



# the Spirit

MARCH 23/24, 2019



## life together

### Anniversary Weekend

You will not want to miss the weekend of May 4, 5 and 6 when Central's 100th Anniversary celebration will reach its peak. There will be festive worship celebrated at each of the weekend services, along with a pair of catered anniversary banquets on Saturday evening, May 4, and Sunday noon, May 5.

Both banquets will be held in our new great room, and D'Amico Catering will cater both events. The menus and entertainment are different at each event, so you can pick the one that best suits your schedule and style or attend both.

The elegant Saturday event will feature a reception with passed appetizers, a champagne toast to Central and a delicious meal served family style. Central member and Augsburg University President Dr. Paul Pribbenow will give a keynote message. A jazz quartet will provide musical entertainment, and a dance floor will be available. Former Central member and published author Greg Bancroft will speak at the family-friendly banquet at noon on Sunday. A violin and harp duo will provide live music.

The banquets are sponsored by a generous gift from the Central Lutheran Foundation. Seating capacity for both events is limited, and advance tickets are essential. Thanks to the Foundation gift, tickets are just \$15 for adults and kids 12 and under eat free. Tickets are available online and are now available at the welcome desk.

On Monday, festive worship will be held at 11:00 a.m. D'Amico is catering the Monday meal and all are invited to lunch at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are not needed for the Monday meal, all are welcome.

Please save May 4, 5 and 6 on your calendar and plan to attend worship and the banquets. It will be a wonderful weekend to celebrate and give thanks for God's sustaining grace.

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:

#### April 2019

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

#### May 2019

4/5/6: Anniversary Weekend; Celebratory Worship and Anniversary Banquets on Saturday and Sunday; National Lutheran Choir Concert Sunday afternoon  
12: Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Anniversary Concert  
30: Ascension Day: "Beating the Bounds" virtual event

### Guest Preacher and Potluck April 7

We welcome the Rev. David Wangaard on the weekend of April 6/7/8. Rev. Wangaard serves as senior advisor for church and congregational relations for Lutheran World Relief. Fun fact: David is related to one of our founding members, Christian Wangaard. He will preach for all the services and join us for a potluck on Sunday, April 7.

For the potluck, if you are coming with a crock pot, please drive up to the loading dock and volunteers will take them into the kitchen. Please don't forget to label your crock pot or serving dish, and cut your food beforehand. Our new kitchen has warming ovens if you need to keep your food warm and no need to bring serving utensils. We have enough.

Please bring a food item according to your last name:

- A-K: Main Dish
- L-R: Salad or Sides
- S-Z: Dessert

# worship and formation

## Guide to Prayer

### Listening for God

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Jesus invites us to listen for God's love in our lives and to align our inner and outer lives by that love. One dimension of Jesus' love is how he makes room for grace to work and invites us into that space. Where in your life are you experiencing room for God's grace to work? Where do you see the need for room, for the space to let God's grace work? Hear Jesus' invitation for that space in the gospel reading:

"Jesus told the parable, where the gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" Luke 13:8

### Listening to your life

Pause for a moment each day, light a candle to welcome the presence of Christ. Remember that God is always present, a divine gardener inviting openness, space and the time for grace to be at work in your life. Offer all of this to God in daily prayer.

## Sunday Morning Adult Formation

### Faith Stories – Our Lenten Journey

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., lower narthex

This weekend we continue to celebrate faith stories, gathering to hear a fellow member share their story as a way to honor one another and see how we are connected in faith. We will also have time for you to connect, reflect and ask questions of each of our fellow members. Hearing one another's faith stories opens us to God and to one another in remarkable ways.

Here is the schedule for the Sunday adult faith formation hour faith stories:

- Sunday, March 24 – Danielle Dunasky
- Sunday, March 31 – Bobbie Spradley
- Sunday, April 7 – Roger Lilleodden

## Wednesdays in Lent

The Creeds theme and faith stories also guide our Wednesday mid-day prayer and helps shape the evening prayer experience.

**12:15 p.m.** - Service of Word and Prayer, and faith story from Seminarian Danielle Dunasky.

**12:45 p.m.** - Light lunch follows service (soup, bread and salad)

**1:00 p.m.** - Dwelling in the Word Bible Study

**4:00 - 8:00 p.m.** - Prayer stations; prayer around the cross; labyrinth (in the sanctuary)

**6:00 p.m.** - Adult Faith Formation: The Creeds: The Church's Faith Story; Bell Choir rehearsal

**7:00 - 7:30 p.m.** - ELW Evening Prayer

**7:30 p.m.** - Central Choir rehearsal

## Holy Week and Easter Worship

### The Great Three Days

- Maundy Thursday Holy Communion - April 18, 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Adoration of the Crucified - April 19, 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Great Vigil of Easter Holy Saturday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. (no 5:00 p.m. service)

### Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 21

- First Light Devotions in the Columbarium at 7:30 a.m.
- Easter Festival Choral Eucharist (with Choir) at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- Coffee and donuts at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

# community

## **“Sofas & Spokes” coming soon!**

Saturday, May 18, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist  
The annual Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH) furniture and bicycle drive—“Sofas & Spokes”—is coming soon! On Saturday, May 18 from 9:00-noon at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church (511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis) donations of gently used furniture and bicycles will be accepted. Furniture and bicycles will then be given to guests of DCEH outreach ministries to assist in furnishing new apartments and to provide bicycles as an economical, reliable, and environmentally-friendly method of transportation to work and appointments. Questions? Contact Julia at 612-317-3413 or [jfreeman@mary.org](mailto:jfreeman@mary.org). Adult bikes only; no beds, appliances or construction materials, please.

