



CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER



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Mission Statement (What We Do):

Central Lutheran Church

is a WELCOMING and CARING community of faith reaching out in service to others to meet the needs of our neighbors locally and globally.

Vision Statement (Desired End-State):

Our congregation is committed to seeking and welcoming diversity as we reach beyond our boundaries to our larger community through faith, fellowship, and in service to others.



February Messenger Deadline January 28, 2019

Please e-mail your articles to Central Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Remember the 12 days of Christmas continue through January 5th. I pray that you and your family are able to find times joy and peace as you celebrate the birth of Christ.

Blessed Epiphany! Epiphany is the season when we celebrate the many ways that Christ is manifest or made know and made visible to us and to the whole world. We enter this season of the church year on January 6, the day we commemorate the visit of the Magi, or Three Wise Men, to the holy family. One of the traditions we celebrate on Epiphany is the blessing of our houses. This festival falls on a Sunday this year so we will be giving the children some chalk to use for the blessing. The traditional names of the wise men are Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The initials "CMB" also stand for the Latin phrase, "Christus Maisonem Benedictat," or "Christ Bless our Home." The chalk is used to mark the top of the front door or front step: 20 + CMB + 19. Chalking the door is a way to literally mark and celebrate the many ways God blesses our lives and our homes.

Here is a prayer you can use:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and nineteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

May God bless your home in this new year.
Pastor Carolyn

Comic strip? Really? Yes, really! We will be including a comic strip in the weekly email updates beginning in 2019, so be sure to look for it. Agnus Day is the only lectionary-based comic strip on the planet. You are now a part of something very cool.

Each week, Rick (the one with the dark nose) and Ted discuss one of the assigned readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Their conversation drives at a point and sometimes sparks a laugh.

Agnus Day is the creation of Pastor James Wetzstein, a Lutheran pastor. Jim serves as University Pastor at Valparaiso University, where his student charges keep him up late and his head full of big ideas. He offers this comic strip free to church publications.



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After Supper Wednesday, January 9th
there will be Communion Worship
in the Chapel with the baptism of four youth!
Supper begins at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
and Worship at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

Please join us Tuesday , January 15th at 11:30 am
for Communion Worship in the Chapel. Hospitality
Committee will be providing lunch and games in room
209 following the worship. Games will be provided or
you can always bring your favorite one!



The members of the Altar Guild thank Mary Meyerquinonez so much for her years of service on the Altar Guild. She has been faithful in her service for the Altar and communion and in the past many months she has made the communion bread as well. This has been quite a commitment and we are most grateful for it all. Again, we give her our appreciation and now wish her a most Blessed Christmas and a most Happy New Year. -Sincerely, Joan Harrison Altar Guild Chairman

Thank you to everyone who brought cookies for the reception following Mary Lou Crose's memorial. - Kyle Dixon & the funeral committee

The funeral reception committee would like to thank everyone who contributed salads and desserts for Arla Crosier's luncheon. A special thank you to Marion Jones, Kathy Moen, Joan Harrison, Kathy Buckingham and Ardelle Ringhouse for helping. These acts of kindness are appreciated so much by the family and the reception committee.

The staff would like to thank Marion Jones for watering the plants inside the church.

THANK YOU to Jim Miller and Ron Burkhart from the Piecemakers for installing our new cabinets.

Thank you to Luke & Chris Svendsen, Carrisa & Ciela Switzer, plus Pastor Carolyn for setting up the Nativity in the Church Yard this Holiday Season.





Thank you to everyone who contributed to OTC in December by donating and helping with our Christmas store, buying angel gifts, baking cookies, playing music at our Christmas program and helping with the Christmas party setup. It takes many hands to pull off these big events and every little bit helps. We had about 120 folks attend our party, including Santa, who handed out gifts to a lot of excited little kids. May the Lord fill your life with peace and blessings this New Year. Denise Svendsen

May the Love
That was born
that Christmas Night
Light all your days
with joy and hope

Thank you for helping
us to wrap Cal Lu
in love. Merry

Thank you for
sharing joy and
compassion with us
Maxwell Roberts

A nice thank you from
California Lutheran
University for the
Piecemakers quilts that
were sent for the fire and
shooting victims.



Dear Friends,
your generosity is unmatched!
Thank you for investing in your
neighbors. Thank you for
Providing access to adult education.
-Enriqueta



Women Gathering will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ardelle Ringhouse. All women are welcome to join the group. Help us to plan for the new year. It's always a time for laughter and lively conversation. For more information, call the church office at 575-6490.

