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Our Lenten Journey



Our Lenten Journey began on **Ash Wednesday** when we remembered that we are but dust, and to dust we shall return. We humbly prayed for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoiced that “now is the day of salvation.” We trust that as in the very beginning, God creates beautiful things out of dust. Our 40-day journey has begun.

On the **First Sunday in Lent** we followed Jesus into the desert for 40 days of testing. Here, we were invited into the Lenten practices of quiet reflection and the acceptance of limits. In the quiet, we begin to recognize the subtle ways that God shows up, moments of connection that go unnoticed in noisier times. In the loneliness of dry seasons, we find courage, hope, and assurance that in the trials of life, God is still with us.

The following Sunday, **Lent 2**, we joined Abram and Sarai on their faith journey. We were amazed at God’s incredible promise to a man who was almost 100 years old and to a woman of ninety. We join our faith with that of Abraham who hoped against hope in the promises of God. When the world and even our own logic might have us think otherwise, we know that we can always trust God’s promises.

On **Lent 3** we meet Jesus in the temple for a cleansing. Jesus did not find things in the temple as they were supposed to be. We are reminded to ask ourselves the question, “How are things supposed to be?” Whether the site in question is the Jerusalem temple, or our church, or our own hearts and lives, the question remains the same: How is this supposed to be? Is God honored by what God finds here? The temple cleansing episode also anticipates two other episodes that will follow — the crucifixion and the resurrection.

The gospel text for the **Fourth Sunday in Lent** contains one of the most familiar passages of the scripture John 3:16, “*for God so loved the world...*” God so loved the world that God lifted Christ to the cross and to resurrection life. Christ's saving death upon the cross accomplishes the work of salvation. By this grace we are saved through faith. God lifts what God has made, even us, that we might display the crafted good works of God prepared in advance for us to do. Notice that the gift of the Son is intended not for condemnation but for salvation, for God's judgment comes in the form of light.

On the cusp of Holy Week, on the **Fifth Sunday in Lent**, we hear from the prophet Jeremiah that God is making a New Covenant with the people. God says, “I will write it on their hearts...and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Ours is a God who is ever at work in every possible way to turn us around, refine us, cleanse us, and draw us back. This New Covenant is the New Testament that will be given to us in Christ's sacrificial death.

Holy Week begins on **Palm | Passion Sunday**. We will follow Christ from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. We enter Holy Week with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

The events of Holy Week move quickly. Next comes **Maundy Thursday** when we gather to celebrate and remember the Last Supper Jesus has with his disciples. We will also experience a hand washing ritual that will move us through Pilate's basin, to the Baptismal basin, and finally to the Servant's basin.

Our Lenten observance comes to an end as we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate **Good Friday**. In the passion narratives very little is said about Jesus' physical pain and agony. It's as if what we are meant to feel is not the whip of cords, the nails, or the spear, but the emotional pain: the betrayal, the abandonment, the isolation, the public humiliation.

There is no human suffering that is not felt by God on the cross. There is no pain or loss that is not pulled into God's heart. There is no kind of death that doesn't die with Jesus. And yet, on Good Friday we don't approach the cross from a place of fear or shame, but with boldness, as if it were the very throne of grace, *so that we may receive mercy and . . . help in our time of need* (Hebrews 4:16). We lay down our burdens, our hearts, even our very bodies before the cross, trusting that all those things are healed and redeemed in our Savior, who has conquered sin, death, and the devil. We nail our prayers to the cross. And then, after we've prayed all that we can pray, we worship, trusting that everything truly is in God's wounded hands.

And we wait for Easter.

Trusting in his wounded hands,
†Pastor Ann



We will have memorials for Easter flowers available for 3 Sundays starting March 10.



Message from
the Council

Honor

As servants of God, . . . honor everyone. (vv. 16-17)

Some words come from a different era; they are not a part of our everyday language, and sometimes they seem outdated. Even so, such words still hold value. *Honor* is one such word. We do not often talk about honoring someone unless they have done something special to deserve it. We rarely think of honoring people in daily life.

The letter of 1 Peter, however, calls us to honor everyone. The word that we translate “honor” means to have reverence for, or to hold in high regard. Because all humanity is made in the image of God, each person can reveal God to us. Hence, we honor everyone.

