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Lifelong Faith
Connections

Where all can develop
closer relationships with God,
each other and our mission.



Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name,
I am there.

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Life Together

Where two or three are gathered

A life of faith is all about relationships. The gift of faith brings us into a constant relationship with God. The relationship with God opens us to relationships with others. The relationships with God, family, friends and neighbors define who we are, how we live and how we bless.

In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer invites us to ponder that we are made for community, the day with others, the day alone, ministry, and confession and communion. Bonhoeffer's book is a reflection on the life of a particular faith community. In the opening reflection on community, Bonhoeffer writes, "Because God has already laid the only foundation for our fellowship, because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into common life with them, we enter into that common life not as demanders but as thankful recipients."

Bonhoeffer is not naive about the complexity of life together, nor does he shrink back from naming that it is the grace of God that binds us together as fellow travelers. He is hopeful in the ways of love, mercy, compassion, justice and kindness. In *Life Together*, he reflects on the essentials for a faith community. These essentials guide us as Central Lutheran Church. By grace we do gather for worship each week, celebrating the day with others. In faith we join with others for lifelong faith formation, prayer and study. In community we minister to people who are vulnerable, marginalized and voiceless. In gratitude we live from abundance, sharing our time, talents and finances.

This issue of *Centering* is a return to the essentials, with reflections on our life together and invitations to worship, formation, community and generosity. We gather during complex times with forces that seek to break down relationships and isolate us. We are made to be in relationship with God and one another. A contemporary of Bonhoeffer, Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman, names this same reality, this same relational grace, "The religion of Jesus makes the love-ethic central ... Neighborliness is nonspatial; it is qualitative." (*Jesus and the Disinherited*.)

May we be renewed by grace for relationships with God and one another, and faith of deep quality where the "love-ethic" is central.

*Yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Peter*

LIFE TOGETHER

By Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio

in Worship

The Worship Area Cluster centers on welcome, hospitality and the central act of the church as the people of God gather for corporate worship.

One thing is sure when Lutherans gather for worship: they will sing. There may be a solo, a duet, a quartet, but most often Lutherans sing together as congregation or as a choir.

“Something happens when we sing,” oft quoted words spoken by Leland Sateren, longtime conductor of the Augsburg Choir. Singing creates community, nurtures faith, moves us, emboldens us and through our hymns helps us understand in ways words, simply spoken, often cannot. St. Augustine wrote, “The one who sings prays twice.” In the last months – with pandemic displacement of the choir from the loft to the west transept – I have had more opportunities to sing hymns rather than play (thanks, Isaac) than ever before in my 40-plus years of ministry. There is rarely a service in which emotions of text and tune don’t hamper my ability to produce sound. I wonder how many others sitting in our incredible sanctuary also simply choke up? I wonder what worship, what music and choir and what singing together means to people. So, I asked a few choir members.

“Psalm 98 tells us to ‘Sing to the Lord a new song.’ Singing has been a part of my life since I was a young child; always in a choir. Singing in a church choir resonates deep in my soul. I can’t write lyrics or tunes but I can sing praises. In Central’s choir we have the opportunity to sing major works, often with an orchestra, written to give glory to God, and it’s my honor and privilege to sing those works, alongside fellow choir members. In addition to singing there is joy in friendships developed with choir members, some I’ve known for 30-plus years. And then of course, there’s Mark Sedio, a man so passionate about music it can’t help but rub off on you.” – *Renee Troselius*

“Singing in choir is how I best express my faith and participate in the service. It is also a great social group to be a part of at church. I have enjoyed great friendships fostered through the choir. I look forward to the rehearsals and digging into and learning hard new pieces. When the choir comes together on a piece or just a single chord, it is a beautiful thing.”

– *Andrew Heintz*

“I love singing in the Central choir and look forward to the restart

of rehearsals every September. The music we are fortunate to sing is meaningful, beautiful and although sometimes challenging, gives a sense of accomplishment and pride. Choir members are welcoming and friendly, value collaboration and support each other. Singing makes me feel positive and hopeful.”

– *Judy Hadler*

After returning from a trip to the Estonian Song Festival, choir member, Judy Hedman, wrote this for a Luther Seminary publication: “We all know songs that exactly describe our emotions and express our thought in ways we cannot. Couples have ‘our song’ that they play or listen to on special occasions. Elders in nursing or hospice care can sing a well-loved hymn long after they have lost the ability to communicate with their spoken voice. Children are spontaneous composers and learn skills more quickly when singing. We have songs that comfort us, encourage us, express our love, anger, longing and loss. These are the Psalms of our modern lives.”

