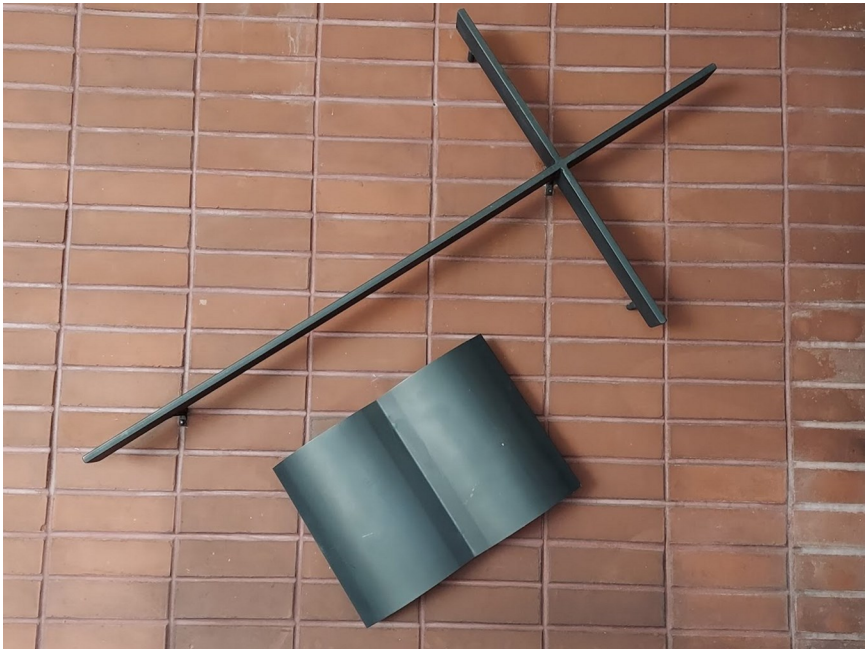


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Council Corner

May the peace of the Lord be with you all!

Breaking News that we like! As I write this month's Council Corner, I sense a collective Central smile.

“Breaking: More activities approved in Yakima County as coronavirus guidelines updated”

Reading further on Yakima Herald.com as it relates to us, *“Churches may host indoor services at 25% capacity or up to 50 people, whichever is less, using Phase 2 guidance. Along with a limited number of indoor guests, churches may host outdoor services with up to 200 people. That's an increase from the 100 people previously allowed for outdoor services.”*

I'm sure you have heard about this as good news travels rapidly. So let's hear the collective **hip hip hooray** before considering this. **Now what does this mean for us?**

I've had conversation with the chair of our covid advisory committee, Laura Hahn. The committee will meet and advise our approach going forward. In a nutshell, whatever we can do under the new guidelines, we will do it starting on Sunday **September 6**. We know that there will be a lot of work in preparation for September 6 to be sure we manage well the new worship opportunities while keeping the safety of our members of utmost priority. So do **two things**: Please be patient and standby for updates as Lea will be sharing through our email blasts aka CLC Update.

The latest news regarding the naming of our intentional interim pastor. Sorry, nothing to report. That is not to say we haven't been busy. We started this process with the assistant to the bishop, Pastor Phil Misner, the day after Pastor Carolyn announced her retirement to the executive committee and were hoping that jump

on the process would have resulted in an assignment by now. We have had two candidates that we engaged in initial conversations that have not worked out for a variety of reasons. Mainly covid related and extended stays with their current congregations and districts. When we have news to share, you will be the first to hear. Continue to pray that the good Lord sends us a Pastor to shepherd us through our vacancy period.

Finally, I do get a few emails from an address in the church directory that I no longer use and Sonya occasionally uses. So I will get them in a very delayed timeframe and feel badly that I didn't get a chance to be prompt in reply. Please note my active email address and phone number below.

Until the next Council Corner or when I see you again, be safe, reach out to your church friends, stay well and happy and know that the good Lord is watching out for us.

Pax Domini,

Stephen Merz

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A quail came to perch on the church fence.



Sunday Worship is available in 3 different methods electronically

1. Facebook - This is not a live stream so that chat is not available, a prerecorded video will be displayed @ 9am. Find our Facebook page by searching for Central Lutheran Yakima.
2. CLCYakima.org Website - Go to the Sermons & Worship Videos tab. You will find a link to the bulletin and recorded video.
3. CLCYakima.org Website - Go to the Sermons & Worship Videos tab. You will find a link to the YouTube live stream of the service. This will display the same pre recorded video but will also have live text chat capability so you can communicate with other worshippers.

