

THE CENTRALITE

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PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers: Henry Bretthauer, Arol Salo.



CONGRATULATIONS to *Mike & Sandra Koscho* upon the birth of their son Henry Galen, July 10, 2015. Henry joins big brothers *Jacob and Matthew*

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to come and share in Roger and Carol's Welch's 50th wedding anniversary party on August 8th from 4-7pm at the home of Dave and Linnea Embleton, 82766 Rodgers Rd. Creswell, OR. For information or questions contact Linnea at 541-513-0945. The gift of your presence is all we request.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES the appointment of Sarah L. Cordero as Director of Faith Formation. Sarah is a graduate of Warner Pacific College and graduated with a Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies from Western Seminary. Most recently, she held the position of Director of Children's Ministry at Orenco Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro, Oregon. Sarah will provide vision, energy, leadership and oversight of ministries in the "First Third of Life" (birth through young adult). She will work collaboratively with a team in designing, growing, and shepherding a comprehensive, transformative and expanding ministries in faith formation that are innovative and inclusive. Sarah brings knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to this position. Sarah's start date is August 5, 2015. Please extend a warm, loving welcome to Sarah and keep her in your prayers.

DINNER GROUP All Church Members interested in joining a Dinner Group are invited to attend a Dinner Group Re-Organizing picnic on Sunday, September 27th at 1 PM at John & Carolyn Pape's home (40184 York Lane, Springfield OR 97478). We would love to have you join us! Please bring something to BBQ and a salad, main dish or dessert to share. It is also nice to share a favorite wine or beverage of your choice. Dinners rotate each month within a small group of 8-10 people. Usually the hosts prepare the main dish and other group members provide appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert. If you are interested in fellowship and good food, then please consider joining the Central Lutheran Church Dinner Group. Each fall our goal is to form several groups of 8-10 people with experienced leaders. The leaders set up a host rotation and guide the group through a season of monthly dinners, including the annual Christmas party and the fall re-organization picnic. For more information about the groups or if you cannot attend but would like to be part of the group, call Rosie at 541-726-5694 or Carolyn at 541-726-1492.

MEMORIAL COURTYARD: The bronze plaque with the names of the five members of Central who died in 2013 and the six members who passed away in 2014 was recently installed on the memorial wall in the courtyard above the water feature. The bronze plaques on this wall have the names of all Centralites, whether resting in the Columbarium or not, under the year of their death. Take time to visit the courtyard and remember these departed saints.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING held June 14th was a fun and productive get together. This format for the June congregational meeting was new for us; a potluck followed by our official semi-annual Congregational meeting. Everyone I spoke with was very positive. The food and fellowship were wonderful, and there was time during the meeting to discuss some of the various agenda items. Although part of the reason the meeting was scheduled at that time were Sunday morning conflicts, another important reason was the growing emphasis on keeping the time between services open for our many classes and small groups. One highlight of the business meeting was the unanimous support of the motion made by our Treasurer Brent Moeller to reinstate the salary cuts for staff retroactively from January through May. Their regular salary and benefits will be effective in the June payroll. We were able to do this because of the increased giving by members this year. We reviewed the Mission Goals recently completed by the council, and had some time to discuss those goals with others at our tables. Interim Pr Stan helped us think about the ways those goals might be translated into our ministry work. Those Mission Goals are on the Website and will be displayed in other ways for everyone to see. Bruce Smolnisky reported on the work of the Transition Team and what we may expect to be happening in the upcoming months. We elected the Nominating Committee for next year: Debbie Knebel, Merrily Sutton, Kim Meyers, Dennis Betts, Sue Mathisen, and Greg Vik; the Audit Committee: Gary Wolfe, Ron Fenchak, and David Scott; and the Delegates to the Synod Assembly for 2016: Diane Daudt, Wardell Belton, Sonja Vik, Alisa Naleway and youth delegate Megan Susuico. Finally, we ended with a brief report on the 2015 Synod Assembly and an inspirational video by our ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton. That video is available on the ELCA website and is well worth seeing. Thank you all for your attendance and interest. We are truly one body of Christ. Joyce Spence

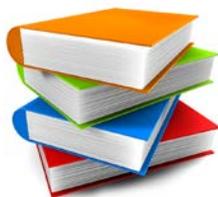
SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED: CLCW MISSION PROJECT FOR JULY AND AUGUST: St. Vincent de Paul's First Place school supplies. Items needed include: back packs, calculators, pen & pencil holders, folders with pictures, rulers, large 3-ring binders, markers, ballpoint pens, protractors, colored pens/pencils, writing books for journals. (First Place usually has a good supply of pencils, crayons, glue and glue sticks.) A collection box will be in the narthex during these months. Monetary contributions will also be accepted. Please give these to Betsy Berg or to Kristi in the office. Make checks payable to CLCW.