Psalms. Songs. Rituals. Sacraments. These are the things that ground us, heal, feed and sustain us through our weekly worship.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Above: The Central Choir rehearses in the great room. Photo by Judy Hedman.

Central Choir

Who: Adults (high school and up)

Rehearsal time: Wednesdays, 7:15-9 p.m.

The Central Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service Sept.-May and for all major church festivals (Christmas Eve, Easter Vigil, etc.). Generally, the choir performs two large works with orchestra, one around Advent and one in May. *Contact:* Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio at msedio@centralmpls.org.

The Central Choir is our congregation's longest continuously active group (along with the ushers). A wide variety of music is sung, from Palestrina and Bach to global music and spirituals. Good music reading abilities are extremely helpful. There are no auditions. Instead we maintain a two week "trial" period in which both new singers and director ascertain whether the fit is a good one.

Choristers

Who: Elementary and middle school aged children

Rehearsal time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., with dinner and social time from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

The Choristers sing Sunday mornings 1-2 times per month and other occasional services

Contact: Isaac Drewes, Associate Director for Worship and Music at idrewes@centralmpls.org.

The Chorister program at Central Lutheran Church is seeking new members for the 2022-23 program year. We offer free, high-quality music education rooted in

the Lutheran tradition. Choristers take an active role in the musical life of our congregation, performing on their own and with the adult choir. Children learn leadership, empathy and teamwork, while developing musicianship to last a lifetime. Prior experience and church membership are not required; only the desire to show up and sing.

Bells

Who: Adults and high-schoolers with basic music-reading proficiency

Rehearsal time: Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

The Bells play Sunday mornings approximately once-a-month and Christmas Eve

Contact: Isaac Drewes, Associate Director for Worship and Music at idrewes@centralmpls.org.

The Central Lutheran Church Bell Choir performs a variety of handbell music throughout the program year. It is an engaging and unique way to make music together and we have openings. Basic music-reading proficiency is necessary, but prior bell-ringing experience is not required. We will teach you the techniques. If you would like to join this fun, energetic group of musicians, please send an email to Isaac Drewes (email listed above).

Saturday Evening Worship

The Saturday 5 p.m. worship service is a contemplative time of prayer, scripture and Eucharist. The atmosphere is meditative and relaxed, featuring quiet music and hymns, often led by a soloist. Happy hour follows worship in the Great Room. ❖

LIFE TOGETHER in Formation

By Pastor Stephanie Friesen

The Lifelong Formation Area Cluster centers on lifelong faith formation where all can develop a closer relationship with God and deepen their call for mission.

Invitation. Welcome. Inclusion.

These words create the arc of the Formation Cluster at Central. Jesus said to the disciples, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

These beautiful words anchor Central’s intention for each to grow in faith and love for God and for neighbor. Secured in the promises made at Holy Baptism, each is called to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ serving all people, following the example of Jesus and striving for justice and peace.

And, this is what the Formation Cluster is all about. We invite; we welcome and we strive for inclusion where all are welcome; no exceptions.

This was never more evident than when we were planning for a summer trip this year with the high school students. Listing all kinds of ideas on a white board ranging from service trips to high adventure explorations, one student stepped up and said, “We just want to make a plan to be together. We just want to get in a van and go somewhere

– together.” And so, that’s what we did. We loaded up two vans and spent three days in community – gathered with Jesus in the midst.

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After two-and-a-half-years of uncertainty and hesitation, we are ready to move ahead – making connections and gathering with Jesus in our midst.

Programmatically the plan is to launch learning across the generations with the return of regular programming to include nursery care, Choristers and Sunday School, Confirmation and High School Youth Group, Adult Faith Formation and periodic intergenerational events so that we get to see and know one another. Wednesday night Bible Study resumes, OWLS and young adult events will be announced and opportunities for Enneagram and Contemplative practices will continue.

The invitation is for you. The rostered leaders and staff are ready and excited about con-

necting with you about where you might want to step into life at Central.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan intergenerational events and milestones this fall. Intergenerational events include activities for all ages to encourage conversation and connection across the generations. Join us Sept. 8 to see what this is about and how you might help with the next event. Milestone events include things like making communion bread and dramatic play with the Sunday School kids at different age levels. The relationships and connections you make engaging in this work are deep and wide.