If you do not have access to a computer, Facebook or the Website please call the office. We do have chromebooks which can be checked out. Felicity is also willing to show you how to use it!



new PLAN

The COVID 19 Advisory Committee met on 8/19/2020. There were no new recommendations submitted at this time. The committee did discuss the potential for a parking lot service but all felt the current delivery of the church service was meeting most of the congregations needs. The Council will let the committee know if there are any new requests. A big thank you to everyone working on the church service delivery, it has been really nice to have music, song, and service in the church setting. We all look forward to some day in the future when we will be able to worship together. If anyone has questions please feel free to contact Laura Hahn, chair. Thank you.



Felicity's niece, April wears her mask out and about!



Preaching Schedule

Pastor G David Lambertson will be preaching
September 6th, 13th, 27th

Rev. Phil Mieser September 20th

There have been beautiful altar flowers given during August. Please call the church office if you would like to sign up on the flower chart. You'll receive information on when to bring them to church in time for the weekly taping of the service.



Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Steve Hill Kyle Dixon
Dale Miller Julie Peterson
Mary Johnson Bill Harrison
Laura Hahn

Ongoing Prayer For Shut Ins

Phyllis Gillihan (*Ponderosa*)
Mary Frances Jones (*Emerald Care*)
Joanne Puyear (*Arbor House*)
Art Ries (*Livingcare*)
Toni Perschke (*Avamere*)
Walter & Edith Mabry (*Yakima*)
Betty Douglas (*Moxee*)
Mae Hansel (*Yakima*)
Elaine Bueling (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)
Mel Carlson (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)
Gail Hills (*Home with Hospice*)
Gary Pierone (*Good Samaritan*)
Fred Halverson (*Yakima*)



Tim Schulz for the death
of his brother Aug. 24th

Please update any
prayer request



We are so grateful for the prayers of support and encouragement offered to us from our church family with the sudden death of Ola. We know we are surrounded by your love and care. Thank you!
Kris, Erika, Tor, and Elise

Thank you to Scott Peterson for videoing and editing the Sunday services while Duane Monick was gone. We appreciate the hours it takes to tape and then edit each service. Thank you from the Worship Committee.

Calling all musicians! Thank you to those who have provided special music this last month for our services. Rondi Marsh, Julie Lambertson, Robin Kasala, and Jane Peterson. If you are willing to share your playing or singing with us, solos or groups, please let CLC know. Call Tim Schultz or the church office and we will coordinate the taping.

A big thank you to all those involved in providing our Sunday services:
Kirsten Monick--organizing readers
Mary Johnson --altar flowers
Tim Schultz--piano and special music coordinator
Felicity Pittman, Duane Monick, Scott Peterson--video streaming
Pastor G David Lambertson--preaching and pastoral care
The Worship Committee thanks all those involved and appreciates the dedication and hours of work given so we can worship as a congregation together each Sunday.

To my friends in Christ,

Another month has passed since you have heard from me. Yesterday I learned of some good news which is that indoor Religious services can start opening back up to a capacity of 25% so I am eagerly awaiting news from our Covid advisory team when some of us can come back into the building. The main reason for my note to you is to make sure everyone was aware that our expenses last month exceeded our income by more than \$9,800. We are still in the midst of summer and typically this is when church giving has historically fallen off. I ask that you pray about your giving and do what God leads you to do. In God we trust, Tim Franks, Treasurer

Offerings/income		Expenses by major category	
	July	Year to date	
General fund	20,095.00	192,114.36	Salaries & benefits
Building Usage	990.00	9,739.00	Youth & Family
other income	2.48	6,656.76	Worship
Transfers			Hospitality
from endowment fund	-	13,614.15	Stewardship/Church in Society
from money market	49.92		Property
Gertie Hein - Visitation	-	-	Office
Total	21,137.40	222,124.27	Total

July 2020		Year to date	
operating loss, net of transfers	\$ (9,833.36)		
net loss	\$ (9,783.44)		
operating income, net of transfers		\$ (1,666.64)	
net income		\$ 11,947.51	

Monthly results:

Central Lutheran's offering came in \$7,727 less than budget for the month.
 Operational expenses were \$1,815 less than budget for the month.
 This results in operating loss, net of transfers of \$9,833 for the month of July.
 Including transfers, we have net loss of \$9,783 for the month of July.

Year to Date:

Total offerings/revenues to date are -\$20,443 less than budgeted amount as of the end of the month.
 Total operating expenses to date are running \$18,972 under budget.
 Net of transfer, year to date we are in the red by \$1,667
 Including transfers, year to date we are in the black by \$11,948



Balance Sheet items:

Beginning of year cash balance	34,148.34
Activity thru July 2020	11,947.51
Payment of benevolence accrued in prior year	
reclassification between dedicated and undedicated	(25,102.85)
Current balance - undedicated bank account assets	\$ 20,993.00

2019 Year to date benevolence		Amount due	Paid	Still due
Synod	8%	15,369.15	12,893.05	5,095.86
Local	2%	3,842.29	1,050.00	2,792.29
		19,211.44	13,943.05	7,888.15

\$2,619.76 paid for 2019

Join us for

“God’s work. Our hands.”



