

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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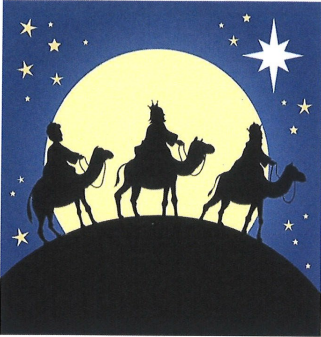
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Happy New Year!



As we begin the new year, we also enter the season of Epiphany. I like the idea of starting the new year in the season of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” refers to something “made manifest” or “revealed.” When you come up with a brilliant idea, you might say that you’ve had an “epiphany moment.” In the church year, the season of Epiphany is about how Jesus reveals

God to us. Jesus, the light of the world, illuminates, exposes, saves, protects, reveals, warms, and nourishes our lives.

The season of Epiphany kicks off with the story of the wise men who see a strange new star appear in the West and travel toward it. The wise men were from Persia, probably around what is now Iran. They must have had access to the prophecies of ancient Israel because they seemed to know that Israel was expecting the birth of their Messiah and King.

It is good for us to look at the story of the wise men and think about what it might mean for us. First, this story makes it clear that Jesus began his mission of reconciling the world to God at the very start. It also informs us that sometimes epiphanies require more from us than to simply notice them. They might be a call to action. Maybe this is why the wise men are called wise – their clarity of dedication to a mission, their motivation to act on it, and their ability to adjust their expectations and keep their eyes on the goal as they cope with the inevitable obstacles tossed in their path.

The amazing thing is that when we start paying attention and noticing God’s presence around us, and when we start becoming obedient when we feel that nudge of the Holy Spirit to act, we become nothing less than living epiphanies for other people! So

one day, when in a church service and asked to name God moments or think about epiphanies, they can say, “There was a time I was in need and someone came along who helped me out, seemingly out of nowhere!”

The world is full of epiphanies — it could be a new star in the heavens or the birth of a child. Commit this new year to being attentive, and to act when called upon. Ultimately, that is how the kingdom of God breaks into this world — little moment by little moment. I can’t think of a better New Year’s Resolution than seizing these moments and not allowing them to pass us by.

†Pastor Ann



I will be on vacation the first two weeks in January. In case of emergency or for pastoral care, Visitation Pastor Scott Klepach can be reached at 509-833-0349 (call or text).

Save the Date!
2024
Regional Gatherings

April 27, 2024 Advent Lutheran Church Spokane Valley, WA	May 4, 2024 Our Savior Lutheran Twin Falls, ID	May 18, 2024 First Lutheran Ellensburg, WA
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More details about these gatherings coming soon.

Membership Data Information Letter



With the New Year upon us, we are reviewing and updating our files, which includes updating our member information. The ELCA requires we maintain certain minimum information on all members of record, such as date of birth and if baptized or confirmed. We currently do not have this information for many of our members. You will be receiving a letter this month along with a Member Personal Data Sheet to fill out and return to the office. These are the same member information sheets handed out at the Annual Meeting last November. If you have already turned yours in or joined Central Lutheran in July or October of this past year, you are checked off and will not receive a letter. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we strive to update and maintain accurate records. †Pastor Ann

Welcome!

New Member Class



A Place for You!

Considering membership?

We would love for you to explore making Central Lutheran your church home! Our upcoming 2-session New Member Class is Sunday 3/3/24 & 3/10/24 (after service).

There is no requirement to join after taking this class but we hope you do! For more information contact Pastor Ann.

Worship Assistants:

Blessings on you for 2024. I think we had a wonderful and inspiring Advent and Christmas season at CLC and it continues on now into Epiphany and beyond. Our attendance is growing and it is so great to see all the buzzing and visiting after services as well as during the sharing of the peace. Please help to keep our services fresh and share your reading skills with us all. Bart is doing such a super job challenging the choir and bells to do music that everyone is enjoying. Now it is time for you to put yourself forth and help with the readings. Thank you in advance. Kirsten Monick (509-494-3858)

If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, Serving Communion, or Ushering please contact Mary Johnson. (541-593-2966)

Sound system and livestream is another fun thing to learn! Contact Ken Toop or Duane Monick for easy lessons.

