Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful clock. I love it! Our new home is a manufactured home and doesn't have a mantel, so I was thrilled at how perfectly it fits in the space above our TV.

We're settling in and learning to love Corvallis. I'm not yet working and have spent considerable time in my new garden and exploring the area (the farmers market and library are awesome).

Mark and Dalene both start school in September. Dalene is excited to start her college adventures and Mark's excited for fall lacrosse.

Many blessings to you and your families and friends. I look forward to seeing you when we're in Yakima.

Love,
Felicity





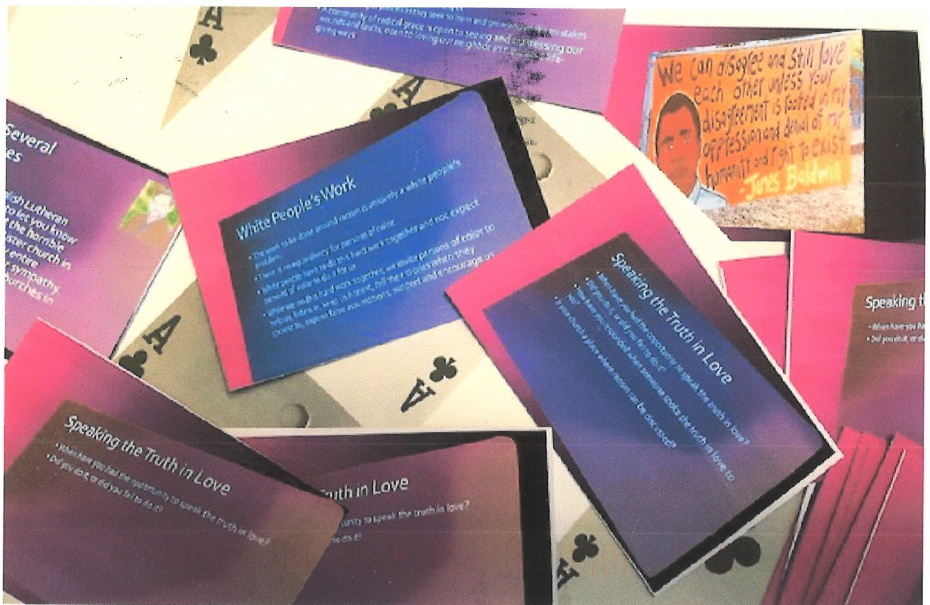
The Hospitality would like to thank Kathy Buckingham and Ardelle Ringhouse for planning the Ice Cream Social. 50 people enjoyed ice cream with all the toppings plus great conversation.



Thank you to everyone who brought cookies and bars for Bill Harrison's memorial reception. Central Lutheran Memorial Reception Committee



The staff would like to thank everyone who stepped up to help with the custodian work. It's a big building and takes a little love and care! We can always use more volunteers if you have a spare hour or two.



Poster design by Karen Bodeen ~ Photos by Jim and Karen Bodeen
 EVERY PEACH IN BART'S ORCHARD
 SEATTLE WA 980

"Do I dare to eat a peach?"
 The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, T. S. Eliot
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is the right peach. How can you say
 a thing like that? one asks.
 The sentence is right on the back
 beat, and in another poem, every

word, perfect. Still, as Eliot
 claims in Little Gidding,
 This is not an ostentatious pie,
 but it might be dangerous

with all the butter—and then
 from my oven, it's mainly
 widows, drunks and children
 get to see the Golden Carp.

The blind, of course.
 Should I be good is a good question.
 The poem cooks with the peaches.
 Nothing's hidden in this pie.

Jim
 15 August 2023
 [for the Central Lutheran Staff Meeting]

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Dear Lead Central Lutheran Church, Thank you for hosting groups at your church so they could build on Habitat homes!

Your generosity has helped Yakima Habitat build 200+ affordable homes and create stability & strength for Habitat Homeowners and their children.



Thank you for the role you play in supporting Yakima's Habitat year after year. We couldn't do what we do without you! gratefully, ♡ Shawn & your Yakima Habitat Team.

 Photo



**The Church will be having the
2nd Annual Bazaar Saturday
November 11th, 2023.**

**Any one interested in helping
please contact
Val Ineichen or
Jane Peterson.**

**Applications for booth space
are available in the office.**

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