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THE CENTRALITE

CENTRAL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS BY:

*LOVING GOD AND ONE ANOTHER
NURTURING FAITHFUL LIVING
SERVING THOSE IN NEED
SHARING THE GOSPEL*

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd

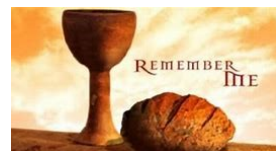


*Jesus' triumphant entry
into Jerusalem*

8:30am and 11:00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6th 7:30pm

*Jesus shares his last meal
with his disciples*



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7th 7:30pm

Jesus is crucified

PRAYER VIGIL (noon-3pm)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:30am and 11:00am



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LAURIE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We conclude our Lenten journey and begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday reminded of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem where crowds of people waved branches as they shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9)

We move to Maundy Thursday where Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night of his betrayal. We are reminded that on that night Jesus "took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'" (Matthew 26:26-28)

We arrive at Good Friday where in the evening we will gather in worship to remember Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion. And this year, at our Prayer Vigil in the chapel, we pause to remember that "from noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Matthew 27:45-46)

Then, once again, we will gather in worship to celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection on that first Easter morning—as we do each and every Sunday, week in, and week out. We will join our voices with Christians all around the world with shouts of "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

However, if you are unable to be present with us in the flesh, let me remind you that we remain united as the body of Christ. Our hope rests solely on God's love which has been poured out for us in Christ's death and resurrection! In the words of the Apostle Paul, "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:4-5)

Let us live then, as Easter people, trusting that together we are the body of Christ, called, sent, and empowered by the Spirit to carry on Christ's mission and to share God's redeeming and reconciling love for all people, of all times, and in all places. And no matter where we are, let us raise our voices in shouts of: "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!"

In Christ's Abiding Love,

+Pastor Laurie

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BEN

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.” Matt. 28:1-2

Dear members of the body of Christ at Central,

This year, we are in the year of the Gospel of Matthew and we will be reading, on Easter Sunday, the resurrection narrative as the Gospel of Matthew depicts it. I have included two of the verses of that story above. In all of the Gospels some women come to Jesus' tomb, but only here in Matthew do the women themselves see the angel descend and see the rock sealing the tomb get rolled away. In the other Gospel narratives, the women arrive and the stone is already rolled away and they meet the angel who is already there. Here in Matthew, though, they see it happen before them.

There are any number of possibilities as to why the Gospel of Matthew has chosen to emphasize this. It could be because Matthew wants to emphasize that the cause of the stone rolling away was from God and not from some other source. It could be so that it shows the dramatic action of God in the world. I would like to suggest another possible reading. The Gospel of Matthew is emphasizing the way the resurrection of Jesus is observed in the world. The women observe the angel descending and the stone rolled away. They see it, they feel it, they can touch it.

We are not there in the year 30 CE to see the stone rolled away, but where we can we observe the resurrection of Jesus in our lives? Where can we concretely experience who Jesus is? We have been doing that through our entire Lenten journey as we have concretely heard and seen the stories of one another. In our midweek Lenten series, we have heard the faith stories of several of our members. In our Lenten Daily Devotional, we have seen and heard the deep meaning and purpose our body of Christ at Central has in sharing their devotions. In our video series of various ministries at Central, we have seen and heard the way that God inspires us to be engaged together as a community. As we enter into Holy Week, we will be seeing and hearing Christ's journey into Jerusalem, in the Last Supper, on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday.

The resurrection is not just something that was seen and heard one time a long time ago. It is seen and heard every day in the lives of one another. I have been inspired and deeply moved seeing and hearing your faith during this Lenten journey. Thank you all for your sharing of yourselves, your faith, and for being the hands and feet of Jesus to one another.

In Christ,
Pastor Ben

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY NEWS



**Children of all ages are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8th at 10am
(meet in the Parish Hall)
Rain or Shine!**



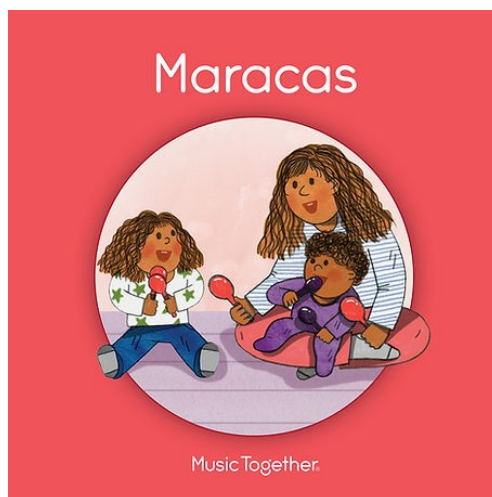
Central's Children's Choir

Rehearsals resume on Together Tuesdays, starting April 11th. Join us between 5:15pm-6pm for supper, then rehearse with Lindsey in the Nicki Hanson Choir Room from 6-6:45pm.

