

THE CENTRALITE

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Charles Berg, Henry Bretthauer, Eric Olsen, Brian Rase, Joyce Spence. We extend our sympathy to the family of Pastor Richard Trost, former pastor at Central Lutheran Church, upon his death; family of Mary Berwick upon her death. May faith and trust in our Risen Lord help sustain them in their sorrow.

MARK THESE DATES: One of the first steps in calling a pastor is to complete the Ministry Site Profile which we will submit to the Synod office so they can identify possible candidates who might meet our needs. There is a “Profile Committee” that has started working on the document; however, we need your input. There are three areas on this profile that the committee would like congregation members to respond to and provide input. We need to define the Ministry Site Characteristics (who we are as a community), identify the top five ministry tasks we feel are important for a pastor and prioritize the skills we value in a potential candidate. Choose one of the following dates for this purpose:

- Sunday, November 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.
- Together Tuesday, November 17th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Come at 5:30 to enjoy dinner and fellowship.
- Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 to 12:00 AM. The Ministry Site Profile Committee, a sub-committee of the Transition Team and the Church Council, includes Bruce Smolnisky, Kim Meyers, Michelle Bremer and Joanne Miksis.

MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PASTOR STAN

November is the month with two important happenings in our church.

Some of our time can be spent with our Transition Task force in groups, sharing about information that can contribute to our Congregation Profile. The Congregation profile is the document we file with our Synod that helps them and potential pastors learn about Eugene and Central Lutheran Church.

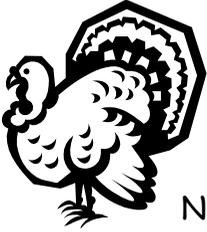
The profile contains demographic information about our Eugene and surroundings. We also need to talk about our church so people know what we are up to. And finally, we need to talk about the kind of pastor we are looking for. This is important and we have good leaders working on this. There will be times for your input.

November is also the month we pledge the amount of money we feel called to offer to the ministry of our church. It is the time for us to commit to financial stewardship. We are stewards of many things. Part of that is money. If you are not offering now, start with a small amount, learn about the ministry of your church, and learn also about what it costs to do this ministry

I don't ask you to offer anything monetarily without telling you what Sharon and I plan to give as long as the creek doesn't rise. A friend of mine who was a political fund raiser always told me, "Don't ask that people give unless you are willing to say how you are giving yourself". Sharon and I pledge to give \$900/month to the help support the mission of this church. It is our pleasure to give to this ministry. We are grateful for the hard work you have done these past two years.

A concern I have is for the long-term staff in our church that have not had raises for a long time. I believe another reason to give generously is to support our staff in the faithful work they do for us.

Have a blessed November! Help our congregation do the work of supporting our Profile so we can move forward in the process of calling a new pastor. And give generously to support the mission of this church and show potential pastoral candidates how serious we are about financially supporting it.



THANKSGIVING DINNER: Senior Ministry (GEMS) will sponsor a complete Thanksgiving Dinner, at Central Lutheran on Wed. Nov.18th, at 12:00 PM in the parish hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP, to the church office, by noon, on Nov. 16th. Volunteers to help in the kitchen, and to set up and clean up would be greatly appreciated. Please call Marilyn Tollefson at 541-344-0938, if you are able to help.



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, November 20. Please coordinate the use of the church for meetings, etc., with Kristi in the office so all groups may be accommodated. Thank you

THE TIME OF NEED FUND AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND support two important ministries of Central Lutheran Church. The Time of Need Fund helps members of our congregation who find themselves in need of short term assistance. The Good Samaritan Fund enables our congregation to assist community members who come to our door for various kinds of crisis situations. The funds are in need of financial rebuilding so we can be that helpful hand for those in critical need. Donations can be made to replenish these funds by making a check to Central Lutheran Church, earmarked in the memo line for The Time of Need Fund or to Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you, Crisis Need Committee (Dennis Betts, Jean Clancey, Cyndy Lane, Shirley Watson).

