

# CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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## From the Pastor

The days are getting shorter, the nights are growing longer. Thanksgiving comes like the last hurrah before winter to warm our hearts and our hearths with family, friends, food and football. Thanksgiving Day helps remind us that we have much to be thankful for. We remember that having an attitude of gratitude is more than just a day on the calendar.

What brings true gratitude? A lifestyle of true thanksgiving from the heart comes from the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we grasp and experience the love and forgive-ness of Christ and the riches of God's grace for us. All of life and all we have is a blessing and gift of God. With hearts full of gratitude, may we give thanks for the "little" things, like the first snowfall, and the fireplace crackling, and a juicy turkey; but also, for the "big" things, like help and comfort in troubled times. For little things, like fresh baked bread, clean sheets, and favorite hymns; and for big things, like hope in the face of death because of he who died and rose again. For little things, like a baby's smile and double pinochle and pumpkin pie; and for big things, like Jesus our Savior, who satisfies our thirst with living water.

This year I am especially grateful to our amazing God that Central Lutheran is bringing onboard two wonderful new staff members:

Scott Klepach will be our new Visitation Minister. He has a depth of experience in chaplaincy providing emotional and spiritual support to bereaved families and those in life transitions. Scott will be quarter time and will start mid-November.

Zach Yelenick is our new Coordinator of Youth and Families Ministry. Zach is a recent college graduate with a major in sports management and a minor in youth ministry. He grew up going to youth group and is ready to build relationships with our youth, have a lot of fun, and help our youth learn about Jesus. Zach will be full time. Zach and Scott have provided a "hello" to you in this newsletter.

God is good, all the time! With gratitude I thank God for all God has provided Central Lutheran over the years and look forward to the good things God continues to have in store for us at Central.

# Sundays in November



**On All Saints Sunday,** November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will remember and give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses that has gone before us. We will light a candle and ring a bell for the beloved members of Central Lutheran that have died in the past year, and you will also be invited to

light a candle for loved ones and friends who have passed from this life into blessed rest. We will also light a candle and ring a bell to celebrate the baptisms at Central Lutheran this past year.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>:** is **Blessing of the Quilts Sunday.**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Don't forget the **Annual Meeting** following service.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>:** We celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the church year, with: **“Buckle Up – the Year in Review!”**

## Greetings, Central Lutheran Church!



As I prepare to get to know you along the way, I would like to share some of my own story. I was born and raised in Yakima and live in Naches. I am married and have two teenagers and two dogs, a Sheltie and a rescue cattle dog/Red Heeler. They are all beacons of hope and love who help me learn more about myself and God.

I have a number of years of experience as a chaplain (hospital and hospice chaplaincy and bereavement coordination), pastor, writer/communicator, teacher, and spiritual director/companion. I first earned BA and MA degrees in English from Central Washington University and taught composition and writing for several higher education institutions while writing for various local and regional publications. I received my M.Div from Claremont School of Theology, after which I completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education for chaplaincy, a graduate certificate in thanatology (death, dying, and grief), and a certification in spiritual direction. I love family, coffee, traveling, jogging, singing, writing, television and films, cooking and trying new food, reading, good conversations, and puns.

I remain a curious, compassionate companion with people. I began to study sacred texts and different religions and spiritualities growing up and on into college, and that fascination and passion for people and ideas continues to grow. I became licensed in The United Methodist Church years ago and have served at various churches and other ministries in such roles as youth ministries coordinator, communications coordinator, camp pastor, associate pastor, and lead and interim pastor. I worked with others to help a local ecumenical group of churches expand to becoming interfaith (Jewish, Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, and others) in Yakima. My work in ministry (pastoral, chaplaincy, and spiritual direction) helps me learn and listen and work with people of many strands of Christianity and other faiths. My path has helped me recognize my love of lifelong learning, real connections, and being vulnerable in a healthy way with people over time and helping them to do so in order to grow with God, our individual identities, our relationships with neighbors, and our collective journey together as the Kingdom of God, or Beloved Community.

God's peace be with you all, Scott Klepach

## ***Looking Toward Christmas***

### **Advent Midweek & Christmas Eve Services**

12/6 Midweek Service | 5:30-6:10pm | Chapel  
12/13 Midweek Service | 5:30-6:10pm | Chapel  
12/20 Midweek Service | 5:30-6:10pm | Chapel

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

5:00pm and 9:00pm







Hello, my name is Zach Yelenick and I am the new Coordinator for Youth and Family Ministry. I was born and raised in Central Illinois, and have lived there my whole life. I graduated from Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, Illinois in the spring of 2023, with a degree in Sport Management, and a minor in Youth Ministry. Over the summer I took a job as a counselor at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center in Ellensburg, Washington and I absolutely loved the area and decided I wanted to stay in Central Washington. Outside of working I love to play basketball, travel as many places as I can, and study World History and Geography. I am very excited to start here and grow the youth ministry! If you are interested in helping with any youth programs either as a volunteer or as a part of the youth committee, you can email me at [zach.yelenick@clcyakima.org](mailto:zach.yelenick@clcyakima.org).