We are also always looking for folks who will visit members in their homes. This might include bringing communion or just making regular visits to folks with news and conversation from church. Relationships matter and you can make a remarkable difference in someone’s life

In whatever ways God is calling you into participation at Central, know we need you. Your gifts for invitation, welcome and inclusion are at the core of everything that happens here.

A conversation with Anna Hielsberg

Anna Hielsberg is just beginning a new journey at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Anna attended every middle and high school retreat and trip beginning in sixth grade as a confirmation student and continued through the end of her senior year in high school. She is an experienced camper, an outstanding leader and an amazing connector with friends and strangers alike.

What has been your experience of youth trips at Central?

“I liked having friends with older and younger classmates. Going on trips made it possible for me to be with a bunch of people at the same time. Sometimes it was hard to leave home, but I always knew that once we got going, I was going to have a great time with friends. The experiences and the memories were really fun to remember and talk about with other kids from church.”

What did you learn?

“I learned to make the best out of difficult situations. I remember a trip to Amnicon when we had to walk up the river on a really cold morning. I learned that I could do hard things and get through them and that it was good to be in those situations with friends. It was a really hard day, but we did it together and now the experience is a really good story and a great memory.”



How did trips impact your life?

“I still have questions about a lot of things but going to Central has been such a big part of my life that I feel like it’s been a good place to learn and grow.”

This conversation with Anna helps explain why summer experiences and retreats are such an important part of youth ministry at Central. The opportunity to travel, share meals, play games and grow in relationships are the sustaining elements of invitation, welcome and inclusion – places where two or more are gathered and Jesus is in their midst. ❖

INVITATION to Join

Adult Lifelong Faith Formation for 2022-23 "Life Together – Hope and Resurrection"

You are invited to grow deeper in faith through adult faith formation opportunities this program year. We gather this year under the theme, "Life Together – Hope and Resurrection." We return this fall for a time of renewal in the gift of life together and an affirmation of God's gift of hope. The lessons this fall, the Advent and Christmas season, Epiphany and Lent, all lead us to resurrection and new life.

On Sunday mornings the adult forum gathers for a variety of formation offerings. On Wednesday evening the Bible Study meets at 6 p.m., led by the pastor who is preaching the upcoming weekend. and is offered in person at Central and on Zoom. The Wednesday 11 a.m. Bible study continues to study the specific lessons for the approaching weekend in person at Central.

Specifics for the forums and Bible studies will be shared in the Spirit and enews. For now, here is the schedule for Sundays and Wednesdays for the fall.

Sunday Morning Adult Forums 9:30 a.m. in the lower narthex

September

- 11 Intergenerational Learning Event – Great Room
- 18 Overview of the Year
- 25 Life Together, Community Ministry and Align Central

October

- 2 Life Together, Formation
- 9 Life Together, Global Mission Weekend, Mission Fair
- 16 Four Week Series Led by Dr. Marty Stortz: Hope in a Season of Anxiety
- 23 Four Week Series Led by Dr. Marty Stortz: Hope in a Season of Anxiety
- 30 Four Week Series Led by Dr. Marty Stortz: Hope in a Season of Anxiety

November

- 6 Four Week Series Led by Dr. Marty Stortz: Hope in a Season of Anxiety
- 13 Life Together, Sabbath to End Homelessness
- 20 Congregational Fellowship Event
- 27 Thanksgiving Weekend, No Forum

December

- 4 Intergenerational Advent Event
- 11 Advent: A Season of Hope
- 18 Advent: A Season of Hope
- 25 Christmas Day, No forum

Fall Wednesday Night Bible Study

6 p.m. Offered in person or on Zoom

Shared leadership by Pastor Stephanie, Pastor Melissa and Pastor Peter

October

- 5 Prophets and Hope: Jeremiah
- 12 Prophets and Hope: Jeremiah
- 19 Prophets and Hope: Jeremiah
- 26 Prophets and Hope: Jeremiah/Lamentations

November

- 2 Prophets and Hope: Isaiah
- 9 Prophets and Hope: Isaiah
- 16 Prophets and Hope: Isaiah
- 23 Thanksgiving Eve, no class
- 30 Advent Wednesday – Reflections on Hope

Prayer and Spiritual Formation

Fall Enneagram Day Retreat *Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*

The Central Prayer Ministry Team invites you to a fall Enneagram Prayer Retreat at Central. This Enneagram Prayer Retreat is for those with some basic understanding of the Enneagram. Rev. Scott McRae returns to lead us as we grow deeper in faith by understanding the three areas of the Enneagram: head, heart and body. Rev. McRae will address how bringing these three centers into alignment opens us to spiritual awareness. We will explore how the practices of stillness, solitude and silence help break the ego trances of the types and strengthen vertical alignment.