Reminders for New Year 2019

We are updating the Prayer list for the Messenger and Bulletins. If you have a person for the Ongoing Prayer Concerns, Shut In, or Weekly Prayers please notify the office.

Any new phone numbers, addresses, or emails please let us know so we can update the directory. Also if children have moved we would like their information also.

We have wheelchairs, walkers, and items that may be checked out and borrow in time of need.

Please be sure to check the council bulletin board in the Narthex for posted approved minutes from the council and committees.

If you ever have anything for the Council Agenda please turn it in before the Executive meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Signing up to be worship assistants is important. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Anyone who did not receive offering envelopes and would like them please contact the office.

If everyone would donate 1 hour of time per month to do chores around the church it would really be helpful to the staff and everyone!

Any other ideas on communication please let the office know. We now: put it the messenger, post on bulletin boards, do email updates weekly, announcements every Sunday before worship, put week at a glance in the bulletin, face book page, web site, livestream, and banners in the yard .

The Festival, Youth, Grace Creek, and Handbell Choirs are always looking for new members!



Church Camp, 2019 will be June 14-15 at Boardman Marina and RV Park (same as last year). You can call them at 541-481-7217 to reserve a spot on January 2nd..

Tents: Tents can be on the lawn in someone else's site on Friday and Saturday nights ONLY.

Recommended sites:

Back-in with shade, some with the River near: 15, 21, 24 through 32

Pull-through with shade: 12, 14, 16, 18. 12 and 16 have partial shade.

Other sites in the vicinity do not have shade. There is a map of the Park on the Park's Website.

Call or send a message to Ardelle at 509-945-6249 or email at aringhouse@charter.net if you have questions. Hope many of you can camp with us next year.



Grace Creek Band entertained the people at Chesterley.

Christmas Scandinavian Brunch

A BIG THANK YOU: The congregational Scandinavian brunch was a wonderful celebration. We would like to thank all the many persons that helped out. Kristy & Paul Larson provided most of the salmon and Bruce Willis graciously cooked it to perfection. Selma and Virg managed the ham. The casserole makers did excellent work as did the cookie makers.

Colleen Kindelspire= sandbakels

Kris Vestad= spritz

Karen Baken and Karen Bodeen=krumkake

Selma Umbarger=gingerbread men with hearts

(listed only in case you can talk them into making you some for your home – HA !)

I want to thank my hospitality committee. for all their loyal efforts to make this such a fun event. Everyone worked together to make it look easy!

Also, thanks to the youth and Felicity for enacting the Christmas story

- Kirsten Monick





Tree of Life and Central Lutheran Las Posadas Celebration





Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy around our nation's largest sporting event to mobilize and inspire youth to fight hunger and poverty.

On February 3rd our youth will take up a collection and give donations to St Michael's Episcopal Mission Food Pantry. They will report our totals to Souper Bowl of Caring and become part of the national effort. Through this experience, they learn the power of working together to make a difference in the lives of others.

Help us make this year's goal a reality as we strive for 100% participation.

Both unperishable food and financial donations will be collected.

For additional information visit souperbowl.org

February 3rd 2019

Camp Hope

Thank you to all of the OTC families and volunteers that provided the needed items for our December meal at Camp Hope as part of an OTC community service project. A big thank you to my husband Chris, Tim and Ann Reierson and Jesse and Diane Jimenez for helping serve the meal on New Year's Eve. Our earlier date was bumped due to the inconvenient move that the residents of Camp Hope experienced in early December. Please check the list below for items needed for our January meal.

- 6 - Costco size bags of tortilla chips
- 4 - Extra large containers of salsa
- 4 - Large containers of sour cream
- 8 - Dozen snack packs of jello, pudding, fruit
- 6 - Cases of pop
- 3 - Cases of water

We have the tamales and rice being donated but still need \$75. to buy the beans.