Many Hands Make Light Work! Each Tuesday Norma & Dennis Vettrus faithfully prepare meals for **Together Tuesdays**.

Rotating volunteers are needed to assist with:

5:00 Set Up

5:30 Serving

6:30 Clean Up

A sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall.



NOVEMBER 15, 2015
IS
FISH SUNDAY

FISH
Friends In Service to Humanity

FISH is an all volunteer, non-denominational, church supported, community service organization. FISH is primarily geared to meet emergency needs. FISH provides food boxes and clothing as well as transportation and prescriptions in emergencies. FISH is supported through 59 churches from various organizations and private individuals. FISH is completely staffed by volunteers with no paid administrators. Cash donations please make checks payable to FISH.

NEEDED FOR OUR FISH DRIVE: Food items: oatmeal, pancake mixes, soup, rice, peanut butter, jam, canned meats, macaroni, noodles, spaghetti, tuna, canned stews, canned fruits and vegetables, powdered milk, canned milk, dry food and cereals, dried beans, peas, and complete dinner mixes.

LET'S FILL UP THE FOOD BOX FOR FISH

Share the Blessings

For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in.” Matthew 25:35

What you need to know about FISH.

- *Emergency food aid
- *Prescription drug assistance
- *100% volunteer based—no paid staff!
- *Supported by area churches and businesses
- *Helps clients find organizations for long-term help
- *Each client can receive food assistance once every three months.

How can you help? *Bring food items for the FISH box in the narthex

- *Consider a cash donation on November 15th
 - *Volunteer to help answer the calls for help
 - *Help pack the food boxes
 - *Pray for those in our community who need assistance
- If you have any other questions about FISH or would like to volunteer, please contact Norma Edman, 541-484-1069.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION – ALL SAINT'S DAY

All Saints' Day will be celebrated November 1, 2015. It is a day in which we glorify God for all of God's Saints. It is a day of commemoration of the faithful departed. Its origin lies in the common commemoration of martyrs who died; over time the celebration has come to include martyrs and all Saints. During the Reformation, churches understood "saints" in the New Testament usage as including all believers and reinterpreted the feast of All Saints as a celebration of the unity of the entire church. As we prepare to celebrate All Saints' Day think about the Saints - related to you and not-- who have served as an example to you as a way to live your life. How can you follow their example? All Saints' Day is a wonderful way to remember and reflect on your Saints by giving in memory and honor to the Central Lutheran Foundation. You can make out a check to the Central Lutheran Foundation with the name of the person you are remembering/honoring on the Memo line. Place your check in the Sunday offering plate or mail to the Church. The Central Lutheran Church funds ministries outside Central Lutheran Church in the community, region and the world helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

THE CENTRAL LUTHERAN Foundation is now accepting applications for grants to be awarded in early 2016. The CL Foundation's purpose is to support Lutheran, Christian, community and world-wide organizations that provide support to others. This reflects Central's outreach to others. We encourage congregational members to invite organizations that qualify for funding to apply for these funds. The application can be downloaded from the Foundation section of the Central website. The deadline for applications to be received is November 20, 2015. Over the years, the CLF has provided support to numerous and varied organizations which have reported the support as being instrumental in helping them achieve their goals. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Gifting Chair, Lew Blue or President, Karlyn Campbell.



THE CLC BOOK CLUB will meet on **Monday, November 9, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.** in the CLCW Room to discuss Kevin Powers' *The Yellow Birds*. Powers served a tour of duty in 2004-2005 as a machine gunner assigned to an engineering unit in Mosul and Tal Afar, Iraq. After returning home, Powers was frequently asked what it was like over there. He eventually came to realize that what people really wanted to know was what it *felt like* to be over there: physically, emotionally, and psychologically. Although fiction, his book captures the essence of those feelings. Powers has a Bachelor's degree in English from Virginia Commonwealth University and holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a Michener Fellow in poetry. The discussion will be led by Sonia Macke. Come join us!