# Daylight Savings



*Fall Back on November 5th*

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Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am until 2:00 pm



**Please join us for the Annual Meeting  
November 19th, 2023 after the 9:00 am  
Worship in the Fellowship Hall.  
Hospitality will be serving dessert!**

**Reminder to all Committees:**

Budgets are due November 1st

Reports are due November 8th

Packet will available Sunday November 12th in  
the Narthex





Piecemakers is having a raffle for this beautiful quilt. Tickets are available at the Bazaar November 11th, Quilt Sunday November 12th, and the Annual Meeting November 19th. Drawing will be at the Annual Meeting.

# FALL CRAFT BAZAAR



Saturday  
November 11th, 2023  
9:00 am until 3:00 pm

*Presented by Central Lutheran Church*





If you would like a wonderful lunch and visit with people the Hospitality Committee will be serving chili at the Bazaar for the low cost of \$5.00!



On **Saturday November 11th** during the **Bazaar and Quilt Sunday November 12th**, the beautiful quilts that the Piecemakers group has been working on all year will be on display in the Sanctuary. You will have the opportunity to purchase a quilt to give as a gift for Christmas or for yourself to snuggle under on the coming cold winter nights. The quilts that are not sold will be given to many help organizations throughout the community. All proceeds from the sale of the quilts will go back into purchasing supplies such as batting, backing, and whatever else is needed to make more quilts.



# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reminder:</b>  <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>  <b>November 5th</b>  <b>Set clocks back 1 hour!</b></p>		
<p><b>5 All Saints</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE            10:20 am GATHERING IN THE CHAPEL            10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL and CONFIRMATION</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All Saints' Day</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool &amp; Toddler            10:00 a TOPS            6:30 p Boy Scouts            6:30 p Church Council</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a Bible Study            10:00 a Church In Society            12:00 p Staff Meeting            1:00 p Cluster Meeting            6:30 p Boat Club Meeting            6:30 p Rock Board</p> <p style="color: green;">7:00 p Open Gym</p>
<p><b>12 Quilt Sunday</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE            10:20 am GATHERING IN THE CHAPEL            10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL and CONFIRMATION</p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool &amp; Toddler            10:00 a TOPS            4:00 p Camp Hope Meal            6:00 p Property Committee            6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p style="color: green;">7:00 p Open Gym</p>
<p><b>19 Christ The King</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE            10:30 am ANNUAL MEETING</p> 	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10:00 a TOPS            6:30 p Boy Scouts            6:30 p Church Council</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            10:00 a Bible Study            12:00 p Staff Meeting</p>
<p><b>26 1st Advent</b></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">1ST SUNDAY @ Advent</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool &amp; Toddler            10:00 a TOPS            6:30 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care            9:30 a Preschool            10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p style="color: green;">7:00 p Open Gym</p>

# 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool &amp; Toddler            6:00 p Boy Scout Leaders            6:30 p Handbells            7:00 p Confirmation Class            7:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 a Piecemakers            9:30 a Preschool            1:00 p Hospitality Committee            2:00 p Worship Committee            6:00 p Girl Scouts            6:00 p Jr. Rock Club            6:30 p Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care</p> <p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool &amp; Toddler            6:30 p Handbells            7:00 p Confirmation Class            7:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>11</b></p> 
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool &amp; Toddler            6:30 p Handbells            7:00 p Confirmation Class            7:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 a Piecemakers            9:30 a Preschool            12:00 p Great Decisions            6:00 p Jr. Rock Club</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:00 p Rock &amp; Mineral Club</p> <p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Office is closed!</p> <p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool &amp; Toddler            6:30 p Handbells            7:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 a Preschool</p>	