## **Young Adults in Global Mission**

As we continue in Lent, Easter celebrations and our 100th Anniversary weekend, our Young Adults in Global Mission, Eli Yackel-Juleen and Amelia Schurke, move into the second half of their year of global service with Eli in Palestine and Amelia in Mexico. Take a few minutes to read their newsletters and blogs on Central’s website: [www.centralmpls.org/generosity/yagm](http://www.centralmpls.org/generosity/yagm). Note their insights, discoveries, and transformative moments, gifts to us and the people among whom they serve.

## **Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend Breakfast**

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m., Edina Country Club  
Experience Happiness is the theme for our 19th annual breakfast celebrating all women. Our speakers, Linda Saggau and Nancy O’Brien, will talk about the Happiness Practice that helps people thrive by building cultures of wellbeing. Of course we’ll have a head start with the happiness that comes from sharing a delicious meal with friends and family in a lovely setting.

Register at the welcome desk beginning April 14. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for girls under 12. Menu choices are available at registration. This event is sponsored by Central’s Circle of Friends and Normandale Lutheran’s Priscilla Circle.

## **Central’s Easter Garden**

Central offers members and friends the opportunity to honor or remember loved ones by contributing to our Easter sanctuary decorations. It has been a longstanding tradition and you are invited to participate this year. Floral Guild will be available to take donations at the welcome desk after worship services on March 23/24, March 30/31, and April 6/7. The cost is \$10 per plant. Forms and checks made payable to Floral Guild may also be mailed to Betty Reveling, 1548 Oberlin Circle S., Fridley, MN 55432. The plants will be distributed to our homebound members and friends following worship services on Easter Day, April 21.



## **Sign up at the Welcome Desk**

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

- Anniversary Banquets
- OWLS Trip to Skyrock Farm and Carousel Museum
- Household Family Usher Team
- Central’s Easter Garden

## **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.

## **eSpirit**

Stay up-to-date on the weekend happenings ahead of the weekend with the weekly eSpirit newsletter. You will also receive the edevos and any weather or meeting cancellation notices. If you don’t receive this electronic newsletter, please sign up at [www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org) or email Sara Masters at [smasters@centralmpls.org](mailto:smasters@centralmpls.org).

# news and happenings

## OWLS Trip to Skyrock Farm and Carousel Museum

Wednesday, April 24

Join the OWLS in April for a trip to the Skyrock Farm and Carousel Museum in Hamel, Minn. The tour starts in the Carousel building where guests are transported back to a magical era when giant pieces of art were invented to play music without a musician for the first time in history. This part of the tour ends in the ballroom where we will enjoy coffee, lemonade and a meal! After enjoying dessert, we'll head out to the barn where guests will experience the excitement of high-jumping horses up close! After the jumping exhibition, guests are invited to meet the horses, tour the rest of the barn, and view the gardens as time allows. Cost is \$30. Sign up at the welcome desk March 23/24, 30/31, April 6/7. Payment at time of sign up is preferred. For more information, contact Vicki Bierlein at wandav885@gmail.com.

## National Lutheran Choir "Spring Concert: Light and Dark"

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary

To help celebrate Central's 100th Anniversary, the National Lutheran Choir will present their spring concert at Central. National Lutheran Choir's Spring Concert Light and Dark explores the music of equatorial areas and the dark north of Europe, including selections from Einojuhani Rautavaara's seminal work *Vigilia* and a cappella choral music from Cuba's leading classical voice Leo Brouwer. Influenced by each culture's unique climate—where cold night breeds mystery and the warm sun imbues a particular colorfulness—music fills the role of storytelling in a unique and fascinating way.

Tickets: Adult \$30, senior \$28, students and children free. Use discount code 'CLC100' for \$10 off adult admission. Purchase tickets online at [www.nlca.com](http://www.nlca.com).

### Because of you...

Central Lutheran supports two young adults each year through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program (YAGM). YAGM invites young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey into international service. In their year of service, these young adults provide critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need around the world. This year, we are supporting Eli Yackel-Juleen and Amelia Schurke.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Confirmation and High School Youth  
9:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:45 a.m. Community Meal  
11:45 a.m. Choristers' Rehearsal  
11:45 a.m. Heading Home Central

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 a.m. Emergency Rental Assistance  
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  
12:00 p.m. StreetSong Rehearsal

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 a.m. OWLS Leave for Trip  
10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Congregation Council  
7:00 p.m. Faith and Finance Team

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 a.m. Emergency Rental Assistance  
10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens  
12:15 p.m. Lenten Mid-day Prayer  
12:45 p.m. Lenten Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Preacher  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation  
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
7:30 p.m. Central Choir

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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. Shalom Circle  
12:30 p.m. Emergency Rental Assistance

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Building closed

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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



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