The favorite one is coffee and treats! Everyone enjoys nice conversations after worship. Contact Selma Umbarger (509-949-6597)

Flowers will be provided the first Sunday of each month in memory of Marie Halverson by her loving family.

If you are interested in joining the Handbell or Festival Choir please contact Bart Roderick.



So many people provided parts of our Christmas Brunch. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for the effort you did to help it come together and make it a festive time for our congregation. It is a good time for folks to gather and learn to know each other better through fellowship and, of course, food!!

***Look to January and February for future chances for fellowship.
The Hospitality Comm.***





6:00



Art Ries (Terraces at Summiview)
Toni Perschke (Brookdale)
Betty Douglas (Moxee)
Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)
Doris Benish (Avista Senior Living)
Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)
JoAnn Schliemann (Rexford Manor)
Donald and Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Parents)
Eunice Koeppe (Mable Swan Manor)
Terri Storlie (Margaret Turner's Sister In Law)
Daisy Chapman (Jeff Chapman's Mother)
Dave Desmarais (Ria's husband, Crescent)
Lisa Rogers (Yakima)
Camille Jensen Oliveri (Friend of Toni Adams)
Jordan Kohn (Gary & Dee Lund's Son in Law)



17th Chris and Denise Svendsen



2nd Karen Bodeen

3rd Connie Buchanan

4th Barbara Rodden

5th Brett Valicoff

8th Theresa Whitlock

9th John Svendsen

12th Beverly Larson

15th John Bishop

16th Syeve Hill

18th Kathy Marugg

20th Winona Nagel

25th Jeff Chapman & Betty Douglas

30th Angie Karn, Kevin Good, Jane Peterson



YOUTH Sundays at Central

Sunday School - PreK to 5th Grade

Opening Gathering in Chapel: 10:20am

Sunday School Class: 10:30-11:15am

Confirmation 6th Grade through High School

Opening Gathering in Chapel: 10:20am

Confirmation Class: 10:30-11:30am

wednesdays at Central

Confirmation 6th Grade through High School

Confirmation Classes: 7:00-8:00pm

Youth Group 6th Grade through High School

4:00-6:00pm

FOR MORE INFO:
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<i>2024 Confirmation Calendar Jan-Feb</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Jan 1-24 th	No Class -- Break
Sun 1/28	Class
Weds 1/31	Class – pastor’s office
Sun 2/4	No Class -- Break
Weds 2/7	No Class -- Break
Sun 2/11	No Class -- Break
Wed 2/14	Midweek Ash Wednesday Service, (No Class)
Sun 2/18	Class
Wed 2/21	1 Lent Midweek Service, (No Class)
Sun 2/25	Class
Weds 2/28	2 Lent Midweek Service, (No Class)

<i>2024 Sunday School Calendar Jan-Feb</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Jan 1-13 th	No Class -- Break
Sun 1/14	Sunday School
Sun 1/21	Sunday School
Sun 1/28	Sunday School
Sun 2/4	No Class -- Break
Sun 2/11	No Class -- Break
Sun 2/18	Sunday School
Sun 2/25	Sunday School



Youth Group at Central Lutheran will start back up on January 17th from 4-6PM in the youth room. We will then meet every Wednesday after that unless specified otherwise. I am also looking for

volunteers for the youth group, either to help weekly, or to be another adult on future trips. If you or someone you know is interested, email me at zach.yelenick@clcyakima.org or contact me any way you know how. - Zach Yelenick



For the past month or so, there has been a men's fellowship group meeting weekly on Mondays, at the Central Lutheran Gym. That will continue on January 8th, at 1-2:30 PM. We have been playing cornhole and some basketball. All men are welcome to come, feel free to reach out for more information. - Zach



Church in Society:

Caring for Creation

Salt of the Earth?

