



the Spirit

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life together

The old saying, “life is a journey, not a destination” never gets old for me. While sometimes overused and even misused, the idea that we are all moving through this life in both comedy and tragedy is often a mystery beyond my comprehension.

This mystic journey is often captured by a practice called a clap-out in preschools and elementary schools. On the last day of class, the students who will move on to a new building are celebrated as they leave on the last day of school. How? Everyone in the building including the principal, office administrators, teachers, students, the school nurse, the cafeteria and playground staff, the custodians and maintenance team line the halls with smiles and well wishes and they all clap as the graduating students leave their beloved spaces for the last time. This practice of a clap-out punctuates all the learning, growing and shaping that has taken place in classrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums and media centers. It is a moment for everyone to pause and consider all the ways children have been formed and prepared for what comes next.

As we celebrate All Saints this weekend, we too will pause to consider all the great saints in our lives. We will stop for a moment and remember all the dear ones from Central who have died in the past year and we will stop to remember our own saints—those who have formed and shaped us so that we are prepared for some of what life’s journey holds for us.

So take a moment this week to pause and remember the saints in your own lives with love and gratitude. This weekend we celebrate with our own send off, a clap out of sorts, to remember the promise that our beloveds have gone to the next place—to the everlasting kingdom God promises for us.

Pastor Stephanie

100th Anniversary Year Highlights

Here are the upcoming key dates of celebrating our 100th Anniversary for you to note:

November 2018

10/11/12: Guest Preacher: Rev. Wolfgang Laudert and potluck
17/18: Stewardship Weekend

January 2019

12/13/14: Guest Preacher: Rev. Kristine Stedje and potluck

Guest Preacher and Potluck November 11

We welcome back the Rev. Wolfgang Laudert, a son of the congregation who now serves at Christ Lutheran Church in Staten Island, New York. Wolfgang will be back to preach at all services. We will also gather for an old fashioned congregational potluck on Sunday, November 11, at 11:45 a.m. For questions, contact Karen Hielsberg at karenhielsberg@gmail.com. So, get out those recipes and bring a food item according to your last name:

- A-I: Main dish
- J-R: Salad/bread
- S-Z: Dessert

Abundant Generosity – Making our Faith Promises

Preparing for November 17/18

It is our time to make our joyful response, an act of faith because of God’s love for us. This weekend the intention packets are ready for you to pick up and begin your prayerful work for intention weekend: November 17/18. As part of the preparation, you are invited to a special continental breakfast and guest speaker next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Chick Lane will be with us, he is the first contributor in the “How Much is Enough?” resource that is guiding our reflection as stewards this year. Sign up for the breakfast today at the welcome desk and remember to pick up your intention packet and “How Much Is Enough?” resource.

Exploring the promise of God for all

worship and formation

Guide to Prayer

Listening for God

God is always speaking words of love and grace into your life. The invitation is to listen for God's voice, prompt and leading. One of the ways God speaks is through the Bible. This weekend in the gospel reading Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. But first, we see how moved Jesus is when he arrives at the grave of his dear friend. In the shortest, but one of the most poignant verses in all the Bible, John records that, "Jesus began to weep." The entire account is filled with emotion, Mary and Martha's grief and frustration, the crowd's wonder and Lazarus's silent response to Jesus' life giving command to "come out." Pause to enter this moving account each day this week: John 11:32-44.

Listening to your life

After Jesus' command for Lazarus to "come out," Jesus then instructs the community to "unbind him, let him go." The community joins in the work of freeing Lazarus from death and the grave. As you listen for God in your life, where is God calling you to the shared work of "unbinding?" Where are you hearing or experiencing God's invitation to join in helping others be free, be "let go?"

Pause for a moment each day, light a candle to welcome God's presence. Take time to listen for God's word of unconditional love for you. What do you ask of God today? How will what you ask for shape how you live? Offer all of this to God in daily prayer.

Sunday Adult Lifelong Faith Formation

You are invited to the third session in the End of Life Planning series, sponsored by the Central Lutheran Church Foundation. Join Pastor C at 9:30 a.m. for the adult learning time, held in the lower narthex (you can access the lower narthex by the stairs or the elevator and lower level hallway). Pastor C leads this third session on funeral planning, a remarkable gift that you can give to your family.

All Saints Weekend - November 3/4/5

All Saints Sunday is a day to remember those who have formed us in faith and have been gathered into the life of Christ. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. Even more, they are worshipers with us this day as we sing the praises of the God who brings life out of death. At all services the names of those who have died since our last All Saints Weekend celebration will be read aloud. There will also be opportunity to light votive candles in memory of loved ones this weekend.

Holy Communion Class

Saturday, November 17, 10:00 a.m.

Please join Pastor C for a morning of bread baking and instruction around the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If you, your children or someone you know is interested or curious about what Holy Communion means for us, please plan to spend a few hours with us. For the parents of our Sunday School children, this is a Milestone class for our students who have or have not received their First Communion. We look forward to spending time with you and talking about this remarkable meal. If you have questions, please email Pastor Stephanie at sfriesen@centralmpls.org. You can sign up at the welcome desk.