In an age when we are so divided across our differences, the call to honor everyone is a reminder that through Christ, God has made a new way. Through Christ, God has bridged the chasm that separates us from God and one another. As servants of Christ, we bridge the chasm of discord by honoring one another, and thereby seeking the image of God in everyone we meet.

**O God, help me to see your image in all people I meet today
and to honor them. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Prayer concern: Enemies and adversaries

Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16

God Bless, Valerie Ineichen

Wednesday Midweek Services

12:15pm

Holden Evening Prayer

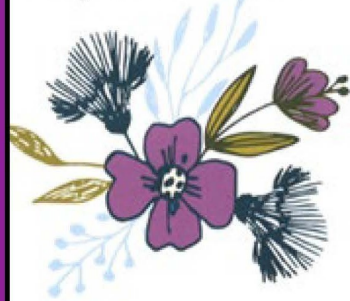
12:45pm

Soup & Bread Devotion

In the fellowship hall

THE POETRY of LENT

A Lenten Companion to
Mary Oliver's *Devotions*



Easter

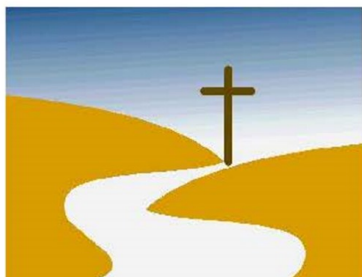


Easter Sunday Service | 9:00am

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. He is risen, indeed!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Easter Egg Hunt following
service from 10:30 -11:00am**

Season of Lent at Central



Sundays in Lent

9am

Feb. 18th Lent 1 Jesus in the wilderness.

Feb. 25th Lent 2 Abraham and Sarah.

Mar. 3rd Lent 3 The new Temple.

Mar. 10th Lent 4 God so loved the world.

Mar. 17th Lent 5 Christ, the seed fallen.



Palm | Passion Sunday

Mar. 24th

9am

We enter Holy Week waving our palm branches as Jesus rides into Jerusalem, then continue our journey with Jesus through the passion story in the Gospel of Mark.



Maundy Thursday

Mar. 28th

7pm

Ponder Christ's Great Commandment as you experience a hand washing ritual using the Liturgy of the Basins.

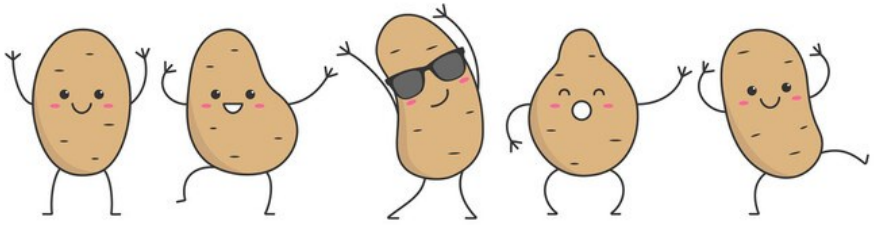


Good Friday

Mar. 29th

7pm

An adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae Service of Darkness. Candles are progressively extinguished as Christ's passion is read from the Gospel of John. We conclude this evening's service by nailing our prayers to the cross.



Please join the Hospitality group for a potato feed on March 17th after church in the Fellowship Hall.

Music by the Celtic band “Beyond the Pale”!



**BEYOND THE PALE
BAND**

. . . The Band is Celtic, named “Beyond the Pale” and includes me, along with Shane Perone, Ken Toop, Evan Jones and Raul Rodriguez. And yes, we *do* play for potatoes!!

We plan a mostly acoustic set on Sunday afternoon for Central Lutheran, prior to moving on to a return benefit gig at The Sports Center (on E. Yakima Ave.). You can look forward to a variety of traditional jigs, reels, and ballads!

Best regards,

-Chris Svendsen

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

UPBEATS COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

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March 24th: Dora Barnes, soprano

April 28th: Flute Troupe

May 19th: Joe Brooks Quartet

**Concert begins at 6:00 pm
in the Sanctuary**



February 25th Concert:
Joseph Brooks - clarinetist,
recently retired from the
music program at Central
Washington University where
he taught clarinet and
saxophone for 29 years.