We probably can't escape January without dealing with ice or snow at some point.

Did you know that 40% of US use of salt is for road de-icing? It is so much use that it presents an environmental challenge as salty water seeps into ground water, drinking water, rivers and streams increasing chloride levels.

On our own property we can make a choice as the salt can damage our own lawns and landscapes.

We need to be safe, but we have choices. Options to using rock salt directly include:

- Sugar Beet Juice is biodegradable, but rather than putting some sugar beets on to boil, it might be easier to search for products that provide this safe and effective product.

- CMA or calcium magnesium acetate, which is effective and harmless, but a bit pricey.

- Sand, provides the cheapest, and minimally troublesome product. This is environmentally neutral and provides traction rather than a chemical melting agent.

Keep Safe in your realm this winter, but try options that are Earth friendly.

*Ministering
to the
Homeless*

Camp Hope

Camp Hope had a record number of clients when we served our December dinner on a cold winter night. We actually ran out of most of our food.

They were so appreciative of our meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and apple crisp or brownies topped with whipped cream.

A big thanks to everyone who donated items, and who volunteered to cook, and to serve: Val Perry, Helen Riehl, Selma and Virgil Umbarger, Jim Bodeen, Xander and Melica Rose, Jeanne Dillahunt, Dee Lund, and Marian Jones, Ann and Bruce Willis and the Baken family, plus anonymous financial donors.

We will be serving again on January 9th, 2024. Please contact Ann Willis at

Abwillis25@icloud.com if you can help.



Thank you to everyone who brought cookies and bars for Manny Guzman's memorial service. Thanks also to the workers who helped serve, set up and clean up. You are all

appreciated.

Central Lutheran Memorial Reception Committee

If you would like to join the Memorial Committee please contact Myrna Hillestad (509-965-2572)



Replay the Dream

39TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

MLK

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

JANUARY 15th

MLK JR. Peace Walk | 12:00PM

ASSEMBLE AT 11:30AM, COMMENCE AT 12:00PM

**LOCATION: Beginning @ N. 5th Ave & MLK JR. Blvd,
Yakima, WA 98902**

FREE HOT-CHOCOLATE PROVIDED BY SOLARITY CREDIT UNION

MLK JR. CELEBRATION | 1:00PM

**LOCATION: Yakima Convention Center
10 N. 8th St, Yakima, WA 98902**

MLK WEEK

JANUARY

8-15

SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS
& ACTIVITIES

8-12 21ST ANNUAL LEE PAGGETT FOOD DRIVE
TIME: TBD

MON. - FRI.
LOCATION: Drop off non-perishable Eisenhower & Davis High School, Yakima, WA 98902
Food boxes will be placed outside the main office at both high schools.

11 OIC MLK JR. FOOD DISTRIBUTION
TIME: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

THURS. LOCATION: OIC Henry Beauchamp Community Center, 1211 S. 7th St, Yakima, WA 98902

11 DO IT ALL IN THE MALL - TUNE IN TO LISTEN KEEPIN' IT REAL WITH SARGENT

THURS. PARKS
TIME: TBD
LOCATION: TBD

13-14 MLK JR. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT -
REGISTRATION FEE: \$13 PER PLAYER

SAT. - SUN. TIME: 8:00AM - 8:00PM
LOCATION: Lewis & Clark Middle School, 1114 Pierce St, Yakima, WA 98902
Grades K - 8th are invited for the MLK Basketball Tournament. No AAU.

