



# the Spirit

APRIL 27/28, 2019



## life together

Each spring, I hang a basket of flowers outside my front door. My house faces west and the flowers thrive in the sun and warmth in the late afternoons. In addition to the beautiful flowers outside my door, the basket often becomes a home to a nesting mother bird of some kind or another. Robins and sparrows have regularly snuggled into my basket and made a home there for their eggs and ultimately their families.

While messy and somewhat inconvenient, I watch the birds with delight. With great fascination, I watch as the mother sits on her eggs, hatches them and then nurtures those teeny-tiny baby birds—keeping them warm, protecting them from predators and feeding them—morning, noon and night.

And then, in just a few short weeks, those teeny-tiny birds crawl from the warm deep cradle of their nest to the outer rim of their snuggly home and fly away. They fly with trust and trepidation, courage and curiosity, confidence and wonder about what happens next.

This weekend, nine of our eighth grade students will affirm their baptisms. Having been nurtured and formed by parents, sponsors, their church and their community, these confirmands will claim their faith as their own. With the same trust, courage and confidence—trepidation, curiosity and wonder as those baby birds outside my door, our kids will enter into the next phase of their faith formation.

Keep these young people in your prayers as they navigate this milestone in their faith: Emerson Brenke, Juan Carlos Evert, Madeline Grahn, Lily Gunsch, Ozmo Johnson, Paul Knoth, Marit Lyle, Maren Masters and Eli Peter. They are a remarkable group of students who are ready to explore what God has in store for them.

Pastor Stephanie

## Final Weekend to Buy 100th Anniversary Banquet Tickets

This weekend is the final chance to purchase your banquet tickets. The Anniversary Committee leaders need to call in the count to the caterer on Monday, so be sure to stop at the welcome desk after worship.

Central's 100th Anniversary celebration will reach its peak over the weekend of May 4, 5 and 6. There will be a festive worship along with catered anniversary banquets.

On Saturday evening, May 4, the elegant event features 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. On Sunday, May 5 at 11:45 a.m., former Central member and published author Greg Bancroft will speak at the family-friendly banquet. A violin/harp duo will provide music. On Monday, May 6, worship is at 11:00 a.m., featuring festive worship with a unique walk down memory lane, and the catered meal at 11:30 a.m.

Thanks to Central Lutheran Church Foundation for underwriting the Saturday and Sunday banquets; tickets are just \$15 for adults. Kids 12 and under eat free. Tickets are available online and at the welcome desk on Saturday and Sunday. There is no charge for the Monday banquet.

# worship and formation

## Sunday Morning Adult Formation

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

Pastor Melissa shares her faith story this weekend during the adult faith formation hour. Pastor Melissa was on sabbatical when the staff were sharing their stories, and we are grateful that she will share her story of faith and calling with us.

## Coming up in May and June:

- On Sunday, May 5, Pastor Peter will lead a brainstorming forum on topics for us to explore next program year as a learning and growing faith community.
- On Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day), adult faith formation will not meet.
- On Sunday, May 19, we welcome Adam Copeland, the director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary. Adam will lead the conversation on "How Much Is Enough?" Adam's book, *Beyond the Offering Plate*, picks up the themes we have explored this year as part of our year-round emphasis
- On Sunday, May 26, we welcome Victor and Sara Gaultney, two of our Wycliffe Bible Translators. They will bring an update on their work and our mission partnership.
- On Sunday, June 2, adult faith formation will not meet.
- On Sunday, June 9, we welcome one of our Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), Amelia Schurke. She has served for this past year in Mexico. Plan to attend this wonderful opportunity to learn about the ELCA's mission through the Young Adults in Global Mission and about Amelia's year.

## Come Join the Choir - You're Invited

On Sunday, May 19 the Central Choir, along with members of the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, will be performing Johann Adolph Hasse's remarkable "Te Deum" as part of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This will serve as the choral culmination of our Centennial celebrations. So, even if you're not a member of the choir on a regular basis, we'd love for you to come and join us. (Note reading ability is very helpful.) We'll be holding rehearsals on the piece during our regular choir rehearsal time (Wednesday evenings 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. in the great room) on May 1, 8 and 15. Rehearsal with orchestra will take place Saturday morning, May 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Interested? Contact Cantor Sedio in the church office: msedio@centralmpls.org.

## May Worship and Dinner with Tree of Life

Sunday, May 5, 6:00 p.m., 514 Studios, 514 N 3rd St, Minneapolis

You're invited to celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Easter, also known as the one in which Jesus cooks breakfast on the beach and reconciles with Peter after the resurrection. We'll have evening prayer joyfully centered around resurrection and reconciliation because of Easter, and then tacos, because tacos are good! Come on over! Questions? Contact Pastor Marissa at PastorMarissa@TreeofLifeMpls.org.

## Guide to Prayer

### Listening for God

Easter is the 50-Day season of new life. Jesus returns this week, specifically to care for Thomas. Thomas' confession is one of the earliest expressions of faith in the Church.