And looking ahead: **The CLC Book Club** will meet on **Monday, December 14, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.** in the CLCW Room to discuss *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry. Jayber Crow, born in Goforth, Kentucky, orphaned at age ten, began his search as a "pre-ministerial student" at Pigeonville College. There, freedom met with new burdens and a young man needed more than a mirror to find himself. But the beginning of that finding was a short conversation with "Old Grit," his profound professor of New Testament Greek. "You have been given questions to which you cannot be *given* answers. You will have to live them out—perhaps a little at a time." "And how long is that going to take?" "I don't know. As long as you live, perhaps." "That could be a long time." "I will tell you a further mystery," he said. "It may take longer." Eventually, after the flood of 1937, Jayber becomes the barber of the small community of Port William, Kentucky. From behind that barber chair he lives out the questions that drove him from seminary and begins to accept the gifts of community that enclose his answers. The chair gives him a perfect perch from which to listen, to talk, and to see, as life spends itself all around. In this novel full of remarkable characters, he tells his story that becomes the story of his town and its transcendent membership. The discussion will be led by Linda Dye. Come join us!

THE CENTRAL CHORALE
PRESENTS

DURUFLÉ'S
Requiem



Joe Kelsey

All Saints' Sunday

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

8:30 & 11 A.M.



WITH ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN
DR. A. ELRAY STEWART-COOK, CONDUCTOR



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>1 All Saints Sunday—Requiem 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Opportunities 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion 5:30 Middle & High School Potluck @ Bremers'</p>	<p>2 3:30 Worship, Music & Arts Team</p>	<p>3 7am Meditation Group 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Children's/Alleluia Choirs 6:30 Classes 7:00 Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group</p>
<p>8 8:30am First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45am Education Opportunities 11:00am Second Service Holy Communion 2:00-4pm Church Profile Meeting</p>	<p>9 6pm Christian Education Team 7pm Book Club</p>	<p>10 7:00am Meditation Group 1:00 Hannah/Deborah Circle 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Children's/Alleluia Choirs 6:30 Classes 7:00 Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group</p>
<p>15 FISH SUNDAY 8:30am First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45am Education Opportunities 11:00am Second Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>16 1pm Prayer Shawl Knitters</p>	<p>17 7am Meditation Group 12:15 Finance Committee 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Children's/Alleluia Choirs 6:30 Classes 6:30 Church Profile Meeting 7:00 Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group</p>
<p>22 8:30am First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45am Education Opportunities 11:00am Second Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7am Meditation Group 7pm Chorale</p>
<p>29 8:30am First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45am Blood Pressure Screening-cry room 11:00am Second Service—Holy Communion 4:30pm Advent Lessons & Carols Soup Supper</p>	<p>30</p>	

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7am Men's Bible Study 10:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council 7:00pm Chorale</p>	<p>5 9am Quilting 5:15pm Handbell Ensemble 7pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11 Office Closed—Veterans Day 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10am Ruth Circle 10:30am Bible Study 4:00pm Senior Ministry Team 7:00pm Chorale</p>	<p>12 5:15pm Handbell Ensemble 7pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>13 7:30pm Chi Rho Lecture</p>	<p>14 8am Men's Bible study @ CLC 9:30am Chi Rho @ Northwest Christian University 7:30pm Chi Rho Lecture</p>
<p>18 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7am Men's Bible study 10:30am Bible Study Noon Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00pm Church Council 7:00pm Chorale</p>	<p>19 9am Quilting 10am Health Ministry Team 5:15pm Handbell Ensemble 7pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>20 Noon Centralite articles due</p>	<p>21 10am-Noon Church Profile Meeting—parish hall</p>
<p>25 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Pie Social</p>	<p>26  Office Closed</p>	<p>27 Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
		<p>Sunday Worship can be heard at 11:00a.m. on radio station KORE 1050 on your AM dial</p>	



I remember when I had the measles. It was the first time I had been really sick, and it seemed like forever before I got well. I was one of the lucky ones who got over it without permanent damage. Recent research shows that I was even luckier than I thought. Even three years after

having measles, kids are twice as likely to die from other infectious diseases as kids who have not had measles. Scientists knew that measles is hard on the immune system, but they didn't realize it was this dramatic and deadly.

