



the Spirit

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life together

Gratitude for Today and Hope for the Future

This weekend Central Lutheran gathers for the main anniversary weekend, celebrating 100 years of ministry and mission. It is a moment for deep gratitude. We gather to give thanks to God for all the ways God has empowered mission and brought healing and wholeness after challenges. We gather to give thanks for all the saints who lived their faith in and through this congregation. We gather to give thanks for each of you, for your faithfulness and commitment to the mission we share as a faith community. We gather to give thanks for so many leaders in the congregation. In the midst of all these moments of gratitude, we also give thanks to the Anniversary Planning Committee: Christopher Haug (chair), Karl Starr, Judith Hedman, Andrew Heintz, Kevin Lile, Judy Bogard, Sara Masters, Mark Kieffer and Pastor Jeffrey Schulz. It is a weekend of gratitude and we are grateful for so many blessings and the continual call of God into the ways of love, mercy, peace and justice.

We also gather to look with hope to the future. Anniversary moments are a time to give thanks for the past, and it is a present moment that invites us to look to the future. I find an imaginative question helpful. As you look to the future, how do you imagine Central Lutheran in 25 years? What does the congregation look like, what is happening and most importantly, how is God at work 25 years from today?

In the Book of Proverbs, the wisdom writer reminds us that "without a vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18). What is your vision for Central in 25 years as another generation gathers to celebrate Central's 125th anniversary? What is the vision that God inspires within you?

Grateful,
Pastor Peter

MnDOT Update

MnDOT has delayed the road closure here at church. It will begin next week. For this weekend we will have full access, as usual. This is great news for our anniversary weekend worship and banquets. Once MnDOT closes 4th Ave. and the access to 4th Ave. from 12th Street we will see how it will work and then send an email out with details. For this weekend, all you need to know is that it is access as usual for drop offs and all parking lot entrances.

Exploring the promise of God for all

100th Anniversary Weekend

Central's 100th Anniversary celebration reaches its peak this weekend, May 4, 5 and 6. We gather for festive worship celebrations and catered anniversary banquets. The Saturday night banquet is sold out. The Sunday banquet may have limited tickets available. The Monday banquet is free and open to all at 11:30 a.m., following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Thank you to the Central Lutheran Foundation for underwriting the Saturday and Sunday banquets.

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.

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 or email Sara Masters at 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. Jesus returns this week to love the disciples into a new future. Jesus invites them to cast their net on the other side of the boat, and then gives Peter (and all of us) a threefold vision for our daily lives: "Feed my lambs... tend my sheep... feed my sheep." (John 21:15-21)

Listening to your life

The life of faith is grounded in God's call. God's vision for the future transcends the ebb and flow of our thoughts and opinions about how things are going, what we may think about the future or what may have happened in the past to impact this current moment. God's love is rooted in the call to feed God's lambs, tend God's sheep and feed God's sheep.

Pause for a moment each day, light a candle to welcome the presence of the risen Christ. Where do you hear God's call in your life? Where are you called to feed, tend and care for all that God shows you today? 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 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 8 and 15. On May 15, we will be rehearsing at Augsburg University. Contact Mark with questions. 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.

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 about them. Please contact the church office and give us their names and contact information.

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 pstroselius@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.

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). 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 to Sandy Forrest, Glen Cary Lutheran Church, 15531 Central Ave. NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304. This workshop is sponsored by Glen Cary Lutheran Church, the Minneapolis Area Synod, and the Women of the ELCA. Questions contact Glen Cary Lutheran Church, 763-434-5695 or email 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! Donations of gently used furniture and bicycles will be accepted. Questions? Contact Julia at 612-317-3413 or jfreeman@mary.org. Adult bikes only; no beds, 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.



Sign up at the Welcome Desk

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

- Will-Call Banquet Tickets
- MDSF Breakfast Tickets
- Pick up Anniversary Logo apparel orders
- OWLS May Trip
- Names of Graduating Seniors

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.

Baptism Orientation Discussion

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

New and Potential Member Orientation Discussion

Are you considering joining Central? Are you a new member seeking to get more involved? Stop by the monthly new member discussion next Sunday, May 12 at 11:45 a.m. You are welcome to bring your tray from the Sunday lunch if you desire.

news and happenings

A Different Kind of Book Club

Thursday, May 9, 1:30 p.m., nativity

This month we are reading "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Matthew Desmond. Discussion is led by Lilly Olson. Pastor Melissa will join us for this discussion.

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 on 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.

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 and William Schrickel recreate 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. Concert is free; donations are requested.

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 or Eve Overby at epoverby@gmail.com.

OWLS May Trip

Wednesday, May 15

In May, we will go to the Pavek Museum, Taste of Scandinavia, and the Japanese Gardens. Cost is \$20. Reservations on May 4/5 and 11/12. Payment at time of sign up is preferred. For more information, contact Vicki Bierlein at wandav885@gmail.com.

Because of you...

We are able to provide four worship experiences each week where people come to be fed and nourished with word and sacrament.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 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. 100th Anniversary Banquet
- 4:00 p.m. National Lutheran Choir Concert

MONDAY, MAY 6

- 9:00 a.m. Emergency Rental Assistance
- 10:00 a.m. Community Meal Volunteers
- 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. 100th Anniversary Community Meal
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. StreetSong Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Central Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 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 p.m. Fiscal and Property Committee
- 12:30 p.m. Emergency Rental Assistance
- 1:30 p.m. A Different Kind of Book Club

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- 1:00 p.m. Funeral for Richard Simmering
- 5:30 p.m. Lucore/Stewart Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 9:00 a.m. Mother Daughter Sister Friend Breakfast (offsite)
- 9:30 a.m. Downtown Grief Support Coalition
- 3:00 p.m. Lucore/Stewart Wedding
- 5:00 p.m. Worship with Ordination of Barb VanDrasek
- 5:45 p.m. Saturday Evening Fellowship

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