Join us for God’s work. Our hands. beginning September 13th.

Traditionally God’s work. Our hands. is a day when all ELCA Lutheran churches spend a special day serving others. Because we can’t be physically together this year we’re going to try something different. This year we’ll celebrate three weeks of service together!

**Watch our Sunday morning worship announcements
and email updates for more details!**

“Celebrating Central”



1st Lynn Buchanan

3rd Shane Pierone, Mark Roehr, Sophia Ancira

4th Onni Derala

5th Joshua Meiser & Robert Good

6th Laura Gillespie, Ryan Chapman, Naomi Rottman

**9th Lucille Zimmerman, Sierra Rodriguez,
Joanne Puyear, Kathy Buchingham**

10th Emma Christianson & Lois Smidt

12th Beyla Jacobs & Lyndall Jacobs

13th Ron Loyd & Joan Harrison

15th Gerry Gilyard

17th Izaiah Rodriguez

18th Anne Gatton

20th Jaelynn Durels

22nd Selma Umbarger

23rd Von Steinhilb

24th Duane Monick & Datty Mathes-Nelson

28th Eunice Koeppe

29th Elliott Bishop

30th Brian Dixon

SEPTEMBER

Anniversaries

7th Lynn & Connie Buchanan

10th Brian & Kyle Dixon

12th Tim & Ann Reiersen

15th Jeff & Patty Roll

Bruce & Ann Willis

21st John & Tracey Durels

30th Rick & Maureen Nygard



The rosebuds beneath the cross Sunday, August 9th, were to celebrate the birth of:

Thomas Dean son of Kylie & Adam Johnston, grandchild of Chris and Denise Svendsen.

Finnegan Robert Allen Bond son of Mackenzie & Jason Bond, grandson of Angie Karn & great grandson of Al & Fran Karn.



Thomas Dean Johnston



Finnegan Robert
Allen Bond

Hey Friends,
I know that we're all "Zoomed" and "Google Meeted" out so we're going to try something different for the fall. I've put together a box of supplies for each of you to come pick up at the church. Your box will contain the basic supplies you'll need for Sunday School, Confirmation, or HS Studies. I'll email or snail mail your lessons to you weekly. Give me a call on my cell or call the church office to set up a day and time to pick up your box*. -Felicity

*Please remember to put your mask on before entering the church. Be prepared to sign in.





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Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Elizabeth C. Eaton

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Camp Hope Needs: Next Serving Date is **Monday, September 14th**

I am still delivering meals to Camp Hope. Due to COVID-19, I purchased most of our meal ready to serve and deliver to their site. I am no longer serving the meal. Contact Denise Svendsen @509-949-8580

Current Needs: Serving 80+

Dinner Rolls (drop off anytime and we will put in the CLC freezer)

Coleslaw without the dressing

Coleslaw Dressing

Plastic Spoons

Pop

Water

Jello Pudding Cups/Applesauce Cups/Fruit Cups

Individually Wrapped Cookies & Rice Krispie Treats

Call church office to make sure it is open before dropping off items. 509-575-6490



On the Corner Update: Even though our building remains closed to our OTC program, we are still helping kids!

Time for innovation: How tutoring could be a key to lifting kids out of the 'COVID slide'

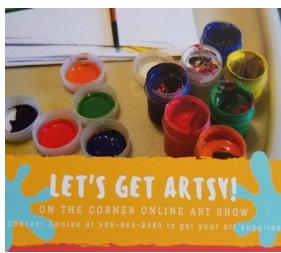
Tutoring is one of the oldest forms of education. And yet, while broad swaths of U.S. students participate in tutoring, it has historically been reserved for the moneyed elite and is cost-prohibitive for children like those attending OTC.

Most experts say making tutors available to more kids – especially those least able to afford to hire one themselves – could be vital to combating learning losses that resulted when the coronavirus forced schools to shut down and transition to online-only instruction. The toll on students’ attainment and engagement has been dire; it will almost certainly be compounded by the usual slide in learning many kids experience over summer vacation. This “slide” was already apparent to me as I talked to OTC kids and families while distributing meals to them from April to June. These challenges are bound to be especially pronounced among some of the disadvantaged kids that attend OTC.

For more information reach out to Denise at

denise.svendsen@clcyakima.org.

OTC will launch their Let's Get Artsy online art show next month.



We received a \$650 grant from the Fresh Hop Ale Festival organization in February, with the plan to have a family Art Show event in May. Kids had signed up, some of the supplies were purchased, and then we closed down. Postcards will go out to all registered kids in the 2019/2020 program year with a way to contact Denise to pick up an art bag with supplies they need to complete their project at home. We then plan to photograph the art pieces and post them on our media platforms.



September 22nd

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DAY OF

Autumn