Measles seems to leave people vulnerable to other viruses and bacteria for years! Researchers think that measles erases the immune system's memory, so people's bodies may have trouble recognizing and fighting off other microbes.

When measles vaccines were in widest use and there were very few cases of measles, deaths from other infectious diseases dropped as well. A scientist at Johns Hopkins University (a very legit place) stressed the importance of the measles vaccine, in order to prevent measles (a worthy reason alone) and to provide the extra benefit of protection against other microbes for years to come. Measles is even worse than previously thought with long-term consequences. For what it is worth, I totally support vaccines for kids and adults! Clarice Bates, RN

Source: Science News, May 30, 2015

PS Don't forget it is time for your flu shots!

SAVE THE WEEK-END – NOVEMBER 13, 14, AND 15 will see noted theologian David Ford speak as the **Chi Rho lecturer** for this year. He is the Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge and founder of the Scriptural Reasoning movement which brings together Christians, Jews, and Muslims to study their scriptures. According to Wikipedia, Ford "...is highly regarded for his scholarship, wit and humor. He is a sought-after lecturer and preacher and serves as an advisor to the bishops of the Anglican Communion. His books have met with wide appeal; his *The Modern Theologians: An Introduction to Christian Theology in the Twentieth Century* (Blackwell, 1997), now in its third printing, is the leading textbook on modern Christian theology in the English-speaking world, China and Korea. His *Theology: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 1999), part of the Very Short Introductions series, has been translated into many languages, including Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, Romanian, and Kurdish." He has many other books and articles and has been working on a commentary on the Gospel of John for over ten years. He will be sharing some of his thinking on the Gospel of John in four lectures:

"Loved" on Friday, November 13 at 7:30 PM at Central

"Learning to Read the Gospel of John" and "Learning to Live the Gospel of John" on Saturday, November 14 at 9:30 AM at NCU

"The Ongoing Drama - Following Jesus Now" on Saturday, November 13, at 7:30 PM at Central "More Love" on Sunday morning, November 14, between worship services

His recent book, **The Drama of Living** can be purchased for \$16 from Chuck Dietz or in the church office. You can see him discuss this book on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/jNIALvxtZh8> Don't miss this opportunity to experience this remarkable theologian as he struggles with The Word as revealed in John's gospel.



VOLUNTEER! DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED!!!! Once again the Altar Guild is looking for new members; men and women. This is a satisfying and rewarding service to the congregation. It involves preparing the communion vessels for the worship service, making sure the bulletins are at the

appropriate place on or near the altar and ensuring that everything is in order for the pastor and worship assistants to carry out this sacrament and the service. Altar Guild members come either on Friday or Saturday and prepare the communion vessels for the Sunday worship services. There are two people for each Sunday to share the responsibility and each team of two is assigned two months. The goal is to encourage more members to share this responsibility so that each team will have one month of service. Talk to any Altar Guild member (the names are always in the bulletin for the Sunday they serve) or call Delores Lewis (541-345-8940).



THANK YOU to the following for all of their help with yard work around the church: Ed Anderson, Lew Blue, Bernie & Ginger Bopp, Larry Campbell, Mason Davis, Bill Dewey, Steve & Norma Edman, Rod Gillilan, Allan Gubrud, Dal Haverland, Howard Kallinen, Ron & Sylvia Kaufman, Rodger Knebel, Cyndy Lane, Teresa Maldonado, Don Rasmussen, Joyce Spence, Chuck

Swenson, Jr.