14 MLK JR. COMMEMORATION SERVICE
TIME: 3:00PM

SUN. LOCATION: Central Lutheran Church, 1604 W. Yakima Ave, Yakima, WA 98902

15 14TH ANNUAL MLK JR. TOPPENISH PEACE MARCH

MON. TIME: TBD
LOCATION: Beginning @ O'Reily Parking Lot, 300 W 1st Ave, Toppenish, WA 98948

Special Thanks To:

MLK Jr. Committee, OIC of Washington, Solarity Credit Union, Multi-Care Yakima Memorial Hospital, African American Drummers, Yakima School District, East Valley School District, West Valley School District, Engravings Unlimited, NAACP, Do it all in the Mall, Central Lutheran Church, KIT Radio, City of Yakima, Yakima Police Department

Thank
you
so much

Thank you to the volunteers that manned the office while I was on vacation. It was nice to have someone answer the phone and do little things to make returning easier! Thank you to Bev Larson for finding people, Valerie Ineichen, Jan Lyon, Joyce Rikerd and Bonnie Fairbairn. - Lea



Hospitality Committee would like to invite you to the movies:

During the height of the Great Depression, members of the rowing team at the University of Washington get thrust into the spotlight as they compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Location: Majestic Theater

1919 S. 14th Street Union Gap

Date: Tuesday January 16th

Showtime: 3:15 pm

Tickets: \$7.00 each & can be purchased on line or at the door

Dinner to follow at Applebee's
1505 E. Washington Ave Union Gap

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

UPBEATS

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1604 W YAKIMA AVE

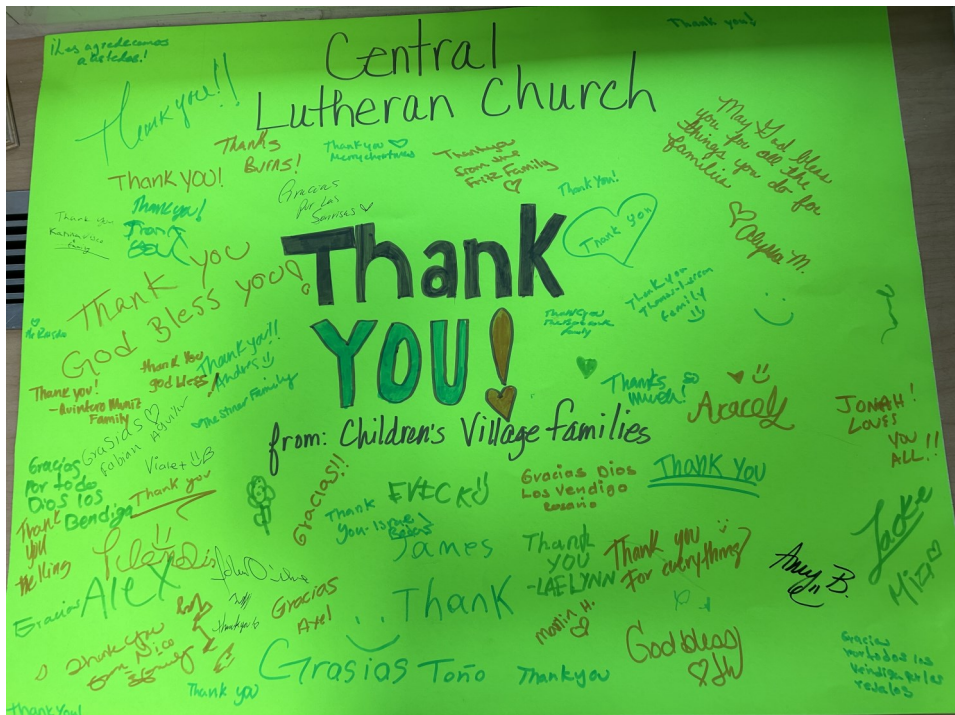
FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS ACCEPTED



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

Children's Village Toy Give-Away 2023





Wow... our toy give-away event was such a success! We gave away over 1,000 toys and served nearly 200 families!!! Again, we are so appreciative of Central Lutheran sharing the space- it's perfect for our event! Again, thank you so much for the use of the church - appreciate



Cartoon sent in by Kirsten Monick

Reach High
and Believe
in Yourself.