

THE CENTRALITE

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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

WORSHIP WITH US **Our Sunday Schedule**

- **Sundays at 9am from home via live-stream**
- **Sundays at 9am in the Sanctuary (cap. 50)**
- **Sundays at 11am in the Sanctuary (cap. 50)**

To register for in-person worship please call the church office by Fridays at noon or go to connecttocentral.org.

CARING FOR CREATION AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH



In commemoration of The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, our worship on October 4, will have a special emphasis on caring for creation as we give thanks and praise to God our Creator for the bountiful and abundant blessings of creation and all of God's creatures, great and small!
Following Sunday's worship...

The Blessing of the Animals will take place at 12 noon in the church parking lot. Bring your pets (live or stuffed) to church for a special blessing. All are welcome!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since 1904 Central Lutheran Church, and its predecessor bodies, have welcomed people of all ages to come together for worship. Worship has always been so central to our life at Central. The four essential parts of Lutheran liturgy include: *Gathering*; *Word*; *Meal*; and *Sending*. Weekly worship provides a time for us to confess our sins before God and one another and receive God's forgiveness; to sing (or hear) songs of praise and thanksgiving; to hear the word of God; to confess our Christian faith; to offer prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs; to share the peace of Christ; to receive our tithes and offerings; to share in the Eucharist in order to be nourished and strengthened for the journey; and finally to be sent out into the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Perhaps now, more than ever before, we need to remain attentive to our spiritual health as well as our emotional, mental, and physical health and well-being. We need to experience and participate in worship in order to sustain us in every aspect of our daily lives. We need the assurance of the promises God has made to us in the waters of baptism. We need to be reminded our God is with us always, to the end of the age. But this is 2020—and our lives have been turned upside down. So, what's a person of faith to do? Well...

Let me remind you that effective October 4, we are returning to two services in the sanctuary each week—one at 9am, the other at 11am. The service at 9am will continue to be live-streamed (as well as posted as a podcast on our website for later viewing) so I encourage you to choose one of these options for your worship life.

Furthermore, whether you are viewing the podcast or worshipping in-person, during the liturgy you will be invited to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. You will be instructed when it is time for you to commune. If you are worshipping alone, you are invited to self-commune. If you are worshipping with others in your household, you are invited to commune one another. However, please wait for the cue from Pastor Laurie (or the Presider) before communing. You will hear these words:

“The body of Christ given for you.” [Take and eat]

“The blood of Christ shed for you.” [Take and drink.]

For the sake of good order entrusted to me as your pastor, I ask that you refrain from taking communion apart from the worship service. If you desire to receive communion from me (or a Eucharistic Minister), you may call the church office to schedule a home visit.

In Christ's Abiding Love,
+Pastor Laurie



Nicole Christie; Richard Cook, Greg Foote; Mike Kennedy; Marie Miller; Marta Saunders; Bob Reed; and Richard White. We extend our sympathy to Elsie Hellwege and family upon the death of Paul Hellwege.

A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Become a Prayer Advocate or submit a prayer request!

You are invited to join the Prayer Ministry Team and become a Prayer Advocate. No meetings—just the opportunity to pray for your neighbors in need. As a prayer Advocate, you will receive a list of prayer requests each week via email. The list will include names and reasons for prayers. Prayer Advocates are invited to include the names of people on the Prayer List in your regular prayers. Praying is an opportunity to lift up your neighbor by showing your love for God and your neighbor. A prayer is a simple conversation we have with our God! It is enriching and fulfilling for both the one being prayed for and the one doing the praying. If you are willing to become a Prayer Advocate, please send an email to prayers@welcomecentral.org and say, "Yes! I am willing to share God's love for those in need!"