Dr. Kraig Scott is the organ professor at Walla Walla University where he also conductor of choirs. Kraig is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and has garnered the reputation as a world class organist and harpsichordist.



Join us Tuesday at 10:00 am for Bible Study. Ken Toop leads the group for interesting discussion.



Everyone is welcome to join the Festival Choir or Handbells. For more information contact Bart Roderick.



CLC Cornhole & Hoop Group meet on Mondays in the gym I - 2:30 pm. All men are welcome to come.



CLC Open Gym High School Age Volleyball! Join Zach on Thursdays 6 - 8:00 pm.



Sewing/Crafting Day

March 9th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm In the quilting rooms downstairs.

Quilting, sewing, knitting, crafting any thing you would like to work on.

Bring your own supplies. Lunch will be provided!

For more information contact Valerie Ineichen at 509-901-5831 or VMIQUILTER@Hotmail.com



A Place for You! Considering membership at Central?

We would love for you to consider making Central Lutheran your church home! Our upcoming 2-session New Member Class is Sunday 3/3/24 & 3/10/24 from 10:30-noon. There is no requirement to join after taking this class but we hope you do! For more information contact Pastor Ann at: pastorannmurphy@clcyakima.org.



Art Ries (Terraces at Summiview)
Toni Perschke (Brookdale)
Betty Douglas (Moxee)
Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)
Doris Benish (Avista Senior Living)
JoAnn Schliemann (Rexford Manor)
Donald and Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Parents)
Eunice Koepe (Mable Swan Manor)
Terri Storlie (Margaret Turner's Sister In Law)
Dave Desmarais (Ria's husband, Crescent)
Lisa Rogers (Yakima)
Dotty Swank (Yakima)
Camille Jensen Oliveri (Sister to Anna-Lisa Stringer)
Jeff Hagen (Yakima)



March 19th Ron & Kathy Gillespie

Birthday Wishes



March 2024:

1st Paul Soderstrom

4th Elizabeth McKeirnan

7th Judy Johnson

10th Elise Bowman

14th Mark Pittman

15th Julianne Lybeck & Jean Gunderson

17th Claudia Burkhardt

19th Lewis & Henry Argo

22nd Devi Baken



23rd Alessandra Nygard & Joyce Rikerd

24th Toni Perschke



26th Anne Chapman

31st Bonnie Molsberry

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<p>31st EASTER DAY 9:00 am Egg Hunt to follow at 10:30 am</p>	
<p>3 3rd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP The New Temple 10:20 a Opening for Sunday School & Confirmation will be doing Camp Hope</p> <p>10:30 a New Member Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p CLC Cornhole & Hoop Group 6:30 p Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Yakima Boat Club</p>
<p>10 4th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP God so loved the world</p> <p>10:20 a Opening for Sunday School & Confirmation</p> <p>10:30 a New Member Class</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p CLC Cornhole & Hoop Group 6:30 p Scouts</p> <p>6:00 p Property & Safety Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>17 5th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP Christ, the seed fallen</p> <p>Potato Feed After Worship</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p CLC Cornhole & Hoop Group 6:30 p Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p> <p>1st day of Spring!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>24 Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP 10:20 a Opening for Sunday School & Confirmation</p> <p>6:00 pm Up Beat Concert</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p CLC Cornhole & Hoop Group 6:30 p Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Bible Study</p>

2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
<p>March 10th Change Clocks Spring Ahead</p> 	<p>March 17th St Partick's Day</p> 	<p>1 8:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Pastor Scott InOffice</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:00 p Scout Leaders</p> <p>12:15 p Holden Prayer Soup & Bread Lenton Devotional</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 a Piecemakers 2:00 p Worship Committee 6:00 p Girl Scout Leaders 6:00 p Volleyball</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Pastor Scott In Office</p> <p>9</p> <p>10:00 a Sewing/Crafting Day</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group</p> <p>12:15 p Holden Prayer Soup & Bread Lenton Devotional</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 a Piecemakers 6:00 p Volleyball</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Pastor Scott In Office</p> <p>16</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group</p> <p>12:15 p Holden Prayer Soup & Bread Lenton Devotional</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 a Piecemakers 6:00 p Volleyball</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Pastor Scott In Office</p> <p>23</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 p Service Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 p Service Good Friday</p> <p>30</p>