The cost for the retreat is \$25, to cover lunch and basic expenses. Much of the cost is underwritten to support growing deep in faith and prayer. Plan to attend and save the date today. Details for sign up will follow in the *Spirit* later in the fall.

If you have not had the opportunity to learn about the Enneagram and how it opens spiritual growth, Pastor Stephanie will lead an introduction in October in advance of the retreat. Watch the *Spirit* for details about when that introduction will be offered.

Contemplative Prayer Group Invitations

Listening for God *2nd Sunday of the month 12:30 p.m.*

There are two contemplative prayer groups meeting, and you are invited to join one or both this fall. The first is offered on the second Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Peter leads this “listening for God” group. The group gathers each month to explore the various contemplative prayer forms as we seek to “be still and know God.” No need to sign up. You are invited to join any time. If you have questions or would like to connect with Pastor Peter about this group in advance, please e-mail him at pnycklemoe@centralmpls.org

Spiritual Practices

Third Thursday of the month 11 a.m. on Zoom

The second contemplative prayer group meets on-line on the third Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. This is a spiritual practices group led by Pastor Melissa. If you would like to learn more or to join this contemplative prayer time, please e-mail Pastor Melissa at mpohlman@centralmpls.org. Since it is an on-line gathering, please e-mail for the Zoom link.



Juan Carlos and Brenden contemplating their next move on the high school youth trip.

The Central Book Club

Sept. 8, 1:30 p.m.

The Central Book Club resumes monthly meetings in September. Book club discussions are held on the second Thursday of each month. Book selections and conversations are chosen and moderated by members of the group. The season begins with a study of *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. All are welcome and participants are able to join in-person or on Zoom.



LIFE TOGETHER

By Pastor Melissa Pohlman

in Community

The Community Area Cluster centers on welcoming all into life giving community where relationships are fostered and a range of human needs are met.

It has been a little less sweltering this week as I write for this issue of *Centering* that will reach you in September. By now I am sure there have been a few cool nights as well.

This past summer as we accompanied our friends who sleep outside, we saw what it looks like when folks don't have proper protection from the sun. You responded by bringing and sending in sunscreen so they could be safe.

We watched the encampment against the 35W/94 on-ramp grow and grow with people we know, as they got moved out of everywhere else they tried to live. You responded by making and packing meals that Dr. Katie Clark from the Augsburg Central Health Commons delivered.

We watched as the city sent their employees out to clear the encampments with little to no warning and no care for people's belongings. You brought in more tents and blankets, and we helped folks replace their belongings.

As summer turns to fall and fall to winter, we don't seem to have a solution for people living in places that are unfit

for human habitation. Hennepin County has put together an outreach team that should be hitting the ground this month meeting people where they are with only one focus: where can we find a good place for you to live? They will focus on getting people housing first, and then help them sort out how to stay in it.

How do we engage in ministry that is more connected, more flexible and more responsive to the needs of our neighbors?

Our big question for this upcoming academic year is how do we engage in ministry that is more connected, more flexible and more responsive to the needs of our neighbors?

Our neighbors are the people who walk through our doors almost every day of the week. How do we help folks know and feel the welcoming love of God from the moment they step on our lawn or through our gardens? How about when they enter the doors and move down the halls? What do they see? Does it reflect their experiences, or does it challenge their thoughts or their faith? When

our neighbors sit down for a meal, do they find a welcome and a cup of coffee and some company to eat with, if that is what they are looking for?

After folks have eaten their fill, do they find that we can help them properly dispose of their trash, their recyclables, and their compostable waste? Can they find a moment of quiet and a warm blanket to take with them?

These are all the things we do at Central. We show up with humility and thankfulness for the ways we have been blessed in order to be a blessing, and we try to remain open to God's blessing us through the amazing care of our neighbors. Together we can make a difference for folks who need a coat and for folks who need the system to change so they can access housing. Together we can beautify the space around and the space inside our building. Together we can care for God's good creation. Together we can hold each other accountable so that everyone gets what they need. Together we are stronger and more gentle with one another.