A special word of thanks to our Children's Choir for their worship leadership at our Palm Sunday services!

Music Together

MT Spring term also begins the week of April 11th. Hosted at Central, these 10-week class sessions are designed for children 0-5 (accompanied by a parent/adult caregiver). In addition to Tuesday evening for Central families, classes are offered to the larger community on Tuesdays at 10:30am; Wednesdays at 5:30pm; Fridays at 9am, 10am and 11am; and Saturdays at 9:30am and 10:30am. Spread the word! Register online at musictogethereugene.com.



SERVING THOSE IN NEED...

First Place Family Annex

Members of Central have been preparing a weekly meal for the families at St. Vincent de Paul's First Place Family Annex since the early days of the pandemic. The Annex provides temporary housing for families who are working with local agencies to find permanent housing (usually within 90 days). Each Monday, Central members prepare food for over 50 people, including many small children. The food is provided (free) from the Eugene Mission. Routinely the food is picked up on Friday to be prepared and delivered to the First Place Family Center Annex between 4:00-4:30pm the following Monday. We can always use more help! If you are interested in helping out, or would like to know more about the program, please call Kim Meyers at 541-914-8442, or email klmcpa.meyers@gmail.com.

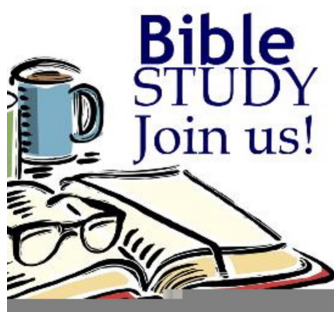
Central's Quilters



Why did the QUILT cross the road? To get to the next block! That's what your quilters do—one block at a time. There are many ways to be a part of putting quilts together while having a fun morning. You don't even have to know how to sew!!! On the first and third Thursdays of each month we gather for fun, fellowship and service from 9:00am to noon. Meet new people, renew acquaintances and help God's people worldwide. No experience necessary.

Bring your smile, hands and heart. A corny joke is always fun too. Come check it out! This message brought to you by equal opportunity enthusiasts, meaning male or female are welcome and will receive the same pay, hours and just rewards. Your help is needed.

Any questions? Contact Jill Liedtke at 541-514-0434.



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND TO ENGAGE IN NURTURING FAITHFUL LIVING!

NEW LOCATION/NEW TIME **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Bible Study is now meeting weekly on Wednesdays at **The Springs, 1282 Goodpasture Island Rd. Eugene at 8:00am**. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information contact Gary Wolfe (gswolfe@aol.com).

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join Pastor Laurie and/or Pastor Ben on Wednesdays at 11am via Zoom as we study the readings for the upcoming Sunday. No preparation needed. Email Pastor Laurie or Pastor Ben if you'd like to have the link sent directly to your inbox.

WOMEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Prayer and Bible Study group meets weekly on Thursdays at 11am via Zoom using the Bible study guides found in the ELCA's Gather Magazine. For more information contact Betsy Berg (rb24@aol.com). Newcomers are always welcome!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER VBS June 26th - 30th (9am-12:30pm)

Central, United, and Emmaus (CUE) are excited to partner together to offer another fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 years old thru 5th grade. Hosted at Central, we'll gather for fun activities including worship, story-time, crafts, songs, games, and snacks. Friends are welcome!

Older youth (MS/HS) and adults are needed to help with daily activities. Please let Crystal know if you are available to help with preparations and/or your availability to help for the entire week or even for a few days.

To register your child/ren or grandchild/ren, click the link below or go online to:

<https://forms.gle/1RfkFchQEEQiYmd76>

Our New Website: Being the *digital* hands and feet of Jesus

If you have visited our website recently, you might have noticed it has a “new” look – others might not have noticed much of a difference at all. This is because since the pandemic we have had two active websites. The original one managed through the tireless efforts of Chuck Dietz was www.welcometocentral.org. Then during COVID, a second one was created that the staff could internally manage in real time to respond to new and constant updates which was www.connecttocentral.org. Over time, the second one moved from being an emergency platform to a robust website that became the place for the active ministry of Central. Many thanks to Holly Goodrich for completing that website. Now, if you type in either web address on your computer, you will be led to the same place so that we only have one website with this new look. If you haven’t had a chance to look at it, please do so! But as we look to the new, we also wish to acknowledge the firm foundation of what was already there. Many thanks to Chuck Dietz for creating and managing the original website for so many years. Many things from the original website were transferred over to this new one.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Central Lutheran Church Eugene website. The header includes the church logo (a cross with four smaller crosses) and the text "CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH EUGENE". The navigation menu consists of "Home" (highlighted), "About", "Our Life Together", "This Week", "Ministries", and "Give".