Bring your items to the church office by Sunday, Jan. 13th. Denise will go shopping for any items still needed on Sunday afternoon. To help prepare or serve the meal call Denise Svendsen @ 509-949-8580 or email denise.svendsen@clcyakima.org

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		<p>1 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i></p>
<p>6 Epiphany of Our Lord</p> <p>8:15 am FESTIVAL CHOIR WARM UP 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 10:30 am ALL AGES EVENT</p> <p>Children's Message</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 a Men's Bible Study 6:30 p Grace Creek Band</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 a Walking Club 10:00 a Bible Study 11:45 a Ministry of Prayer 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 4:00 p Stewardship Meet 7:00 p Women Gathering</p>
<p>13 Baptism of Our Lord</p> <p>8:15 am FESTIVAL CHOIR WARM UP 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION CONFIRMATION CLASS</p> <p>Children's Church</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 a Men's Bible Study 1:00 p Days for Girls 4:00 p Homeless Dinner 6:00 p Property Committee 6:30 p Grace Creek Band</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 a Walking Club 10:00 a Bible Study 11:30 a Communion Worship 12:00 p Lunch & Games 3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>
<p>20 Second Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:15 am FESTIVAL CHOIR WARM UP 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Children's Message</p>	<p>21</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p> <p><i>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 a Walking Club 10:00 a Bible Study 11:45 a Ministry of Prayer 3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>
<p>27 Third Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:15 am FESTIVAL CHOIR WARM UP 9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION 10:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION CONFIRMATION</p> <p>Children's Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 a Men's Bible Study 6:30 p Grace Creek Band</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 a Walking Club 10:00 a Bible Study 11:45 a Ministry of Prayer 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 6:30 p OTC Committee</p>

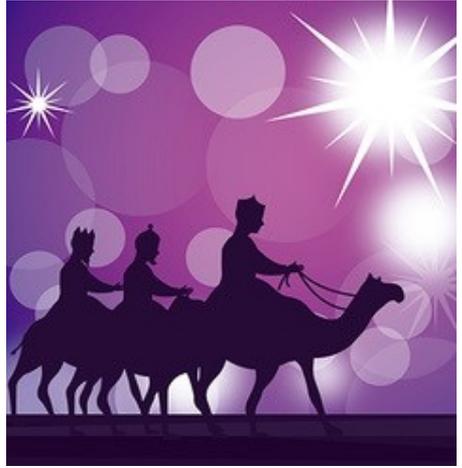
2019

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>9:00 a Invitational Ministries</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 a Staff Meeting 9:00 a Piecemakers 6:30 p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Festival Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 p Drop-In Basketball</p> <hr/> <p>5</p>
<p>9</p> <p>5:00 p Frolic Classes 6:00 p Supper 6:30 p Communion Worship 7:00 p Youth & Adult Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 a Staff Meeting 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 4:00 p Worship Committee 6:30 p Handbell Choir 7:40 p Festival Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 p Drop-In Basketball</p> <hr/> <p>12</p>
<p>16</p> <p>5:00 p Frolic Classes 5:00 p Thrivent 6:00 p Supper 6:30 p Worship 7:00 p Youth & Adult Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 a Staff Meeting 9:00 a Piecemakers 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 4:00 p Executive Meeting 6:30 p Handbell Choir 7:40 p Festival Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 p Drop-In Basketball</p> <hr/> <p>19</p>
<p>23</p> <p>5:00 p Frolic Classes 6:00 p Supper 6:30 p Worship 7:00 p Youth & Adult Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 a Staff Meeting 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 6:30 p Handbell Choir 7:40 p Festival Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 p Drop-In Basketball</p> <hr/> <p>26</p>
<p>30</p> <p>5:00 p Frolic Classes 6:00 p Supper 6:30 p Worship 7:00 p Youth & Adult Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 a Staff Meeting 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 6:30 p Handbell Choir 7:40 p Festival Choir</p>	<hr/>

Council Corner for January 2019

Matthew 2:1-2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”



We have come to the end of 2018. Thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas Eve services. We had many hands help decorate the sanctuary to make it especially beautiful and inviting. January is just around the corner which means a new year and a time of new beginnings. Jean Seibert and Jeff Nelson are leaving the church council. I again thank them for their time and service. Our new council members Karen Baken, Amy Clark and Chris Svendsen as well as current council members will be recognized at a service in January. A new church council means new beginnings. A new council president and vice president will be elected at the January council meeting. Please pray for our council and Pastor Carolyn Hellerich as we proceed with council business for the coming year.