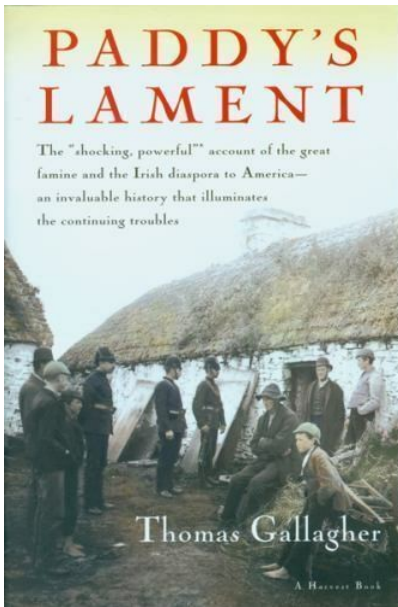
Or, if you would like to submit a prayer request, you can do so by sending an email directly to prayers@welcometocentral.org. Please tell us your name and the reason for your request. If you are asking on behalf of someone other than yourself, please seek their permission first. Prayers can be for thanksgiving, health, struggles, guidance, support, or anything else you need prayers for.

KID'S DROP-IN/PARENT'S TIME OUT

Our next Kid's Drop-in/Parent's Time Out will be on Wednesday, October 21st from 3:30-6pm at United Lutheran (22nd & Washington). Under the supervision of Crystal Miller, this collaborative "mini-camp" experience is designed to give children ages 3 thru 5th grade a time to play, create, and grow together in faith while simultaneously offering our parents a little respite. Middle and High School students serve as "Camp Counselors." All health guidelines and protocols are in place to ensure everyone's safety.

A special thanks to our Camp Counselors for September: Molly Clever, Honora Mathisen-Lund, and Sophie Wagoner—the kids all had a blast playing games, learning verses from some of the Psalms, and hanging out together. They also enjoyed making cards to include in the "Bags of Joy" for our seniors!

News from the CLC Book Club



The CLC Book Club will meet on **Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at 7pm** via Zoom to discuss *Paddy's Lament, Ireland 1846-1847: Prelude to Hatred* by Thomas Gallagher. A second generation Irish-American and historian, Gallagher believes that most Irish-British present-day antagonisms are rooted in the complicity of the British in the deaths of over two million Irish during the potato famine. Deaths that were more from disease than starvation and sent many hundreds of thousands across the ocean to the United States and Canada. In the mid-1800s Ireland was primarily a population of peasants who were dependent on a single, moderately nutritious crop: potatoes. Suddenly disease destroyed this crop. Yet throughout the famine there was an abundance of food produced in Ireland, yet the landlords exported it to markets abroad. This non-fiction book takes us "back in time to the dark days of rural peasantry and starvation in Ireland before, during, and after 'the Great Hunger' and how it shaped the Irish-American community, focusing mainly on the NYC ghettos." (amazon.com) The discussion will be led by Glenn Gillis.

The ZOOM link will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

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.



Looking Ahead: The CLC Book Club will meet on **Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at 7pm via Zoom** to discuss *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker. The discussion will be led by Gary Wolfe.

Garden News



A huge word of thanks to Merrily Sutton for tending and harvesting the garden throughout the spring and summer. All of the produce from our corner lot on 18th and University is given to the Episcopal Campus Ministry Food Pantry (housed at Grace Lutheran Church) to help feed hungry college students.

Annual Solicitation for Funding Special Projects

The CLC Endowment Fund Committee is actively soliciting proposals for funding special projects with the church which are outside of the normal budget. Acceptance of these proposals will be guided by the CLC Mission; to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need and sharing the Gospel. Request forms may be obtained via the Endowment page on the Central website, the church office, or from the Endowment Committee. Your proposal must be coordinated through a ministry team, committee, council, relevant staff person, and/or pastor. Please have your requests delivered to the office or to the committee by **October 1, 2020**. Endowment Fund Committee Members: Lorraine Davis, Cyndy Lane, Doug Martin, Becky Shurson, Kelly Smith, Roger Welch and Larry Sutton (Council Rep).

The Central Lutheran Foundation

The Foundation is now accepting applications for grants to be awarded in early 2021. The CL Foundation's purpose is to support Lutheran, Christian, community and world-wide organizations that provide support to others. This reflects Central's commitment to Outreach. We encourage congregational members to invite organizations that qualify for funding to apply for these funds. The application can be downloaded from the Foundation section of the Central website and is also available in the church office. ***The deadline to apply is November 1, 2020.*** Over the years the CLF has provided support to numerous and varied organizations which have reported that the funding has been instrumental in helping them achieve their goals. If you have any questions, please contact Gifting Chair, Lew Blue or President, Steve Wildish.

