

THE CENTRALITE

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Charles Berg, Henry Bretthauer. We extend our sympathy to: Jim Wildish upon the death of his sister, Iris Jacobson & Rosemary Philpott upon the death of their brother; Marla Swenson upon the death of her mother; Bill Hallstrom upon the death of his wife, Jane. May faith and trust in our Risen Lord help sustain them in their sorrow.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 Join us for a special Rededication Service: to gather as the Body of Christ, and rededicate this space and our hearts for GOD's WORK here at Central. Service starts at 4:00 pm followed by a soup supper and a bulb planting. We will join in nourishing our bodies and our spirits.

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.

MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PASTOR STAN

September is an important month in the life of Central Lutheran. In some ways it will be a time of new beginnings and moving forward.

We have three new program staff people. They all need teams of people that have a passion for each of their areas. Consider, pray, and team up. It's time to put our skills and talents behind solid mission objectives in the area of faith development with folks in the first third of their life.

We will be strengthening our middle school and high school ministries and our campus and young adult ministry.

We have a number of new folks who are interested in our congregation. Hospitality is our watchword. See, pray, welcome. God is drawing people to our fellowship.

We have a special service of rededication and renewal on September 20. (Go to church twice in one day?) We will worship, eat, and plant bulbs. Mark it and show up.....even if you haven't been around much for a while. Schedule on your calendar, pray, show up.

Godly Play, a dynamic curriculum for our elementary school kids will be starting. If you have kids those ages, bring them so they can grow in faith together.

Confirmation begins again. Anyone wanting to grow in faith and knowledge about scripture and the Lutheran perspective of the Christian faith...let's get together. Confirmation ends with a person declaring their faith to the congregation.

There will be a number of opportunities for adult education. One will be on Tuesday evenings. Neal Mandich and I will again teach a class on 'Understanding Your Congregation as an Emotional System'. Anyone in a leadership position should take this class. But the class isn't just for leaders. It is for anyone that is interested in 'healthy church'.

Our envisioning team will also offer a class on the work they did helping us develop our core beliefs and core values. This will be a dynamic and centering time, gathering with the team that began the work of renewing our identity as a congregation. They worked many long hours with our consultant, Dr. Hoyt. Look for times they will offer this class and allow your selves to delve deeper into our core beliefs and core values. Stay tuned for other classes.

In August, we began meetings with mission team leaders to work on alignment with our mission. That work also helps us deal with 'silos' that sprouted up over the years. We have some incredible leaders at Central....and some great 'followers'. 😊

At the congregation council's August 19 meeting, I mentioned to them that it was fun to see the imaginations of folks coming alive. Tornado wreckage is getting cleaned up. Planting time.

It is my privilege to walk with you during this time in your history as a body of Christ.

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LIVING STEWARDSHIP: BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

When money is talked about in church, it is often because the church needs money and is hoping to encourage people to be more generous. To do so probably is inappropriate. However to only do so when the church is asking for money is a huge disservice and it not faithful to scripture. Jesus talked a lot about money. At no time did Jesus appear to be asking people for money to support a local synagogue or the Temple in Jerusalem or taking up an offering for people in need. The Gospels indicate that Jesus however connected money with life and faith. Jesus was concerned about how possessions possessed people. We need to think about our money and talents God has provided us. Spend time in prayer thinking about what God has given you and how you should use those resources.

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.



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



THE CLC BOOK CLUB meets next on **Monday, Sept. 14th, at 7:00 PM** in the CLCW room to discuss *Chiseled: A Memoir of Identity, Duplicity, and Divine Wine* by Danuta Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Winery in Junction City. The discussion will be led by Norma Vettrus. We have also been invited by Danuta to plan an

afternoon on a weekend to visit Pfeiffer Winery and further discuss her book.

THE CLC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015, at 7:00pm in the CLCW room to discuss **The Drama of Living: Becoming Wise in the Spirit** by David F. Ford. How can we live wisely in the twenty-first century, alert to God and to other people amid the ups and downs of modern life? We find ourselves in the middle of complex situations, relationships, responsibilities, ongoing dramas, and challenges. Our response to these circumstances requires us to draw on many sources and to exercise imagination, discernment, and judgment. In this sequel to *The Shape of Living*, renowned theologian David Ford offers insights into living wisely in the Spirit in a culture of distraction. We all take part in the drama of living, and Ford's wisdom shapes our engagement with its depths and fullness. This extraordinary book draws on the riches of his own experience, contemporary poetry, and the mysterious Gospel of John. It both explores the complexities of daily life and inspires wise and creative responses. David F. Ford (PhD, University of Cambridge) is Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, here he has taught for more than 20 years, and is director of the Cambridge Inter-Faith Program. He is the 205 Chi Rho speaker. The discussion will be led by Gary World. Come join us!