ANNUAL SOLICITATION FOR FUNDING SPECIAL PROJECTS: CLC Endowment Committee is actively soliciting proposals for funding special projects within the church which are outside of the normal budget. Acceptance of these proposals will be guided by the CLC Mission: "To be the hands and feet of Jesus we will LOVE God and one another; NURTURE faithful living; SERVE those in need; and SHARE the Gospel". Request forms may be obtained in the narthex, office or from the Endowment Committee. Your proposal must be coordinated through a committee, council, relevant staff person, and/or pastor. Please have your requests delivered to the office or to the committee by October 1, 2015.



Summer vacations are upon us and many of us will stay in motels/hotels. I hate to be negative, but it is important that you check the place for bed bugs. Even clean places can harbor them because they are brought in by other occupants. (International hotels are worse, I've heard) So....when you arrive, put your luggage in the bathroom and look over the bedding and furniture before you unpack. Look for the bug's red-black droppings or shed skins or dried blood. (I have also heard that it is good idea to check the mattress in the area of seams that go all around the mattress and check underneath the mattress as well. Be sure to check behind headboards.) If you find any evidence of bed bugs, get a new room. If not and it looks good, it still pays to keep your luggage on a luggage rack and keep all belongings off the bed or upholstered furniture. (Interesting that you can put your bodies on these, but I guess you can shower. Do be sure to check your skin all over for bites. Rumor has it they come in threes.) Once home, toss your travel clothes in

the hot clothes dryer for half an hour. That should kill any bed bugs that came along. Best to store empty luggage in the garage or in a hot attic. Temps above 120F will kill the bugs. I know this seems paranoid but it can be a **SERIOUS** pain to bring the bed bug invasion back home with you, and this avoidance stuff really only takes a short time and your awareness. Clarice Bates, RN, Source: Consumer Reports, ON HEALTH, June 2015, PS. My daughter, Kathy, has a friend who had to spend \$5000 to get rid of bed bugs, so it is worth some effort in prevention.



Our **Book Club** begins again in **September on Monday the 14th, at 7:00 PM** in the CLCW room. Our Sept.

book, ***Chiseled: A Memoir of Identity, Duplicity, and Divine***

Wine, is a fascinating memoir by Eugene area woman **Danuta**

Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Winery in Junction City. Norma Vettrus, who will lead our discussion, heard her speak to the Springfield Lutheran Women's Book group and found her to be articulate,

candid and warm. The following is a quote from the book cover: "Danuta (Soderman) Pfeiffer, known to millions as the former cohost of the 700 Club with Pat Robertson, explains her sudden disappearance from the evangelical world and explores her chaotic past living under her father's imposing shadow." Her father, a Polish Catholic, was a sculptor; her mother was a nurse from England. They met when he was hospitalized in England during the war. She tells a gripping story of courage and resiliency in the face of the most difficult circumstances. It's a wonderful summer read. **Join us** on Sept. 14th at 7PM. We also have been invited by Danuta to plan an afternoon on a weekend to visit Pfeiffer Winery and further discuss her book.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Logan & Kari Lee: 1224 Sixth Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Sunday Worship can be heard at 11:00a.m. on radio station KORE 1050 on your AM dial</p>		
<p>2 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 8:30am Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>4 7am Meditation Group 5:30pm Transition Team</p>
<p>9 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>10 6pm Christian Education Team</p>	<p>11 7am Meditation Group 12:15 Finance Committee</p>
<p>16 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7am Meditation Group</p>
<p>23 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Blood Pressure Clinic-cry room 11:00 Second Service—Holy Communion 30 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 11:00 Second Service—Holy Communion</p>	<p>24 31</p>	<p>25 7am Meditation Group</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2-4 High School Ice Cream Social @ Pastor Stan & Sharon's home
5 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Church Council	6	7	8 8am Men's Bible study @ CLC All church rafting trip
12 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30 Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council	13 6:30 Stephen Ministry	14	15
19 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Church Council	20	21 Noon Centralite articles due	22
26 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Bible Study	27	28	29