The main content area is divided into three sections:

- WELCOME TO CENTRAL**: A dark red banner with white text.
- WORSHIP WITH US**: A dark red banner with white text. Below it are three columns:
 - IN THE SANCTUARY**: Image of a church sanctuary. Text: "Sunday Services at 8:30 and 11am". Button: "Download bulletin".
 - VIA LIVE STREAM**: Image of a laptop displaying a live stream. Text: "Sundays at 8:30am". Button: "Link here".
 - JOIN ANY LIVESTREAM EVENT**: Image of a laptop on a desk. Button: "Link here".
- PODCASTS AND OTHER EVENTS**: A dark red banner with white text. Below it are two columns:
 - LISTEN TO AUDIO PODCAST**: Image of headphones. Button: "Link here".
 - VIEW RECORDED EVENTS**: Image of a video camera. Button: "Link here".

The footer contains the logo for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with the tagline "God's work. Our hands." and contact information for Central Lutheran Church: 1857 Potter St. Eugene, OR 97403, 541-345-0395, and info@welcometocentral.org.

Highlights from Church Council

(Full Church Council Minutes are available upon request at
info@welcometocentral.org)

The Church Council met on March. 15, 2023

Treasurer's Report: See last page

Action Items:

Motion was passed for the council to call a special congregational meeting on April 16, 2023 between services to inform the congregation of important property maintenance issues that require financial support (see below for details).

Motion was passed to receive the following new members of Central Lutheran on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023:

Kim Eifert Krogstad (by letter of transfer)

Karen Lacey

Erin & Reed Mueller

Kylie & James Phillips and their children, Adrian and Soren

Karie & Todd Shorack

Gretchen & Mark Sturdivan and their daughter, Juniper

J'Nene Wade

Greg Young (by letter of transfer)

David Zhou (adult baptism 9/18/2022)

Property Maintenance Issues	Estimated Cost
South Wall of Sanctuary (water intrusion/dry rot)	\$34,500
Roof on Admin/Education Wing	50,375
Boiler Pump & Control (caused by EWEB power outage)	8,400
Leak in roof above Kitchen	500
Tree Pruning	2,200
Windows at Anderson House (1842 University)	14,300
Signage Project (interior completed; exterior in process)	42,000
Total estimated project costs	\$152,275
Portion of South Wall completed in 2022; budgeted for in 2023	(18,000)
Endowment/Foundation grants received for the Signage Project	(20,000)
Total Costs (not included in 2023 Budget)	\$114,275

BOOK CLUB NEWS



The CLC Book Club will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00pm to discuss *How The Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* by Clint Smith. Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith, a *New Yorker* writer, leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks -- those that are honest about the past and those that are not -- that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history. This book names, describes and corrects the false history many of us were taught. The discussion will be led by Ginger Bopp.

New members are always welcome! If you are not on the CLC Book Club email list and would like to join the discussion, please email Betsy Berg < rb24berg@aol.com >. The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date. Looking Ahead: The CLC Book Club will meet via Zoom on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00pm to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS



Terry Chap, Chuck Dietz, Gale Hatleberg, Lori Lund, Marni Reinmuth, Gretchen & Jeff Simas as well as Carol Welch at the death of her sister, Juanita Bond.

Click [here](#) to submit a prayer request.
Or, email: prayers@welcometocentral.org.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

Individual prayer is available in the chapel on the **first Sunday of the month** directly after the 8:30 service. You are invited to join one of our prayer ministers for one-on-one prayer in a private

Central Lutheran Church

Jan-Feb 2023 Income:Expense to Budget - Jan-Feb 2022 Income:Expense Summary

	Jan-Feb 2023	YTD 2023 Budget	Variance to Budget	Jan-Feb 2022
Regular Envelopes	\$ 124,956.37	\$ 105,833.34	\$ 19,123.03	\$ 100,120.50
Other Offerings	649.30	1,300.00	\$ (650.70)	\$ 298.00
Holiday Offerings	570.00	4,833.34	\$ (4,263.34)	-0-
Other Income	4,389.51	6,237.34	\$ (1,847.83)	\$ 3,184.72
Departmental Income	9,857.25	24,706.80	\$ (14,849.55)	\$ 19,386.71
Total Income	\$ 140,422.43	\$ 142,910.82	\$ (2,488.39)	\$ 122,989.93
Total Expenses	\$ 170,410.92	\$ 169,710.50	\$ 700.42	\$ 134,945.21
YTD Net Income	\$ (29,988.49)	\$ (26,799.68)	\$ (3,188.81)	\$ (11,955.28)
Prorated carryover- Previous Year	\$ 5,512.50	\$ 5,512.50	\$ -	\$ 6,363.00
Net after carryover applied	\$ (24,475.99)	\$ (21,287.18)	\$ (3,188.81)	\$ (5,592.28)



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