Together is how God calls us to care for one another.

A conversation with Tyra Thomas

Tyra Thomas is the facilitator for the Thursday meeting of Street Voices of Change that happens at Central Lutheran. She is a frequent worshipper on Saturday nights and has traveled to Bangladesh with the Global Mission Ministry Team in November 2018. She is one of the most trusted people in the homeless community in Minneapolis. Tyra is formerly homeless, and is always willing to spend time with people as they navigate the waters of being without a home.

What first brought you to Central?

“I remember when I lived across the highway from Central in the old Madison School apartments. I was living with my mom and I was 15 years old and pregnant with my first child, Jordan. I used to look out the front window and see the church and pray. It was like a beacon of hope.”

What kind of role has Central continued to play in your life?

“Central has been pivotal in so many different parts of my life. I am 53 now, but when my nieces and nephew were little almost 30 years ago, they came to daycare at Central. I used to shop in the Free Store and I still volunteer on Thursdays from time to time. I have always found Central to be a place of deep compassion and open doors.”



What are your hopes for Central's future?

“It's hard to think what more or different we could be doing since so much of what we do at Central is so good and helpful. More diversity in the weekend communities would be great.”

Tyra helps us remember that there are so many on-ramps to life at Central. She experienced that compassion and open doors at a time in her life when she needed it, and now she is one of the Central people who embodies that compassion for new folks walking in the doors. ❖

LIFE TOGETHER

By Pastor Peter Nycklemoe

in Generosity

The Generosity Area Mission Cluster centers on the invitation for every child of God to share their gifts of time, abilities and finances for the sake of God's mission in the world.

The Generosity Area Mission Cluster highlights the ministry and work of the Congregation Council, Generosity Team, Global Mission Ministry Team, Fiscal and Property Committee, Personnel Committee and the Belonging Task Force.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Global Mission Weekend
Oct. 7-8

Mark your calendars for Global Mission Weekend. Saturday night Pastor Peter will preach. Sunday morning Rev. Lisa Kopp from Lutheran World Relief will be our guest preacher and speaker at a special noon lunch forum.

Sunday morning there will be a Global Mission Fair at 9:30 a.m. Grab coffee and visit the tables to learn about all our global mission partners.

Young Adults in Global Missions

Central is again part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program. The program provides young adults, ages 21-29, the opportunity to grow in their faith and work in partnership with our global companions. They serve in churches, schools, and social service ministries for a year of work and relationship-building with the

local church and community.

Each year from 2016-20, Central had the privilege of getting to know and supporting two young adults in global service. We welcomed them prior to their departures, followed their blogs and learned from them upon return. The program was canceled for two years, but is now fully operational and Central is part of it through the sponsorship program. We met the two most recent participants Sunday, Aug. 14.

GENEROSITY

Annual Generosity (Stewardship) In-gathering Weekend Oct. 29-30

Save the date for the annual in-gathering weekend. It is Reformation Weekend, a perfect time to make our intentions for what we return to our generous God. We return to God what God has first given to us: our finances, time and abilities.

The theme for this year's generosity appeal is based in Jeremiah 29: "For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Thank you for your faithfulness and remarkable generosity. You are a blessing to family, friends, Central Lutheran, our

community and around the world.

Congregation Council by Jeff Block

For the Central Lutheran Congregation Council, this year has been a gradual return to our pre-Covid routine. We have been fortunate to meet monthly in person. Sitting around a table together truly facilitates dialogue and creates community among members.



Jeff Block,
Council
president

The Council has continued to focus on two strategic initiatives. The first is the Belonging Initiative, focusing on creating connections for our members and guests. As we emerge from the pandemic, we realize that many facets of our lives have changed, creating new opportunities and challenges. To meet these, we are exploring ways that creative programming and event planning combined with technology can help us continue to build community in person and virtually.

The second strategic initiative is the Advocating/Walking With Initiative, a primary focus of the Council this year. This initiative has led us into rich conversations and discernment regarding the needs and ministry/mission of neighbors experiencing hous-



Above: The Fiscal and Property Ministry Team

ing instability. Through these conversations, we learned that individuals without housing stability are not a monolith, but a heterogeneous group with unique needs. To facilitate this dialogue, we have been fortunate to have Katie Dillon, Align Minneapolis director, speak to the Council about homelessness in our community. Additionally, we had the Commissioner of Minnesota Housing, Jennifer Ho, speak at our August meeting.

