



the Spirit

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life together



One of the most important responsibilities of a local congregation is to identify, support and then send out leaders for the church. Central Lutheran has a remarkable history of raising up leaders. That is why the 100th Anniversary Committee decided to invite back some amazing people who did discern the call as they lived

their faith at Central Lutheran. This weekend we welcome "home" one such leader, the Rev. Kristine Stedje. I asked Pastor Stedje to send me a few reflections to share with you:

"I joined Central in February 1988. During my time at Central I served on Council, became a Stephen Minister and Peer Minister Trainer for the youth, joined the choir and toured both England and eastern Europe, was privileged to be part of the worship planning team and task force which led to reforms in worship. I attended Luther Seminary in January 2010, serving on internship in Arthur, North Dakota, and graduated in December 2013. I was ordained at Central in September 2014 and served Peace Lutheran Church in Menomonie, Wisconsin until 2017. I currently serve First Lutheran in Sioux City, Iowa."

We are delighted to welcome Pastor Stedje "home," to give thanks for her many gifts and to have her as our guest preacher for another of our anniversary weekends.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Peter

100th Anniversary Year Highlights

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

January 2019

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

February 2019

10: Annual Meeting
17: Historical Hymn Sing

March 2019

3: Family Fun Event - 2DefyGravity

April 2019

6/7/8: Guest Preacher: Rev. David Wangaard and potluck on Sunday
13/14: Palm Sunday
20/21: Easter Sunday
27/28: Confirmation

Sunday Morning Adult Forum

This weekend Pastor Stephanie will share her faith story, and seek connections to your journey of faith. Plan to join the forum on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the lower narthex. Coffee, tea and cookies are served in the lower narthex for the forum, as well.

Year-Round Stewardship Emphasis Continues: "How Much is Enough?"

The next conversation on abundant generosity, grounded in the "How Much is Enough?" resource will be on Sunday, January 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the lower narthex. Deacon Terri Endres from the ELCA Portico Benefit Services will be here to lead the discussion on how stewardship leaders hold a holistic perspective (chapter 3 in the resource). Plan to attend this next forum opportunity, sponsored by the Faith and Finance Ministry Team, as we continue to ground ourselves in God's invitation to abundantly generous lives.

worship and formation

Guide to Prayer

Listening for God

Epiphany is the season of light. The star's light led the wise seekers to the Christ child. Baptismal candles shine the light of Christ into the lives of the baptized. The followers of Jesus set their eyes on all that brings light, love, hope and peace.

This weekend Jesus is baptized. God's voice speaks the enlightening word that Jesus is the Beloved.

Luke 3: "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Listening to your life

At your baptism, God spoke the same enlightening word, that you, child of God, are Beloved. You may not always feel beloved, but what does it mean that God has said so and so you are beloved? Pause for a moment each day, light a candle to welcome the presence of Christ. Begin with the simple prayer: I am a beloved child of God. Take time to listen for God's word that you are beloved, every day, always. Offer all of this to God in daily prayer.

Invitations as the New Year Begins

There are several wonderful invitations for you in 2019, with ways to connect, be equipped, organize and invite. Sign up today for Spiritual Life Groups, plan to attend Sunday's session for the Reconciling in Christ process and Wednesday's winter Bible study on the Gospel of Luke.

Spiritual Life Groups

Sign up at the welcome desk to join a spiritual life group for the year. These will be small groups for intentional growth in faith, deepening of relationships and celebrating life together. You can form your own group of 6-8 or sign up to be put into a group by time of day or geography. Sign up continues this weekend, with groups beginning in February

Reconciling in Christ – Statement of Welcome Discernment Process

Sundays, January 13, and 27, 1:00 p.m., fireside room

The first meeting was last weekend, but you can step into the process on Sunday. We gather to listen for God as we seek to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation by adopting a new and expansive welcome statement. Pastor Peter will lead these discernment gatherings, they are times for prayer, conversation and engagement. The consensus arrived at in this process will be the recommendation at the Annual Meeting on February 10.

Winter Bible Study with Pastor Peter

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., fireside room

The Bible study began last Wednesday, but it is never too late to jump in and join the conversation. Pastor Peter leads the study, this winter we will study the Gospel of Luke, this year's gospel reading for weekly worship. The study will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m., concluding on February 13. The materials are available at the welcome desk or online. What a perfect new year's resolution, to join the study to grow in faith and gain perspective for life.

Family Camp

January 25-27

Looking for a fun, all-family weekend? Join us for Family Camp at Camp Wapo in Amery, Wisconsin the weekend of January 25-27. Families are encouraged to drive themselves to the camp and gather in the evening for fun and games, and maybe even a little sledding. On Saturday we spend the day skiing or snow-tubing together at Troll Haugen. We enjoy family time and fellowship at the end of the evening on Saturday night and gather for worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$70 per adult; \$45 per child ages 12-17; and \$35 per child ages 3-11. Children under 3 are free. (Skiing and Snowtubing are extra.) We would love to have you join us for a weekend of fun and time to get to know each other. Contact Pastor Stephanie if you have questions or to sign up.

community and foundation

Legacy Partners: The Rev. Harris W. Lee and Maryon Lee

Maryon and the Rev. Harris W. Lee, longtime members of Central Lutheran Church, have included Central Lutheran Church Foundation in their estate plans as Legacy Partners.