Did you know... that once a week members of Central Lutheran Church have been providing a home-cooked meal to First Place Families at the Annex? The food is picked up each Friday from the Eugene Mission. Over the weekend, volunteers prepare and cook the meal either in the Kitchen at church or in their homes. Then on Monday afternoon the meal is delivered to the Annex where the guests are treated to a delicious and nutritious meal. To find out how you can help, please contact Kim Meyers at klmcpa.meryers@gmail.com.



Thank you Ike and Jodie Olsson!

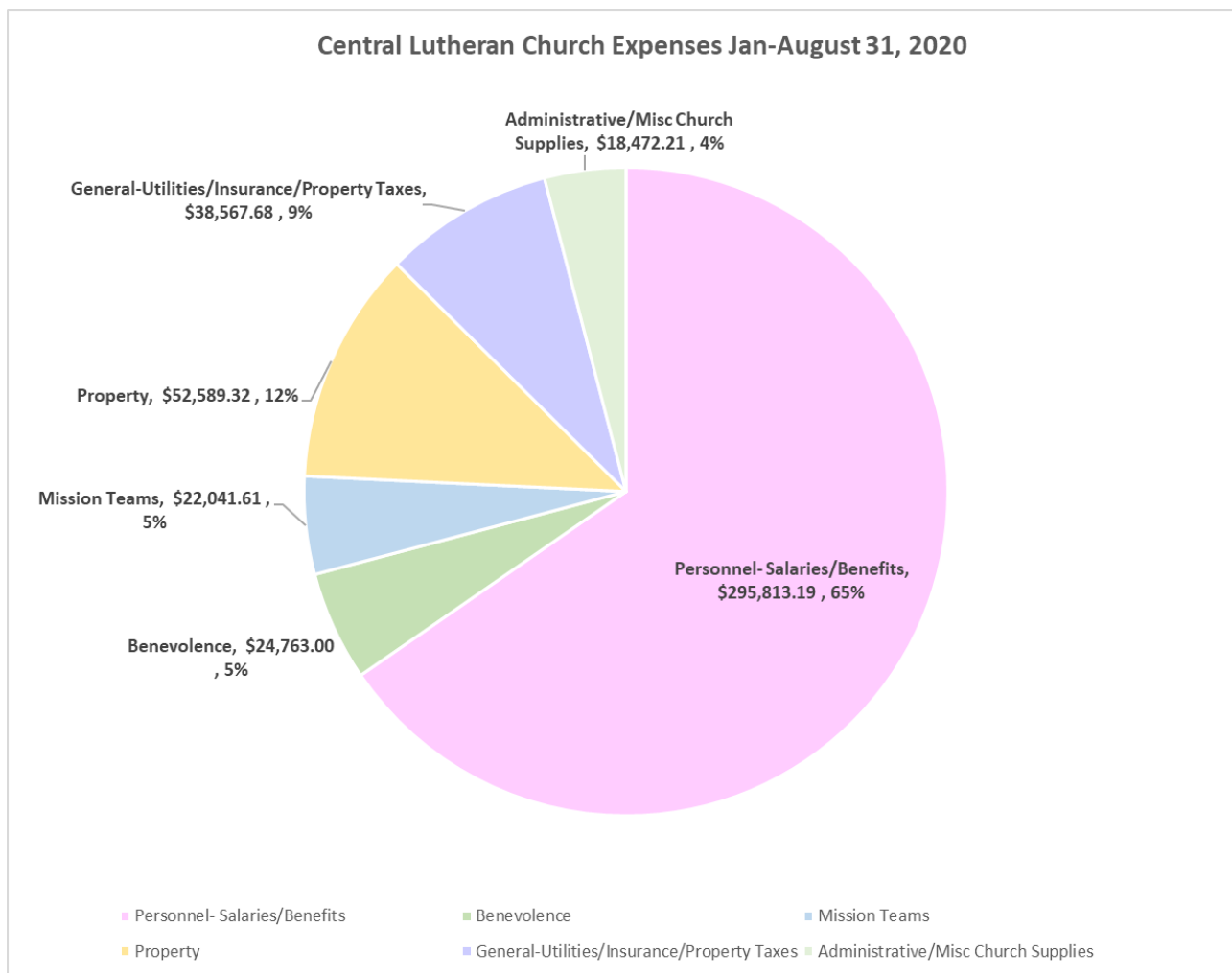
Thanks to the Olsson's for letting us hold our outdoor worship at the Garden this summer and to Sally Baumgartner for providing the beautiful flower arrangements each week.