We are excited as we move through 2022 and into 2023. As your council, we welcome your questions, suggestions, and participation. Thank you for your prayers.

Belonging Strategic Initiative

As we continue into the new normal following the Covid-19 pandemic the Council has launched a Belonging Strategic Initiative. The Belonging Task Force leads this initiative and is working to offer a number of ways, big and small, for you to

make connections and deepen relationships here in our church community. The main initiative is the invitation for you to participate in the 9-to-Dine offering. Please note the details following.

The Belonging Task Force is also supporting the work of intergenerational learning events, congregational fellowship events and specific fellowship offerings during the year. If you have ideas of what you have seen in other congregations, please send them to Pastor Peter at pnycklemoe@centralmpls.org and he will pass them along to the team. The Belonging Task Force members are Stephanie Beane, Kristin Block, Tom Edelen, Karen Snyder, Brian McKinley, Katie Brenke and Pastor Peter.

9-to-Dine Sign-Up

The goal of 9-to-Dine is to gather people together, to share a meal and focus on fellowship.

Groups of nine will be

formed based on geography. A host or co-hosts will be established and a minimum of three gatherings scheduled. Couples, singles and families are welcome. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk or on Realm by Sept. 25.

Fiscal and Property: Sanctuary Northwest Corner Roof Project

The Fiscal and Property Committee recommended a bid to the Congregation Council for the replacement of the two flat roof sections on the northwest corner of the sanctuary. These are the flat roofs above the stairwell and the balcony seating area. The Congregation Council approved the bid, with funding from the short-term capital replacement fund. The roof project will cost \$93,000 and will replace two roof sections in desperate need of repair. Because of your faithfulness and generosity, we work to save for these projects and tend to them without additional capital appeals.



LIFE TOGETHER

Save the Date

As we look out into another wonderful program year for Central Lutheran Church, here are some key dates and moments for you to note on your calendar.



Above: Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio



Above: Pastor Melissa Pohlman



Above: Pastor Stephanie Friesen

- Sept. 10-12** Rally Worship Weekend
Program Year Begins
Saturday-Monday
- Oct. 8-9** Global Mission
Weekend
- Oct. 16** Central Hosts the
Metropolitan
Symphony Orchestra
(MSO) Concert
- Oct. 29-30** Generosity In-gathering
(Stewardship) Weekend
- Nov. 5-7** All Saints Worship
Saturday-Monday
- Nov. 20** Central supports the
F. Melius Christiansen
Concert at
Orchestra Hall
- Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 26-28** Advent Worship Begins
- Dec. 2-3** Central Hosts
Augsburg Vespers

- Dec. 24-25** Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day
Worship
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1** New Year's Eve and
New Year's Day Worship
- Jan. 20-22** Family Camp Weekend
- Feb. 12** Annual Meeting
noon
- Feb. 16-17** Central Hosts the
ACDA/MMEA Concerts
- Feb. 22** Ash Wednesday
Lent Begins
Worship at
noon and 7 p.m.

- April 1-3** Palm Sunday Worship
Saturday-Monday
- April 6** Maundy Thursday
Worship
- April 8** Good Friday Worship
- April 9** Easter Vigil Worship
- April 10** Easter Sunday Festival
Worship
- April 30** Confirmation Sunday
- May 6-7** Final Weekend of the
Program Year
- May 15-19** Central Hosts the
Festival of Homiletics
- May 21** Central Hosts
Luther Seminary
Commencement



Above: Confirmation Sunday

Recurring Opportunities Sept.– May

Second Sunday of the Month

Middle and High School Youth
Second Sunday Gathering

Third Sunday of the Month

Empowering Conversations

**Central Lutheran Church Foundation
Invitations**

Sunday, Sept. 25,
noon

Forum: Preventing Elder Fraud

Sunday, Oct. 22,
noon

Forum: End of Life Planning Seminar

Sunday, Oct. 29,
noon

Forum: End of Life Planning Seminar

Sunday, Nov. 6,
noon

Forum: End of Life Planning Seminar

Sunday, Dec. 12,
noon: Annual Surviving Spouse
Luncheon

Sunday, Feb. 26,
9:30 a.m.

Children, Youth and Family Event

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