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The Ongoing Story of Easter

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

On that first Easter the disciples were confused and full of fear. They had questions about Jesus and were hunkered down in survival mode for their own lives. What Jesus told them would happen still did not compute. The disciples had walked with him and talked with him and still didn't get it! Just as many times in life we don't get it and wonder: "Why is this happening?" "What are you doing, Lord?"

Back then, and even now, Jesus draws near to us to break through the hard and fear-filled places in our hearts. He knows we all come to faith in various ways. He knows we all have different doubts and fears in life. And he says the same thing to us as he said to those first disciples, "Peace be with you!" Jesus always brings us his peace. And, when we have peace with God, we will also have peace in difficult times.

Today, Jesus continues to illumine our hearts and minds and bring us his peace. He also continues to send us out with a purpose and task. "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." We have been commissioned to continue Christ's ministry of reconciliation in the world to share the good news of God's grace and love in both word and deed. Sometimes these things are not easy for us. But we need not fear the task. Jesus will equip us with what we need to do it and provide us his peace as we do.

Easter is not a one-day event. It is the greatest day in an ongoing story of the love and actions of our Savior. May we live as Easter people, blown out into the world from behind our closed doors, sharing the good news. Alleluia! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

†Pastor Ann

Hello from your friend in Christ, Tim Franks

The last time I wrote a blurb for the messenger was two years ago on the first days of summer. Now I am writing this on the first day of spring. Holy week is coming soon which means that Easter is just around the corner. Wuhoo, my favorite day of the year.

I don't want to jinx anything but things at Central seem to be going along quite well. We only have one furnace in the building to replace. We are close to finishing the replacement of the second phase of windows, so our physical structure continues to improve. Covid is pretty much behind us and Pastor Ann has been here a year now, and the number of folks on any given Sunday continues to grow. So nice to see all the new faces. The council just spent time reviewing their responsibilities and they seemed very focused to lead the church to where God is leading us. God has blessed with a great physical structure, a growing and joyous congregation and leadership is centered. God is good.

Now it is up to all of us to go out and do his work.

Your pew mate and sinner, Tim



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter



Children's Message





Egg Hunt on the Playground



The Poetry of Lent with Mary Oliver:
A Companion with Cooks and Other Pilgrims

Prayer is a kind of doorway, Mary Oliver says. She says it directly, and, backing off, suggests the same. Says what? Suggests what? Patching words together is one. And here's another: the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice might speak. During the 40 days of Lent, as participant and pilgrim, listening to sacred song, breaking bread, eating soup prepared by others, walking before and walking after, I found walking to be another entry into prayer. Often what came up—indeed what comes up—it's only beginning, nothing's over with, were the voices and stories of others. During this time, one poem of Oliver's has returned to me as my touchstone. Her poem, *The Messenger*, from her book, *Thirst*, contains these lines, written in my notebook, and recited every day:

Let me
keep my mind on what matters,
 which is my work,
which is mostly standing still and learning to be
 astonished.

These lines follow the poem's first line: *My work is loving the world.*

I fall into these lines and images every day as easily and often as I fall short of them. Some of the lines that stop me, might shock others. I hope I don't do that here. On the other hand, I hope that together, we all did some of that during our Wednesday lunch hour in the basement. Some disturbance is necessary in moving. I do hope that happened. After-all, there is considerable difficulty in singing Mary's Magnificat each week. The Magnificat, too, is a poem. The Christian (and English) poet, Sir Michael Edwards says, in his book, *The Bible and Poetry*, that poetry changes everything that it touches.

Others will have different lines of Oliver's that they will remember. The mystery is not knowing where or when, epiphanies will spring from. Poems remind us that things aren't over, they're just beginning. These days of Easter we're in right now. Oliver reminds us: Pay attention.

Her book that is taking its place on America's bookshelves, is the gorgeous-in-white volume, *Devotions*. My favorite, *Thirst*, finishes with these lines, also included in *Devotions*:

Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expecting to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with this thirst, I am slowly learning.

God's peace.

Jim Bodeen



Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Soup and Bread lunch. Those who helped in the soup making, bread making, set-up and serving were: Bonnie Fairbairn, Jan Lyon, Jeanne Dillahunt, Dee and Gary Lund, Val Ineichen, Judy Moore, Selma and Virg Umbarger, Marion Jones, Kris Vestad, Kirsten Monick, Karen Bodeen, Tim Gatton, Sonya and Steve Merz, Scott Peterson and Mary Johnson.

