



# the Spirit

MAY 11/12, 2019



## life together

### Easter Living

We might keep a party going for all of Easter's 50 Days this year at Central! That's no small thing! We certainly have much to celebrate, and have been pretty good at keeping it up! Easter's promise of new life that began with the Easter Vigil; eight Easter baptisms; nine Easter confirmations; three anniversary banquets; 100 years of ministry in this neighborhood and beyond; an ordination, a wedding, and baptism this weekend; two great music partner concerts; Luther Seminary partner events; all in a new and renewed facility. Fifty days of celebration is a great thing AND harder than it sounds! Thanks to all those who are keeping this Easter party going—100th Anniversary Committee, staff, worship and welcome and formation volunteers. These are great and heady days at Central!

During our celebrations of Easter's new life, the newly baptized and those who have recently affirmed their baptism are beginning to live into their response to God's sacramental grace. What does it mean for daily living to become or remain Easter people—for them, and for all of us? We walked alongside them to the font during Lent. Now together we walk into post-Easter living—when there is a promise of resurrection for every death, and an encounter with the risen Christ in every stranger and traveler. Together with them in these 50 days let us reflect upon what our baptism means for real life in the world. Living out our baptism compels them and us to:

- Share life in community
- Practice hospitality
- Care for creation, work for justice
- Provide for those in need
- Build bridges with other Christians and people of good will
- Accompany others on their journey

What does Easter baptismal living mean to you?

Pastor C

### 100th Anniversary Thank you

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the 100th Anniversary Celebrations last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Thank you to the Anniversary Committee for their planning and work. Thank you to the facility, security, technical and events staff for making sure all ran smoothly.

### Central Lutheran Church and the MSO: 36 Years of Harmony

Sunday, May 12, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary  
For the season's grand finale, the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra recreates the orchestra's first concert, presented at Central Lutheran Church in 1983 when the fledgling ensemble was known as the Central Chamber Orchestra. More information at [www.msomn.org](http://www.msomn.org). Concert is free; donations are requested.

### 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. This is also the way we will communicate about funerals coming up and any parking/road closure information. 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).

### 100th Anniversary Logo Items

For those who ordered 100th Anniversary logo items, you can pick up your purchases at the welcome desk.

# worship and formation

## Guide to Prayer

### Listening for God

Easter is the 50-Day season of new life. The gospel reading for this weekend returns to an earlier moment in Jesus' ministry. As Easter people, we are invited to listen for God's voice.

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (John 10:27-30)

### Listening to your life

The life of faith opens and grows as we listen for God in our lives. God holds you and gives you the gift of life.

Pause for a moment each day, light a candle to welcome the presence of the risen Christ. Where do you hear God's voice in your life? When is it difficult to hear God's voice? When is God's voice clear and easy to hear? Offer all of this to God in daily prayer.

## 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.

## Sunday Morning Adult Formation

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

### Coming up in May and June:

- 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.

## Calling All Graduates

We will recognize and bless our graduating seniors this year on June 1/2. If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college or graduate school, we would love to know. Please contact the church office with names and contact information.

## Life Passages for April

### Baptisms - *Marked with the cross of Christ forever*

Brendan Reid Cooper, Alyssa Joy Koester, Arriona Marie Holmgren, Adrian Joaquin Morales, Randy William Miller, Saibiha Weilijiang, and Saimina Weilijiang were all baptized at the Easter Vigil Service, April 20.

Paul Joseph Knoth was baptized on April 28.

## Baptism Orientation Discussion

Sunday, May 12, 11:45 a.m., epiphany

Anticipating a baptism in your family? Complete the baptism request form on the website and attend the monthly baptism orientation discussion Sunday, May 12 at 11:45 a.m. You are welcome to bring your plate from the Sunday lunch if you desire.

## New and Potential Member Orientation Discussion

Sunday, May 12, 11:45 a.m., trinity

Are you considering joining Central? Are you a new member seeking to get more involved? Stop by the monthly new member discussion Sunday, May 12 at 11:45 a.m. You are welcome to bring your plate from the Sunday lunch if you desire. New members will be received on June 8/9.

# community

## Garden Ministry Team

Do you have a love of flowers and gardening? The Garden Ministry Team is looking for people who would enjoy helping with plants and shrubs outside Central. The work involves planting, weeding and watering. For more information, contact Paul Troselius at 763-550-7990 or email [ptroselius@gmail.com](mailto:ptroselius@gmail.com).

## Adopt-A-Planter

If you would like to help beautify Central's planters and gardens, consider contributing to Adopt-A-Planter. Funds will offset the cost of plants needed. Contributions can be made out to Central with "Adopt-A-Planter" written in the memo line of your check.

## "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." Donations of gently used furniture and bicycles will be accepted. Questions? Contact Julia at 612-317-3413 or [jfreeman@mary.org](mailto:jfreeman@mary.org). Adult bikes only; no mattresses, appliances or construction materials, please.