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>1 7am Meditation Group</p>
<p>6 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>7 Office Closed- Labor Day</p>	<p>8 7am Meditation Group 12:15 Finance Committee 1:00 Hannah/Deborah Circle</p>
<p>13 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Hour 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>14 6pm Christian Education Team 7pm Book Club</p>	<p>15 7am Meditation Group</p>
<p>20 Health Team Commissioned 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Hour 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion 4:00 Rededication Service/soup supper</p>	<p>21 1 Prayer Shawl Knitters</p>	<p>22 7am Meditation Group 5:30 Children's Choir 6:15 Alleluia Choir</p>
<p>27 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Blood Pressure Clinic-cry room Education Hour 11:00 Second Service—Holy Communion 1:00 Dinner Group Picnic @ Papes'</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7am Meditation Group 5:30 Children's Choir 6:15 Alleluia Choir</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Church Council	3 9:00 Quilting	4	5
9 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00 Ruth Circle 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Chorale	10 4:30 wedding rehearsal	11	12 8am Men's Bible study @ CLC 4pm Megan Susuico & David Scott wedding/reception
16 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30 Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council 7:00 Chorale	17 9:00 Quilting 5:15 Handbell Ensemble	18 Noon Centralite articles due	19
23 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Chorale	24 5:15 Handbell Ensemble	25	26
30 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Chorale			

THE CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHORALE year for 2015- 2016 will commence on Wednesday, September 9 with our first full rehearsal (7- 8:45 p.m.) in the Nicki Hanson Music Room. During this year, Duruflé's **Requiem** will be presented during on All Saints' Sunday. In June 2016, we will present Mozart's **Coronation Mass**. We have vacancies in all sections. It is a repertory choir. Childcare is available during Wednesday rehearsals. All those interested in singing in the Chorale, please see ElRay Stewart-Cook (AESC@welcometocentral.org), or call the church office.

THE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE rehearses on Thursdays: 5:15-6:15 commencing on September 17. We have vacancies for bell ringers; **Childcare is available during rehearsals**. For more information, see ElRay Stewart-Cook or call the church office.

THE ALLELUIA & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS begin on Tuesday, September 22, at 5:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the **Children's Choir (grades K-3)** is at **5:30 - 6:15 p.m.** The **Alleluia Choir (grades 4 - 8)** meets between **6:45 - 7:30 p.m.** The rehearsals piggyback with the Together Tuesday program which includes activities to be announced by our new Director of Faith Formation Director, Sarah Cordero.

ANNUAL SOLICITATION FOR FUNDING SPECIAL PROJECTS: CLC

Endowment Trust Fund 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 Goals of May 20, 2015.

Evangelism: We will share the gospel. We will reach out to our members and the wider community to change lives and welcome them into the life of Christ, wherever they may be on their faith journey. **Worship: Sharing the gospel/Nurturing faithful living.** 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 who join in the worship celebration. **Outward Focus: We will serve those in need.** We will bring comfort, fellowship, food and shelter to those brothers and sisters in our community who need help. **Youth/Faith Formation: We will nurture faithful living.** We will plant the seeds of faith and community in our children and youth to sustain them through their lives. 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. Endowment Trust Fund Committee Chair: Arlene Dietz, Treasurer: Kim Meyers, Committee Members: John Jarrett, Jim Reinmuth, Sheri Pyron and Sonja Vik.

DID YOU KNOW... in 2014-2015, Endowment funds supported:

- Electronic Signage seed money
- Campus Ministry student dinners
- 1st Friday Childcare snacks
- Stephen Ministry leader training
- Christian Education
- Youth Staff support
- Parish Hall tables
- Chi Rho lecture series
- Equipment for use with the archives
- Parish Nurse training

CLC BOOK CLUB DATES 2015-2016
7:00 PM - CLC ROOM - 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Monday, September 14, 2015 * led by Norma Vettrus
Chiseled: A Memoir of Identity, Duplicity, and Divine Wine
by Danuta Pfeiffer *NF

Monday, October 12, 2015 * led by Gary Wolfe
The Drama of Living: Becoming Wise in the Spirit by David F. Ford *NF

Monday, November 9, 2015 * led by Sonia Macke
The Yellow Birds by Kevin Power *F

Monday, December 14, 2015 * led by Linda Dye
Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry *F

Monday, January 11, 2016 * led by Alisa Naleway
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr *F

Monday, February 8, 2016 * led by Sharon Geldaker
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese *F

Monday, March 14, 2016 * led by Jill Liedtke
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai ----- *NF

Monday, April 11, 2016 * led by Betsy Berg
Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith by Jon Krakauer *NF

Monday, May 9, 2016 * led by Arlene Dietz
The Road to Character by David Brooks *NF

Monday, June 13, 2016 * led by Sonia Macke

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande *NF

Monday, July 11, 2016 -- *6:00 PM* **Salad Potluck Book Choosing**

Parish Hall, Kitchen, Library



Have you fallen in the last year? Do you have balance problems? (Or do you know anyone who has?) If so, you might want to consider taking advantage of a great free opportunity. The Oregon Research Institute in Eugene (a legit group) is conducting a study to evaluate the effects of different types of exercises

on balance, falls and mobility and general health. The National Institute of Health is funding it and it is open to anyone **70 years or older who has had a least one fall in the last year and has difficulty with balance and walking**. The people will be randomly assigned to one of three exercise programs. The groups will meet for an hour twice a week for 24 weeks. As part of the study, people will have free assessments of balance, strength and walking characteristics. This program not only provides research info to the scientists, but it will give participants increased strength and knowledge. A new group is starting in September. Spread the word! If interested or have questions, call 541-434-1548. It may prevent falls.....and make your life longer and better! Clarice Bates, RN, info provided by Oregon Research Institute.