The Holden Service had a team as well for a message and music. Those participating were Ruthann Sutton, Bart Roderick, Barb Beehler, Visitation Pastor Scott Klepach and Pastor Ann. After the meal, Jim Bodeen presented a poem by Mary Oliver and facilitated round table discussions each week. John Murphy also provided his experiences on his pilgrimages on the Camino de Santiago. David Heath also has done the pilgrimages.

These Wednesdays provided a wealth in fellowship, as well as information. THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH !!



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Art Ries (Terraces at Summiview)

Janice Miller (Terraces at Summiview)

Toni Perschke (Brookdale)

Betty Douglas (Moxee)

Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)

Doris Benish (Izzy's Adult Family Home)

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)

Dave Desmarais (Ria's husband, Crescent)

Lisa Rogers (Yakima)

Dotty Swank (Yakima)

Jeff Hagen (Yakima)

Theresa Whitlock (Dotty's Daughter)

For all struggling with employment issues.

For all struggling with mental health issues.





April Birthday Wishes


- 2nd Jase Lybeck
- 3rd Sonya Merz & Dalene Pittman
- 9th Kiersten Lybeck, Max Argo, Grace Gatton
- 10th James Avery
- 19th Julie Rottman
- 25th Janice Miller
- 26th Dotty Swank
- 27th Gary Lund
- 30th Tiffany Nygard



April Wedding Anniversaries

- 5th Patti & Tim Mathes-Nelson
Cheryl & Michael Bush
- 15th Carole Folsom & Steve Hill
- 20th Matthew & Valerie Imbrock
- 24th John & Bonnie Molsberry
- 26th Paul & Nancy Melville
Greg & Adele Bainter

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 <p>CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 1604 WEST YAKIMA AVENUE • YAKIMA, WA 98902</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 a TOPS 6:30 p Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>7 <i>2nd Easter</i></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p Men in the Gym 4:00 p Camp Hope 6:30 p Scouts</p> <p>6:00 p Property Committee</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>14 <i>3rd Easter</i></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>10:20 a Opening for Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p Men in the Gym 6:30 p Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p>21 <i>4th Easter</i></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>10:20 a Opening for Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p Men in the Gym 6:30 p Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 4:00 p Girls Scouts CPR</p> <p>7:00 p Endowment</p>
<p>28 <i>5th Easter</i></p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>10:20 a Opening for Sunday School & Confirmation</p> <p>6:00 pm UpBeats Concert</p> <p><i>St Timothy's Habitat Group come to stay for the week</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p Men in the Gym 6:30 p Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p>

2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
3 6:30 p Scout Leaders	4 6:30 p Girl Scout Leaders 1:00 p Hospitality Committee 2:00 p Worship Committee	5 8:00 a Foot Care 6
10 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Handbells 7:00 p Confirmation Class 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 6:00 p Open Volleybal	12 8:00 a Foot Care 13 10:00 a Craft Day
17 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Handbells 7:00 p Confirmation Class 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	18 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 6:00 p Open Volleyball	19 8:00 a Foot Care 20 1:00 p Joanne Puyear Memorial 7:00 p Movie Night
24 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Handbells 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	25 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 12:00 p Great Decisions 6:00 p Open Volleyball	26 8:00 a Foot Care 27
		May 4th Preschool Yard Sale



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.



Piecemakers

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

April - June		CONFIRMATION - Revised Schedule
Sun	3/31	Easter Sunday, Processional (No Class)
Weds	4/3	No Class -- Break
Sun	4/7	No Class -- Break
Weds	4/10	Class – Life of Jesus 9 (Resurrection)
Sun	4/14	Class – Life of Jesus 10 (Great Commission)
Weds	4/17	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostle’s Creed
Sun	4/21	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostle’s Creed
Wed	4/24	No Class
Sun	4/28	No Class
Weds	5/1	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/5	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostles’ Creed
Weds	5/8	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/12	Class – Apostles’ Creed
Weds	5/15	Class – Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/19	Class – No Class, Pentecost
Weds	5/22	Class – Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/26	No Class -- Break
Weds	5/29	Class – Wrap Up, Review
Sun	6/2	Last Class Celebration



Sewing/Crafting Day

Saturday April 13th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm In the quilting rooms downstairs in room 107/108. Quilting, sewing, knitting, crafting any thing you would like to work on. Bring your own supplies and a sack lunch! Enjoy the time crafting and visiting!