The Rev. Harris W. Lee, who died in December 2017, grew up on a farm near Fosston, Minnesota, one of eight children. He was a graduate of Augsburg College, received a D. Min. from Luther Seminary, and was ordained as an ELCA pastor in 1961. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.



Harris and Maryon Lee with their children, Patty and Steve.

Harris and Maryon served several parishes: initially at First Lutheran Church in Duluth; Lakeview Lutheran Church in Maplewood, and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis. After 27 years in parish ministry Harris spent 20 years working with ELCA congregations on stewardship and leadership. He served as an interim pastor and interim assistant to synod bishops, and was a regent of Augsburg College and board member of Fairview Southdale. Maryon was a Sunday school teacher, taught Bible study, and participated in circles at each of the parishes.

The Lee's son Steve, a 1985 Augsburg graduate, is an actuary at Thrivent. Their daughter Patty, a 1987 graduate of Augsburg, is a hospital chaplain with an M.A. from Luther Seminary and M.S. in Social Work from the University of Minnesota. Both are married with children and live in the Twin Cities area.

Maryon is a native of the small farming community of Newark, in central Illinois, and graduated from Northern Illinois University. She and Harris met when he taught vacation Bible school in her home church, Norway Lutheran, the summer after his first year of seminary. They married at Norway Lutheran in 1960. Harris was ordained on their first anniversary, June 11, 1961.

They moved to 7500 York while Harris was in declining health, joining many friends from Central who live there. Maryon drives downtown for church but has the option of attending a service close by her residence. The Lees have a living trust and a fund at InFaith Community Foundation which benefits Central Lutheran Church Foundation and other charities. Since Harris worked in stewardship during his career and authored a book about the subject, titled "Effective Church Leadership" in 2001, they both saw the importance of good financial leadership and planned giving to the future of the church. For Maryon and Harris Lee, it was important to include Central Lutheran Church in their estate giving.

The Central Lutheran Church Foundation greatly appreciates their generosity!

Sign up at the Welcome Desk

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



- OWLS February trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theater
- Spiritual Life Groups
- Sunday/Weekday Receptionist Volunteer
- Household Family Usher Team

eSpirit

Stay up-to-date on the weekend happenings ahead of the weekend, with the weekly eSpirit newsletter. If you don't receive this electronic newsletter, please sign up at www.centralmpls.org or email Sara Masters at smasters@centralmpls.org.

Pastoral Care

When in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 612-870-4416. In case of emergency on weekends and evenings, please call the church office and our after-hours answering service will connect you to the on-call pastor.

Parking

All three entrances are now open and ready for weekend worship. The automation for the parking entrances will be installed by the end of the month. You can enter off of 3rd Avenue at the south end of the lot, or use 12th Avenue in front of the church to access the new 4th Avenue entrance, or enter through the 15th Street gate. Thanks for your flexibility as this work is completed.

Please do not park on the city side of the parking ramp.

news and happenings

Saturday Night Worship

On Saturday, January 19, in observance of the Dr. King holiday, we will serve some of Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite foods. Join us for worship at 5:00 p.m. and stay for fellowship and a taste of fried chicken and pecan pie.

OWLS February Trip

Wednesday, February 13

The OWLS will be taking in a show at Chanhassen Dinner Theater in February. "Holiday Inn," the new Irving Berlin musical, tells the story of Jim, who leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle down on his farmhouse in Connecticut. He quickly discovers life isn't the same without a bit of song and dance. Jim's luck takes a spectacular turn when he meets Linda, a spirited schoolteacher with talent to spare. Together they turn the farmhouse into a fabulous inn with dazzling performances to celebrate each holiday from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. The bus will depart Central at 10:15; cost is \$30, lunch included. Come to the welcome desk and reserve your spot on January 12/13, 19/20 or 26/27. Payment at time of sign up is preferred. For more information, contact Vicki Bierlein at wandav885@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 10, 11:45 a.m., great room

Save Sunday, February 10, for the Annual Meeting. We meet to celebrate mission, hear about how God is at work in and through the people of Central Lutheran Church, adopt the 2019 budget and elect congregational leadership. A light lunch will be served immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. High School
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Choristers
11:45 a.m. 100th Anniversary Potluck
11:45 a.m. Amnicon Planning Meeting
1:00 p.m. RIC Discernment Process

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
10:00 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
10:45 a.m. OWLS Leave for Ames Center
1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Preacher
5:00 p.m. 100th Anniversary Committee
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
6:00 p.m. Winter Bible Study with Pastor Peter
7:15 p.m. Central Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 a.m. Street Voices of Change
10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
10:00 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
11:30 a.m. Fiscal and Property Committee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Building closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

5:00 p.m. Worship
5:45 p.m. Saturday Evening Fellowship



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