"A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (John 20:26-29)

### Listening to your life

Pause for a moment each day, light a candle to welcome the presence of the risen Christ. God enters our lives time and time again with the gift of peace. At times God's presence meets us when all is well and at other times in the midst of our doubts and struggles. Where do you need God's peace today? Is today a day when you are filled with gratitude? Is today a day when life's challenges cause you to doubt and wonder? God promises to show up and bring the gift of peace. Offer all of this to God in daily prayer.

# community

## "Hand In Hand" - LHCB-USA Annual Gathering

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley

There is so much good news to celebrate! Join us to:

- Hear about the November LHCB Friendship Journey mission trip with eight women from Central Lutheran Church;
- Hear LHCB Executive Director Pius Serao's vision for the future of LHCB and the list of needs that LHCB sent home with the mission team;
- Learn about the medical consultation trip planned for the coming year; and
- Hear about plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of LHCB in both Dumki and Minnesota.

Enjoy an evening of Bangladeshi snacks, reconnecting with LHCB friends and good news for all! Please RSVP to LHCB-USA at 612-998-9655.

## My Neighbor is Not for Sale: Cherish All Children Workshop

Saturday, May 11, 8:30 a.m., Glen Cary Lutheran Church, 15531 Central Ave, NE, Ham Lake

The purpose of the workshop is to help you better understand sexual exploitation and the potential ways to help prevent human trafficking. This workshop is for everyone. Joy McElroy, executive director of Cherish All Children, will be one of the speakers. The cost is \$25 (or \$29 with book), which includes lunch, and snacks. The booklet *My Neighbor is Not for Sale*, can be downloaded from the Cherish All Children's website for free ([www.cherishallchildren.org](http://www.cherishallchildren.org)). You may purchase a copy for \$4, please add that amount to the registration fee. Register by May 4 by sending a check payable to Glen Cary Lutheran and mailing to Sandy Forrest, Glen Cary Lutheran Church, 15531 Central Ave. NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304. This workshop is sponsored by Glen Cary Lutheran Church and the Minneapolis Area Synod of the Women of the ELCA. Questions contact Glen Cary Lutheran Church, 763-434-5695 or email [info@glencary.org](mailto:info@glencary.org)

## "Sofas & Spokes"

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 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.



## Sign up at the Welcome Desk

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

- Anniversary Banquets
- MDSF Breakfast Tickets

## 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.

## Bar Code on the Back of the "Spirit"

If the parking gates are down after worship, use the bar code on the back of the *Spirit* to exit the parking lot. Put the bar code up to the reader and it will open the gate. This only works when exiting.

## Downtown Grief Support Coalition

Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m., lower narthex  
Next Saturday brings the Downtown Grief Support Coalition back to Central for the next four months. The meetings are open to all adults grieving the death of a loved one. The Saturday schedule starts with refreshments and check-in, an educational presentation, followed by small group discussions for spouse, family, and child loss.

Volunteers are needed for a couple of hours on Saturday mornings to welcome guests and assist to the lower narthex. For more information contact Joan Van Wirt at 612-333-3273 or [vwirtj@outlook.com](mailto:vwirtj@outlook.com).

# news and happenings

## Online Photo Directory

David Brenke will be available Sunday, April 28, after each service to take your photo for the online directory. New members and anyone wanting a retake should come to the fireside room and bring your best smile! If you are a Saturday night worshipper, see Pat Hansen after worship on April 27 at 5:45 p.m. in the fireside room.

## 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. 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).

## 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. Register at the welcome desk April 28 and May 5. 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.

## OWLS May Trip

Wednesday, May 15

In May, we will go to the Pavek Museum, Taste of Scandinavia, and the Japanese Gardens. We start our day at the Pavek Museum where we'll enjoy blasts from the past as we learn about both the global and local histories of electronic communication. Next we'll enjoy lunch at Taste of Scandinavia and then we'll venture to Normandale's Japanese Garden for our guided tour of this beautiful but little known garden spot. Cost is \$20. Reservations on April 27/28, May 4/5 and 11/12. Payment at time of sign up is preferred. For more information, contact Vicki Bierlein at [wandav885@gmail.com](mailto:wandav885@gmail.com).

### Because of you...

Nine remarkable confirmation students are affirming their baptism this Sunday.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. 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
- 1:30 p.m. Listening for God

## MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
- 10:30 a.m. Mental Health Open Hours
- 10:30 a.m. MN Brain Injury Alliance
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Community Meal
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. StreetSong Rehearsal

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00 a.m. Emergency Rental Assistance
- 9:00 a.m. Free Store Volunteers
- 10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Preacher
- 5:00 p.m. 100th Anniversary Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Central Choir

## THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 8:30 a.m. Street Voices of Change
- 9:00 a.m. Quilting for LWR
- 10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Augsburg Central Health Commons
- 12:30 p.m. Emergency Rental Assistance

## FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 9:00 a.m. Quilting for LWR

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 9:00 a.m. Downtown Grief Support Coalition
- 5:00 p.m. Worship
- 5:45 p.m. Saturday Evening Fellowship (in sanctuary)
- 5:45 p.m. 100th Anniversary Banquet (in great room)

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