Peace...Anne Chapman

Treasurer's Report
Financial results thru

November 30, 2018

Offerings/income			Expenses by major category	
	November	Year to date	November	Year to date
General fund	38,275.72	384,935.92	Salaries & benefits	20,240.35
Transfers			Youth & Family	58.45
from endowment fund	8,005.00	8,005.00	Worship	498.98
from money market	-		Hospitality	-
Endowment support-DCC position	17,300.00	17,300.00	Stewardship/Church in Society	7,386.78
			Property	3,982.64
			Office	1,148.14
Total	63,580.72	410,240.92	Total	33,315.34

November 2018

operating income, net of transfers	\$ 4,960.38
net income	\$ 30,265.38
Year to date operating income, net of transfers	\$ 9,076.55
net income	\$ 34,381.55

Monthly results:

Central Lutheran's offering came in \$1,274 less than budget for the month.
Operational expenses were \$6,235 less than budget for the month.
This results in operating income, net of transfers of \$4,960 for the month of November.
Including transfers, we have net income of \$30,265 for the month of November.

Year to Date:

Total offerings/revenues to date are \$50,114 less than budgeted amount as of the end of the month.
Total operating expenses to date are running \$59,191 under budget.
Net of transfers, year to date we are in the black by \$9,077
Including transfers, year to date we are in the black by \$34,382

Balance Sheet items:

Beginning of year cash balance	17,022.09
Activity thru November 2018	34,381.55
Payment of benevolence accrued in prior year	(21,789.62)
reclassification between dedicated and undedicated	(1,542.48)
Current balance - undedicated bank account assets	\$ 28,071.54



2018 Year to date benevolence

	Amount due	Paid	Still due *
Synod 8%	29,137.92	23,918.37	5,219.55
Local 2%	7,284.48	1,650.00	5,634.48
	<u>36,422.40</u>	<u>25,568.37</u>	<u>10,854.03</u>

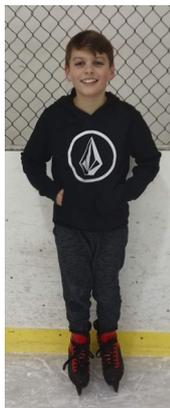
*amount due at end of November was paid in December

DECEMBER 2018

ATTENDANCE

Sunday 2nd - 151 Youth Led 9th - 137 2nd Advent 16th - 160 Los Pasada
23rd - 94 Young Adult Led 30th - 95 Carol
Tuesday Noon Advent Worships 4th - 15 11th - 18 18th - 19
Wednesday Evening Advent Worships 5th - 26 12th - 24 19th - 23
Christmas Eve 5:00 pm - 113 7:00 pm - 135 10:30 pm - 159
Christmas Day 10:00 am - 17

Busy Month for the Youth



with Ice Skating, Basketball, Games, Worship Practice,
Play Rehearsal, A few falls, but a lot of
laughter!



Jesse helps to pin baby quilts made by the Youth, Frolic, Sunday School, and On the Corner Kids for the collection to go to the YWCA Women's Shelter.

The Central Lutheran Preschool performed for the Senior Respite Care and at their Holiday Party



“On the Corner” Christmas Party

The party began in the Sanctuary for music and carols. Thank you to Grace Creek and Barb Beehler for the music! Then everyone went to the Fellowship Hall for cookies and a visit from the big guy in red!



Sunday, December 2nd was Youth Led Sunday



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Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus. Each ornament represents a story from the Bible that tells about God's people before Jesus was born. Each day during the season of Advent a Bible story is read. After the Bible story is read and discussed and ornament representing the story is hung on a tree-the Jesse Tree. The tradition of the Jesse Tree goes back to the middle ages. The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1 "The a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Jesse is the father of King David. Jesus was born into the line of King David.



Are you a Thrivent member or do you have questions about Thrivent?

Join us January 16th, 5pm, in room 209 as Jay Kelly walks us through the benefits of being a Thrivent member and how Thrivent members can help at Central Lutheran.

Using Chromebooks and handouts Jay will answer questions such as:

How do I signup for Thrivent?

How do I log into my account?

What is a Thrivent Action Team? Who is eligible for a Thrivent Action Team and how do I sign up?

What are Thrivent Choice Dollars? Who is eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars and how do I designate them?

Thrivent Action Teams have been used here at Central to help with events and fundraisers including Oktoberfest, OTC celebrations, Youth Group fundraisers, foodbank collections and much more! What are you passionate about? Where could you use a Thrivent Action Team?

Join us to find out!



Tuesday noon Advent in the Chapel

“On the Corner” Christmas Store



Middle school kids help check out and bag purchases.

Wrapping gifts purchased at the Christmas Store!



“OTC” middle school kids volunteered at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center filling a thousand goodie bags for their Christmas Party.





You are never
too old to set
another goal
or to dream a
new dream.

C.S. Lewis