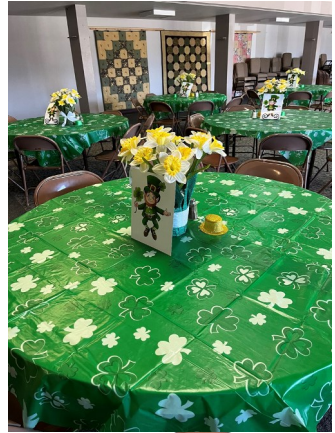


For more information contact Valerie Ineichen at 509-901-5831 or VMIQUILTER@Hotmail.com



Thank you to the ST Patricks day helpers Kathy Buckingham, Chris Steinhilb, Marion Jones, Randa Emmels, Kirsten Monick, and Karen Bodeen.

Also to the Beyond the Pale Band for the music.



Welcome New members: Cheryl & Gene Probasco, Patrick Molohon, Cathy Redifer



Lent food drive was a big hit! Boxes were full and greatly appreciated by Yakima Rotary Food Bank.

Camp Hope

Dates Central Lutheran Church is signed up:

**April 8th June 10th July 8th September 9th
October 14th December 9th**

Camp Hope March 3rd. Special thanks to the Hahns who helped all us first timers with what we needed to do!



PROPERTY COMMITTEE



Property Committee is selling wooden preschool sized chairs. Before it goes public, we want our members to have a chance to buy. They make great plant holders for your home! Suggested donation \$20 each or 2 for \$30. Funds go into property budget for upcoming projects like window shades, window replacement, furnace replacement, etc. Contact the office if interested!



The Property Committee is updating the key inventory. Please return all church keys to the office. Thank You!

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude, my appreciation to you and all church staff and church members for all of your unwavering support and efforts since Tim became sick, and all the way to making Tim's memorial service happen. You are always there for us. Thank you so much. It was an excellent service.

♥ God is so good. He has blessed us. ♥

Thank you from Ana Schulz

Stewardship Opportunity

We will be joining with other congregations in the synod to embark upon a two-year-financial stewardship journey utilizing a year-round stewardship program called **Stewardship for All Seasons** by Gronlund Sayther Brunkow (GBS) Fundraising. GBS will provide us with training and industry best practices. Working with the GBS consultants, we will be tailoring our own stewardship model to address our particular stewardship needs.

This is an exciting opportunity! The synod has offered to pay the majority of the cost of this training. We just need three parishioners to step up to the plate. Council members Jeff Chapman and Valerie Ineichen will also be part of this team. This is a two-year commitment with meetings over zoom. The Congregations that have participated in this training have found the program very worthwhile, successful, and inspirational.

Please consider being part of this team.
Contact Pastor Ann if you would like more information.

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.

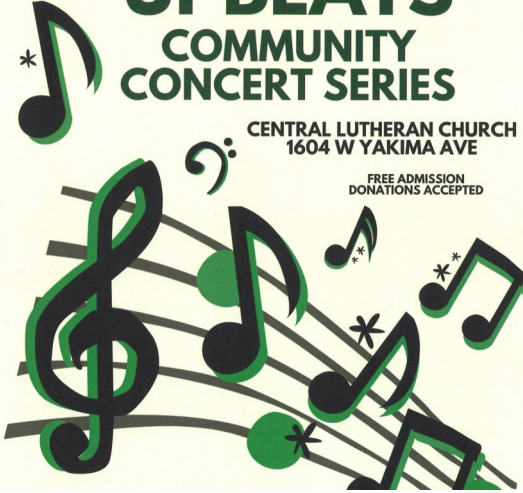
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**April 28th:
Flute Troupe
May 19th: Joe
Brooks Quartet**

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



**March 24th UpBeats Concert:
Dora Barnes, soprano performed.
Dora grew up in the Yakima Valley and is now
a professional performer in the Seattle area.**



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

★ APRIL 20 | 7 PM

FREE POPCORN AND
DRINKS

MOVIE: RATATOUILLE

Central Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall



Special Friends

It has been said that real friends

Are very hard to find

The ones that stay

when times are tough

Real friends, the lasting kind

And as I've traveled

through this life

I have found this to be true

I will never find a better friend

Than I have found in you