Shrove Tuesday

The hospitality committee through Kirsten Monick asked the men's group if we'd take on the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. The men's group is new and meet for fellowship, cornhole and basketball on Monday afternoons. The group enthusiastically accepted the invitation. Thanks to Chris Link, John Svenson, John Murphy, Chris Svenson, Bruce Willis, John Baken, Gary Lund, Paul Rogers, Zack Yelenick, and Stephen Merz for the pancake dinner.







Pancake eating contest was between Zach and John. As you can tell Zach did not win!



The girls had fun decorating the pancakes!



Thank you Kirsten Monick, Val Ineichen, Randa Emmel, Kathy Buckingham, Karen Bodeen, and Zack Yelenick for the table decorations.



Youth
Sundays at Central

Sunday School – PreK - 5th Grade

10:20am: Opening in chapel

10:30-11:15: Sunday School Class

Confirmation

6th Grade through High School

10:20: Opening in Chapel

10:30-11:30pm: Confirmation Class

Wednesdays at Central

Youth Group

6th Grade through High School

4:00 – 6:00pm

Confirmation Class

6th Grade through High School

7:00-8:00pm

For more info
Zach.yelenick@clcyakima.org

2024-Sunday School Calendar

Date	Activity
Sun 2/4	No Class -- Break
Sun 2/11	No Class -- Break
Sun 2/18	Sunday School
Sun 2/25	Sunday School
Sun 3/3	Sunday School
Sun 3/10	Sunday School
Sun 3/17	Sunday School
Sun 3/24	Sunday School - Palm Sunday
Sun 3/31	Easter Sunday (No Class)(Egg Hunt!)
Weds 4/3	No Class -- Break
Sun 4/7	No Class -- Break
Sun 4/14	Sunday School
Sun 4/21	Sunday School
Sun 4/28	Sunday School
Sun 5/5	Sunday School
Sun 5/12	No Class – Mother’s Day
Sun 5/19	Sunday School
Sun 5/26	Sunday School
Sun 6/2	Year End Celebration

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: See Pastor Ann for scheduling updates.



Come check the quilting group out on Thursdays 9 until noon! Everyone is welcome

The Piecemakers donated \$500 to each of the following: Lutheran World Relief, Habitat for Humanity- Yakima Chapter, and Northwest Harvest . They wanted to thank the congregation for supporting them so they could make these gifts possible. Thanks again Quilters



Dear Quilting ladies —
thank you so much for the beautiful lap robe! It will get plenty of use here at Rexford. Having quilted myself I really appreciate it and I'll always be thinking of you working in your room. Thank You!!
John

YOUR
Ministry
IS MAKING
A DIFFERENCE

By this
My Father
is glorified,
that you bear
much fruit;
so you will be
My disciples.

JOHN 15:8

Just wanted to
make sure you knew
how **appreciated** you are—
not only for all you do,
but for who you are—
a reflection of
the One you serve.

Thank you so very much for
the lap quilt that Jeanne
brought to me. I'm making
good use of it when I watch

TV in the evening.
Each time I use it I'm
reminded of Elaine. The
color is exactly what she
would have picked, it was
her favorite color.

Thank again,

Jordan

Dear Quilters:

Thanks a million
for the beautiful
quilt. Jeanne delivered
it and I am
delighted.

Your mission with
the quilts is wonderful.

Betty Douglas



Church in Society:

Caring for Creation: Coffee Anyone?

Lutherans and coffee go hand in hand, so maybe we should look at some environmental consequences of our brewing decisions.



Coffee is its own topic for another day, but in brewing and choosing filters we need to know a few details for make the best earth-friendly decision.

You can choose between a reusable metal filter, two types of white paper filters, or a brown paper filter.

Metal filters produce less waste because they are reusable, obviously. The quality of the coffee is impacted as more fine granules pass through a metal mesh filter, as well as more oils. Some folks prefer the robust coffee flavor produced, while others prefer a clearer, less acidic, and lighter product.