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

2015 SUMMARY THROUGH JUNE

	2015	2014	Difference
OFFERINGS:			
Regular Envelope	\$219,095.71	\$ 216,715.25	\$2,380.46
Other Offerings	\$2,145.59	2,240.84	\$(95.25)
Special/Holiday Offerings	\$9,305.73	5,705.00	\$3,600.73
Other Income	\$36,625.89	27,090.68	\$9,535.21
Departmental Income	\$19,071.59	17,659.27	\$1,412.32
Total Income	\$286,244.51	269,411.04	\$16,833.47
			\$ -
EXPENSES	\$314,035.39	376,405.82	\$(62,370.43)
			\$ -
YTD NET INCOME:	(\$27,790.88)	\$ (106,994.78)	\$79,203.90



HELPFUL REMINDERS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: If you would like announcements in the Sunday bulletin they are due in the church office Thursdays at 10am. Articles for the newsletter are due in the church office noon on Friday, August 21. Please coordinate the use of the church for meetings, etc., with Kristi in the office so all groups may be accommodated. Thank you

GREETINGS FROM POULSBO, WA: JIM AND I AND OUR DOG, DANNY, have been surviving quite well up north for 4 months. We enjoy a beautiful view of the Olympic mountains every morning (on clear days, especially!) We have been attending a little white clapboard old, old Lutheran Church on Bainbridge Island. The church has a very warm and friendly congregation, but no choir! We miss all the beautiful music and all the wonderful people at Central. We understand the healing process certainly seems to be moving along well. Please come see us if you are in the Seattle area, we are just across the Sound! God's rich blessings to each and every one of you. A special blessing to the fantastic Parish Nurse committee, I miss you all! Jim & Marcia Simonson

Who are we? What do we do? What missions will Central Lutheran Church focus on in the year ahead?

After prayer and consideration, the Church Council has adopted and presented to the congregation a set of **Mission Goals** to guide us in doing the Lord's work. The four goals, available in their entirety at www.welcometocentral.org, are summarized below.

1. EVANGELISM: *We will share the gospel...reaching out to our members and the wider community to welcome them into the life of Christ, wherever they may be on their faith journey.*

How will we evangelize? The Council believes in the power of small-group ministries to attract new or inactive members, increase participation and strengthen congregational bonds. Existing small groups will be inventoried, and new small groups will be proposed, by a Small Group Ministry team formed of interested church members. Council will report progress at the end of 2015.

2. WORSHIP: *We will worship God inside and outside our church walls, with liturgy, music and song to bring joy, inspiration, and renewed faith to all seekers.*

How will we worship? As we always have, but with refinements and possible additions. The Council invites us to work together to make the second service more family-friendly and to consider the possibility of adding another weekly worship opportunity. The Council's goal is that overall worship attendance will increase from 2014 through 2015.

3. OUTWARD FOCUS: *We will serve those in need.*

How will we serve those in need? We will bring comfort, fellowship, food and shelter to our local community through continued and expanded volunteerism with at least eight different agencies and causes. These include: the Egan Warming Center, the Tiny House program, Habitat for Humanity, First Place Homeless

Shelter, and Food for Lane County. The Council's goal is to see more volunteers, greater involvement, and expanded outlets for Central's Christian love and support.

4. YOUTH/FAITH FORMATION: We will nurture faithful living.

How will we nurture faithful living? Through Christian leadership and robust programming, we will plant seeds of faith and Christian community that will sustain our children and youth throughout their lives. The Council intends to hire, before the end of 2015, a Director of Faith Formation Ministries, a Coordinator of Children and Youth, and a Coordinator of Young Adult and Campus Ministry. A ministry plan will be in place by October 2015.

Ideas, energy and commitment - these are what make Central's goals achievable!

LIVING STEWARDSHIP: BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

When Jesus talks about money and possessions, the focus is on our relationship to these important elements of daily living. "Where your treasure is your heart will be," is ultimately about the investment we make either in our relationship with God or to another value that has an equal or greater loyalty and attention. You cannot serve God and Mammon is a question of relationship. Jesus places a laser focus on the power of money and possessions have in our lives. Our work is to help people we serve to see and hear the importance of our relationship to money and possessions as a faith issue. Jesus Christ intends to transform our understanding of personal resources by claiming them as a part of our faith. For Jesus there is no separation of sacred and secular when it comes to money. If Stewardship is the management of all of life with Christ at the Center, then Christ at the center of our relationship to money and possessions is an important part of the values that shape us. (Center for Stewardship Leaders, Luther Seminary)