Pictured are ElRay Stewart-Cook, Pastor Laurie, Ike and Jodie Olsson, and Sally Baumgartner.

YOU ARE INVITED...

The First Annual Nathaniel Lawson Memorial Lecture Series in Black Lutheran Theology at Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be taking place Friday, Oct. 9th at 5pm PDT/7pm CDT by Zoom. The featured speaker for this inaugural event is the Rev. Kwame Pitts, Pastor at Crossroads Lutheran Church in Amherst/Buffalo, NY. Her talk is entitled "Rituals of Resistance: Healing from Trauma and Oppression through a Lens of Womanist Theology and at the Intersection of a Dualistic Faith." The Rev. Kwame Pitts has found herself immersed in justice movements surrounding transformative and revolutionary change. She hails from Chicago, where she began her theological and academic journey at the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. She graduated in 2015 with her M.Div. and was ordained that same year. She continues her academic and theological journey at the Chicago Theological Seminary with a Master of Sacred Theology focused on Ritual Indigenous practices in African Traditional Religions, and is set to receive her degree in 2020. The lecture, hosted by Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Orleans, was founded in 1888. Located in the Central City Neighborhood, Bethlehem is a historically Black congregation. Please email grothb@gmail.com for the zoom link to participate!



**Central Lutheran Church
Jan-Aug 2020 Compared to Jan-Aug 2019 Income--Expense Summary**

	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2019	Difference
Regular Envelopes	\$ 373,233.06	\$ 377,490.12	\$ (4,257.06)
Other Offerings	\$ 2,345.90	\$ 5,788.09	\$ (3,442.19)
Holiday Offerings	\$ 4,253.00	\$ 7,270.80	\$ (3,017.80)
Other Income	\$ 20,448.14	\$ 51,774.84	\$ (31,326.70)
Departmental Income	\$ 39,414.95	\$ 74,059.94	\$ (34,644.99)
Total Income	\$ 439,695.05	\$ 516,383.79	\$ (76,688.74)
Total Expenses	\$ 452,247.01	\$ 520,522.26	\$ (68,275.25)
YTD Net Income	\$ (12,551.96)	\$ (4,138.47)	\$ (8,413.49)

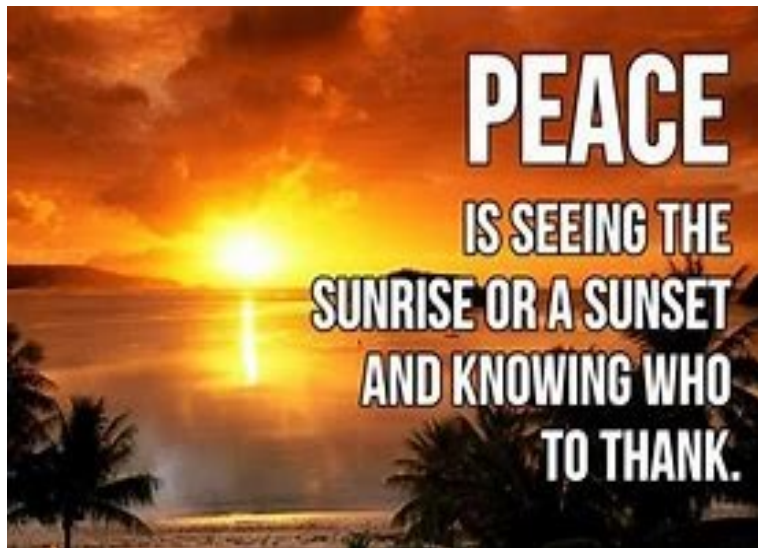
Inspirational Thoughts For Times Such as These and Words of Wisdom...

If you're having trouble sleeping,
don't count sheep. Count your
blessings instead!

Some say "laughter is the best
medicine" so laugh more and grumble
less.

(This may be intended for pastors)

God gave us two ears and one mouth
for a reason... Listen more! Talk less!



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