3rd Paul Gonseth

4th Donald Havig , Arianna Nygard

7th Terrie Dreisbach

10th Ed Schafer

11th Mackenzie Bond

15th Chris Steinhilb

16th Ann Reiersen

18th Trina Good

20th Greg Huylar, Barbara Rutherford

23rd Kristy Larson, Lela Hansen

26th Rondi Marsh

30th Randal Town

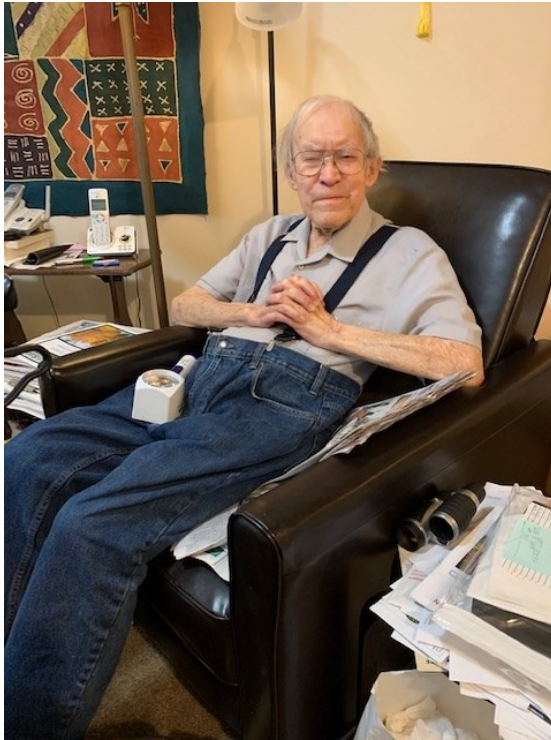


9th Melissa and Scott Falk

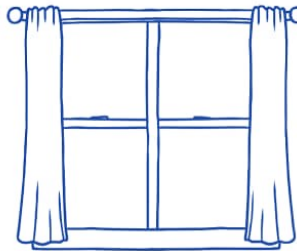
11th Brett and Brittany Valicoff

12th John and Karen Baken

23rd James and Karen Bodeen



Art Ries turn celebrated his 100th birthday with family October 17th. Tim Franks delivered the birthday card and quilt. He was moved by Central's thoughtfulness. He asked me to tell everyone thank you so much. -Tim



The Property Committee has worked hard on replacing the church windows. The Preschool will be first starting November 6th. They will be doing the lower windows to help with heating and cooling cost!



## On Our Thoughts and Prayers

Art Ries (Terraces at Summiview)

Toni Perschke (Brookdale)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)

Doris Benish (Orchard Park)

Marie Halverson (Seattle)

Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)

Tim Schulz (Yakima)

JoAnn Schliemann (Rexford Manor)

Donald and Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Parents)

Eunice Koeppel (Mable Swan Manor)

Terri Storlie, Margaret Turner's Sister In Law

Louis Guzman "Manny our custodian"

Laura Hahn (Yakima)

Daisy Chapman, Jeff Chapman's Mother

Dave Desmarais, Ria's husband (Crescent)

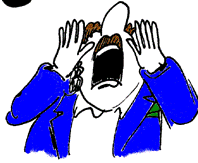
Lisa Rogers (Yakima)

Suzanne Weil (Recovering from surgery)

## For Those Who Grieve

Pat Ackley and family for the loss of Dick

# Volunteers!



Friendly Reminder!!!!

Please consider volunteering to host the after-church coffee time, won't you? We have some very faithful contributors who either bake or buy some goodies to fill the trays that you enjoy so much and we would like to expand that list!! Please call Selma Umbarger at 509-575-6610 to have your name put on that list or if you have any questions or suggestions. Or let's talk while you are eating some of those great treats with your cup of coffee/tea! Remember, it doesn't have to be a major project.....Oreos are the No. 1 seller! Thanks!

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The Bazaar is November 11th, Saturday 9:00am until 3:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down, sell raffle tickets or help in the kitchen. Plus just walk around and visit! Call Val Ineichen 509-901-5831 or Jane Peterson 509-307-4246.

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Thank you for all the volunteers that have helped with the custodian work while Manny is out. We can always use more help! Volunteer jobs are to sweep, mop, vacuum, empty the garbage, clean the restrooms. Supplies are kept in the custodian room or in the closet upstairs by the men's restroom. If you can't find some thing please tell the office. Thank You!

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Church In Society can always use more people to cook and serve for Camp Hope. Please contact Anne Willis 509-952-2783 or the church office.

**Church in Society Committee** will be meeting November 7th to allocate our congregation's outreach budget toward compassionate projects in our community and our world. If you would like to be involved please contact Ann Willis at [amwillis103@gmail.com](mailto:amwillis103@gmail.com).



**Caring for Creation:** We have all seen pictures of pathetic animals whose lives have been threatened by litter or carelessly placed garbage, like the duck whose head is entrapped in a six pack ring. How can we help avoid harmful interaction between our waste and creatures in nature?

What we Can Do:

- \*Rinse food from recyclable plastic containers so creatures are not tempted to stick their heads inside, to possibly end up entrapped.
- \*Cut up or crush plastic containers before you place them in either garbage or in recycling.
- \*Rinse enticing food off plastic wrap and enclose in a closed bag for collection.
- \*Cut up plastic bags and six-pack holders before disposal.
- \*Completely cut off tops of metal cans, and rinse off food.
- \*Crush aluminum cans before recycling them.
- \*Avoid littering and dispose of garbage responsibly.





**Camp Hope:** Sonya and Stephen Merz, Jim and Karen Bodeen, plus their Granddaughter Deanna served the dinner this month at Camp Hope.





Thank You to Hospitality  
Committee for the  
wonderful Oktoberfest!  
Everyone really enjoyed  
the event!









**Canticus Vocal Ensemble is presenting  
“Music From The Stage”  
Sunday, November 5 at 4p.m. at Englewood  
Christian Church. 5 members of Central  
Lutheran are sing in the concert  
and Scott Peterson is directing.  
Please come and enjoy !**

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

# **UPBEATS COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES**

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**FREE ADMISSION  
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**November 18th: TBA  
January 28th: Camerata Club  
February 25th: Joseph Brooks, clarinet  
March 24th: Dora Barnes, soprano  
April 28th: Flute Troupe  
May 19th: Joe Brooks Quartet  
All start at 6:00 pm**

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