FROM CARING4CREATION: As the weather is getting colder you may be replacing your summer clothes in your closet with winter ones. As you sort through those clothes, here are a few facts to consider:

- *80% of the clothes items Americans own get used less than once a month
- *the average American throws away 68 pounds of textiles each year
- *a single cotton T-shirt takes 700 gallons of water to produce

With these facts in mind, think about taking some of your clothes to a thrift shop where they can be used by someone who can't afford to buy new clothes. And think twice before you buy that new clothes item.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP: BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

We just concluded a very successful Ministry Faire where some twenty-six different ministries told a story of being the hands and feet of Jesus at Central Lutheran Church. It was a great outpouring of God's love.

Now it is time to turn our hearts toward financial stewardship. In October and November we will conduct our Annual Financial Stewardship campaign. Our financial stewardship is a necessary part of our response to God's faithfulness and love in our relationship with God. "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves the cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7. Scriptures are filled with lessons on giving, sometime about giving too little, sometimes about giving the wrong gift, and sometimes about giving with the wrong attitude that tarnishes the gift. These lessons teach us that God wants the heart and life of the giver first, before the gift. "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deut. 16:17.

The discipline to steward our resources in an intentional, God glorifying, gospel driven way that doesn't arrive fully formed with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

It must be cultivated. Stewardship must be a discipline for there's always something clamoring for our resources. Without discipline the best intentions to use our money for the gospel will be overwhelmed by circumstances and the feelings of the moment, resulting in inconsistency, or waste, neglect in using God's resources most effectively for the gospel.

It takes money to be the hands and feet of Jesus. It takes money to operate Central Lutheran Church. Salaries must be paid in directing our various ministries. The building and grounds must be maintained. And yes we must also outreach to those who are cold, homeless, and hungry. Yes, it all takes money from each of us. Yes the discipline of stewardship is necessary as we manage those resources God has entrusted to us. Pray about your financial stewardship as we enter our Annual Financial Stewardship campaign. Peace of the Lord!

QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS

The quilts for 2014-2015 have been packed for shipping and we share the reports from Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

In 2014 quilts were sent to Chad for refugees from Sudan and Central African Republic. In India quilts were distributed to hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the elderly and the infirmed. More quilts were sent to Peru, the Philippines, and Tanzania. In Thailand, refugees from Burma in their camps were sheltered by quilts.

April 25, 2015, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal and affected more than 8 million people. Statistics reveal 602,254 houses totally destroyed, 8,881 people reported dead and over 20,000 people injured. LWR has distributed over 9,000 quilts in their working areas. LWR focused on remote communities. Their goals were to promote comfort and good health. "The quilts let people in their darkest hours know they are not alone," writes the director of emergency operations.

The small group of Central Quilters gathers the first and third Thursday mornings each month. Please come and join us and enjoy the small group fellowship while being the hands and feet of Jesus in service to thousands who need a warm and cozy blanket. Talk to any of the group about your questions and offer you support.

The need for fabric and new or gently worn sheets continue. Please share these by dropping your donations in the Quilting Box across the hall from the library.

2015 SUMMARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

	2015	2014	Difference
OFFERINGS:			
Regular Envelope	\$ 333,839.59	\$ 332,577.30	\$ 1,262.29
Other Offerings	\$ 3,013.78	\$ 2,904.45	\$ 109.33
Special/Holiday Offerings	\$ 9,305.73	\$ 5,705.00	\$ 3,600.73
Other Income	\$ 46,660.09	\$ 35,268.37	\$ 11,391.72
Departmental Income	\$ 33,287.42	\$ 27,785.73	\$ 5,501.69
Total Income	\$ 426,106.61	\$ 404,240.85	\$ 21,865.76
EXPENSES	\$ 460,345.46	\$ 549,402.20	\$ (89,056.74)
YTD NET INCOME:	\$ (34,238.85)	\$ (145,161.35)	\$ 110,922.50