## Volunteer Weekend at Camp Amnicon

May 17-19

Volunteering at Amnicon is always more fun than you expect it to be, and comes with the satisfaction of knowing that you helped create meaningful life experiences for all of our campers. We need your help to get prepared for the coming season. We have fun projects for all ages and skill levels. We'll spend our days pre-packing food for our campers, renovating the trails department, planting flowers, and generally sprucing up the site. Evenings will be a chance to relax in the lodge, enjoy the sauna, visit the beach, or whatever else you'd like to do while you're here! Meals and housing will be provided, and car pools from the Twin Cities can be arranged. Please Come! For questions, or to RSVP, call 715-364-2602 or email [info@amnicon.org](mailto:info@amnicon.org).

## CPR/AED Class

Wednesday, May 29, 12:30 p.m.

It is renewal time for CPR/AED and Basic Life Support (BLS). Members of the staff will be participants and we welcome any member of the congregation who would like to take the class to join them. Register at the welcome desk on May 11/12 and 18/19. The cost is \$55 for CPR/AED and \$65 for BLS. Healthcare workers need the BLS portion of the class. If you would like a completion card from the American Heart Association, it will cost you another \$20. Otherwise, we will just keep a record that you have taken the class. If you have questions, contact Marie Wiegert at 612-724-3017 or [mariewiegert@hotmail.com](mailto:mariewiegert@hotmail.com).



## Sign up at the Welcome Desk

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

- Pick up Anniversary Logo apparel orders
- OWLS May and June Trips
- Names of Graduating Seniors
- CPR/AED Class

## Downtown Grief Support Coalition

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m., lower narthex  
The Downtown Grief Support Coalition is back at 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. For more information, contact Joan Van Wirt at 612-333-3273 or [vwirtj@outlook.com](mailto:vwirtj@outlook.com).

## ACTS Circle

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m., lower narthex  
All women who are interested in Christian fellowship and fun are invited to join the women of ACTS Circle for a light supper. We will learn about Central's quilt ministry from Carol Henderson and tie some quilts. Central's chef, Mark Carroll, will make a light meal for us at a cost of \$5 per person. Please contact host Susan Olson at 952-236-7401, so that we can plan for food.

# news and happenings

## Prayer Shawl Knitters Group

Tuesday, May 14, 1:00 p.m., upper narthex  
Come and bring a knitting friend to share in this meaningful outreach ministry. If you have questions, contact Bobbie Spradley at [bobbiespradley@comcast.net](mailto:bobbiespradley@comcast.net) or Eve Overby at [epoverby@gmail.com](mailto:epoverby@gmail.com).

## OWLS Upcoming Trips

Come to the welcome desk to sign up for the May trip to the Pavek Museum, Taste of Scandinavia, and the Japanese Gardens; or the June trip to the Minnesota Orchestra. Payment at time of sign up is preferred. For more information, contact Vicki Bierlein at [wandav885@gmail.com](mailto:wandav885@gmail.com).

## Congregation Council Update

The 2019 Central Congregation Council met on April 23. The meeting was called to order by President Sara Stensaas and began with Christ Care Prayers led by Pastor Peter. After approving the April agenda and the March 26 Congregation Council minutes, the Council received the financial reports ending March 31, 2019, the rostered leaders reports, and life passages for March 2019.

The Council was updated on the following informational items:

- 100th Anniversary spring reminders
- Reconciling in Christ; June 8 next team meeting
- Strategic Planning Process: May meeting, TBD
- Red Cross Shelter and insurance
- Spring staff performance review process

For action items, the Council, at the recommendation of the Faith and Finance Ministry Team, approved the contract of Kairos and Associates as consultants for the Fall 2019 Capital Appeal, at a cost of \$68,000, which will include another full congregational survey and will have a goal of raising \$2.5 million.

The Council spent the remainder of the meeting in deep conversation about the Envision Community. This conversation will be continued in the next upcoming months' meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m., after closing with Responsive Prayer for Evening.

### Because of you...

Each fall, 2nd graders are presented with Bibles to help teach them about being a disciple.

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Confirmation and High School Youth  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:45 a.m. Community Meal  
11:45 a.m. Baptism Orientation  
11:45 a.m. New/Potential Member Orientation  
4:00 p.m. MSO Anniversary Concert

## MONDAY, MAY 13

Festival of Homiletics  
9:00 a.m. Emergency Rental Assistance  
9:00 a.m. Street Voices of Change Leadership  
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, MAY 14

Festival of Homiletics  
10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. ACTS Circle

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Festival of Homiletics  
9:00 a.m. Emergency Rental Assistance  
9:30 a.m. OWLS Leave for Trip  
10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens  
1:00 p.m. Bible Study with Preacher  
7:30 p.m. Central Choir (offsite - Augsburg)

## THURSDAY, MAY 16

Festival of Homiletics  
8:30 a.m. Street Voices of Change  
10:00 a.m. Free Store Opens  
12:30 p.m. Emergency Rental Assistance

## FRIDAY, MAY 17

Festival of Homiletics

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m. Central Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Downtown Grief Support Coalition  
5:00 p.m. Worship  
5:45 p.m. Saturday Evening Fellowship

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