White filters come in two varieties. Those that are bleached with chlorine, and those that are bleached with oxygen. Chlorine bleached filters are the cheapest, though some connoisseurs can detect some residual chlorine taste, and this same chlorine does end up in the environment.

White filters bleached with oxygen are considered higher quality, are more expensive, but the product used to bleach them breaks down into oxygen and water, thus being eco-friendly. Look for the designation of TCF for products bleached with oxygen.

Brown filters are unbleached and thus more environmentally friendly. Connoisseurs may detect residual flavors in any type of paper filters, and these can be removed by rinsing the filter prior to brewing. Brown filters are typically sturdier and may even be listed as being compostable.

Coffee grounds in general are useful additions to your garden soil, adding tilth, and fertilizing your soil with their nitrogen content. Additionally coffee grounds can repel cats, kill slugs, and, when used as mulch, suppress weeds.

So, enjoy your cup of coffee and make the best eco-friendly decisions in how you brew it, and dispose of it.

Camp Hope

Christ Lutheran served the meal for February.

Schedule for meals Central will serving for 2024

March 3rd

April 8th

June 10th

July 8th

September 9th

October 14th

December 9th



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Central Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your \$2000.00 donation to Habitat. Your generosity is bringing hope to our community, and helping us to continue building safe, quality + sustainable homes for families in the Yakima Valley.

♥ Jeri + the Yakima Habitat Team

Building strength, stability, and self-reliance, through shelter.

NORTHWEST INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2024

FUNDING FORWARD: STEWARDSHIP FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Ezra 3:10-13

In this passage, we meet the Israelites as they are trying to find their 'new normal' after the destruction of the first temple and the rebuilding of the second. There is a mix of both grief and hope in the air as the foundation is being laid. This passage reminds us to tend to the variety of emotions present as we tend to the work of innovation in the church today.

We are excited to invite you to one of Regional Gatherings this coming spring. This will be an opportunity to learn together, to reconnect with friends and build relationships with people from neighboring congregations.

May 18 - First Lutheran Church - Ellensburg, WA
9:30 am Registration
10:00 am Gathering

The registration fee is \$300 per congregation. Bring as many people as you would like. There will be \$15 fee per person to cover lunch expenses, which the church will pay. The Gathering will conclude at 4:00 pm.

Our presenter is **Grace Pomroy** who is the Director of the Stewardship Leaders Program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She's a lay, millennial stewardship leader, speaker, and financial educator based in Allyn, WA. She is the co-author of the stewardship book, *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life*, as well as author of the 2013 ELCA stewardship resource, "Stewards of God's Love." She is currently working on a book about alternative financial models for ministry with Fortress Press, an imprint of 1517 Media.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING PLEASE SIGN
UP IN THE OFFICE OR IN THE NARTHEX

The Property Committee is updating the key inventory. After Easter we ask that anyone that has keys please stop by the office. Thank You!

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KEY CHECK OUT FORM

I _____

_____ am a member of Central Lutheran Church or staff member.

_____ am a community member or an organization with an approved Property and Facilities Use Agreement.

I am checking out key # _____.

Purpose of key use (example: Altar Guild, Decoration Committee, staff, etc.): _____

I agree that the key(s) will be in my possession at all times, and it is my responsibility to lock and secure the building when I leave and follow the Property and Facilities Use Policy. If the key is lost, I will report that loss to the Church Administrative Assistant as quickly as possible.

Further, as:

Staff: I agree to return my keys no later than the last day of employment, or

Central Lutheran Members: I agree to return keys when no longer necessary to carry out my ministry responsibilities or at the request of the Property Committee, Congregational Council or its designee, or

Outside organizations or community members: Keys will be kept in the church office and checked out prior to the meeting or event.* I agree to return the keys immediately after the meeting or event. If the office will be closed at that time, I will leave the keys in the location designated by the Administrative Assistant or arrange a time to return the keys during the next available office hours.

Name _____

Address _____

Contact info (Home phone, cell or work phone (please circle): _____

Signature _____ Date _____

A \$10.00 fee will be charged for any additional keys.

* Limited exceptions made, for example, organizations chartered by Central Lutheran.

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Hello March