Life Passages for October

Wedding - *What God has joined together, let no one separate*

Kory Bonnell and Michael Roe were married on Saturday, October 6.

Funeral - *Whether we live or die we are the Lord's*

Harold Robert Clough was born May 8, 1927 and died October 7, 2018. Funeral was held at Central on Tuesday, October 16.

Nancy Margaret Bengtson was born June 14, 1936 and died October 11, 2018. Funeral was held at Central on Thursday, October 18.

Linda Jean Higgins was born March 11, 1944 and died August 2, 2018. Her entombment was in the Central Columbarium on Wednesday, October 24.

Central Choristers

Central Choristers, a choir for those in kindergarten through grade 5, will meet for the first time this fall next Sunday, November 11, after the 10:30 service in the transfiguration room (the same room that the Sunday school meets in). If you have any questions please contact Jane Lien at jlien@centralmpls.org or 612-767-9231.

community

Bangladesh Mission Trip

On November 5, eight women from Central will leave with Lynn Peterson to learn and discover what's new at Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB). They have been meeting monthly since early spring and are excited to see where God is calling each of us as they journey to LHCB—a global ministry started right here at Central. Join us on November 4 as we commission the travelers—Lynn Peterson, Sarah and Maddie Grahn, Carol Rieger, Pastor Stephanie Friesen, Bonnie Weisenburger, Tyra Thomas, Pastor Melissa Pohlman and Sara Gunsch. Keep them in your prayers as they travel and discover how God is at work in Bangladesh.



Marie Wiegert Elected to President of WELCA

Marie Wiegert was elected President of the Minneapolis Area Synod Women of the ELCA on October 5. She will serve in this position for two years. The gathering for Women of the ELCA-Minneapolis Area Synod was held at Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine. Marie is a member of Shalom Circle and has taught Sunday school for many years. Congratulations Marie!



Building Renewal Notes

Remember, occupancy does not mean completion. The work continues on completing items on the “punch list.” The main thing we are still waiting for are the fire rated doors between the sanctuary and the new facility. They are being shipped and will hopefully be on site and installed before Thanksgiving.

PARKING: Please note that the cattle/snow gate entrance on 3rd Avenue will be closed until Monday, November 5. The work continues on the new entrance, and once completed will be the primary entrance off of 3rd Avenue into the parking lot. Please use 12th street in front of the church to access the new 4th Avenue entrance, or enter through the 15th street gate. Please do not park in the city side of the parking ramp. Thanks for your flexibility as this work is completed.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Here are the current things you can sign up for at the welcome desk.



- Household/Family Usher Team
- Holy Communion Class
- November 11 Adult Forum continental breakfast

Flu Shot Clinic

Monday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Augsburg Central Health Commons will offer flu shots for the congregation, staff and community members on a walk-in basis on November 5.

Meeting/Event Reservation Requests

If you want to meet at Central for your ministry team or committee meeting, please fill out the Meeting/Event Reservation form on our website (www.centralmpls.org/welcome/event) or contact Jeffrey Schulz at events@centralmpls.org. Please contact Jeffrey as soon as possible with your request.

news and happenings

A Different Kind of Book Club

Thursday, November 8, 1:30 p.m., fireside room

This month we are reading and discussing *A Death in the Family* by James Agee. This autobiographical novel recalls Agee's tranquil childhood in Knoxville, Tennessee and the tragic event that hastened his loss of innocence and security—the death of his father Jay Agee. David Johnson will lead our November discussion.

Prayer Shawl Knitters Group

Tuesday, November 13, 1:00 p.m., fireside room

Come and bring a knitting friend to share in this meaningful outreach ministry. Join us the second Tuesday of every month for a time of fellowship and refreshments and help make lovely warm shawls to be given free of charge to anyone needing comfort or healing. Bring your own yarn or limited supplies are also available. If you have questions, contact Bobbie Spradley at bobbiespradley@comcast.net or Eve Overby at epoverby@gmail.com.

ACTS Circle

Tuesday, November 13, 6:00 p.m., nativity

ACTS Circle will meet November 13 at Central Lutheran. Any women who are interested in Christian fellowship and fun are invited to join the women of ACTS Circle for a light supper and group discussion. Please contact host Diane Nimmer (dianenimmer@gmail.com or 763-242-1067) or Susan Olson (johnsusanolson@comcast.net or 612-940-3382) so we can plan for food.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Confirmation & High School
9:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. All Saints Carillon Concert
1:00 p.m. Prayer Class with Kathie Nycklemoe

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 a.m. Free Store Opens
10:00 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
10:00 a.m. Flu Vaccinations
10:30 a.m. Mental Health Open Hours
11:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Community Meal
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. StreetSong Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
12:00 p.m. Floral Guild
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Faith and Finances Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Preacher
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
6:00 p.m. Fall Bible Study with Pastor Peter
7:15 p.m. Central Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 a.m. Street Voices of Change
9:30 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
11:30 a.m. Fiscal and Property Committee
1:30 p.m. A Different Kind of Book Club

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:30 p.m. Swenson/Touma Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Ann Holland
3:00 p.m. Swenson/Touma Wedding
5:00 p.m. Worship
5:45 p.m. Saturday Evening Fellowship



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