

# THE CENTRALITE

Central Lutheran Church Mission:

To be the hands and feet of Jesus by: **Loving** God and one another  
**Nurturing** faithful living **Serving** those in need **Sharing** the Gospel

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## JANUARY 2016



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Henry Bretthauer,  
Michael Miksis, Eric Olsen, Ardys Ringsdorf.

**MINISTRY SITE PROFILE:** Approximately 65 people participated in one of the three Ministry Site Profile meetings and provided input for this document. Once the Ministry Site Profile is completed and a Call Committee has been identified the profile will be sent to the Oregon Synod office. They will then provide information on possible candidates for Central to consider for a permanent pastor. Thank you to everyone who attended these meetings. The summary of the input for the top five ministry tasks, the gifts for ministry and the description of who we are is inserted into the bulletin for your information.

## MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PASTOR STAN

The beginning of the Affirmation of Baptism service is found on page 234 in the front part of the "Cranberry Hymnal".

This rite is used for confirmation and for welcoming new members into our congregation. Anyone who considers themselves a member of Central Lutheran has participated in this rite. The basic parts of the service are

- A renouncement of evil
- The Apostle's Creed, a statement of faith declared with the whole congregation
- The covenant language:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

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 through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The response of you and me is, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

The response of the congregation to this covenant follows a charge by the pastor, "People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?" The words from the congregation are, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Then there are prayers of blessing and a call for support by God to help the candidate for membership to live in this covenant. Then there are words of welcome by the congregation.

In this New Year, the words of this rite will be the foundation of our determining who is committed to the body of Christ known as Central Lutheran Church. We live in this interim transition and we now move toward calling a pastor. Your new pastor needs to know who is his or her congregation. Review this rite of the Affirmation of Baptism. This is a time to once again determine who is Central. This will be an emphasis of my work as we move into the year 2016.

Happy New Year! as you live into your covenant with God and one another. Draw near to God and to one another.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** For those that would like a report included in the 2015 Annual Report, reports are due to the office by Monday, January 11, 2015. They can be emailed to Kristi: [info@welcometocentral.org](mailto:info@welcometocentral.org) Thank you



**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, January 15. 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** will meet on **Monday, January 11, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.** in the CLCW Room to discuss Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*. The Pulitzer prize for fiction was awarded to this engaging novel which follows the interlocking stories of a blind French girl and a young German conscript as World War II unfolds. Themes of loss and isolation play out upon characters' fixations with radio waves, locksmithing, gemology, and shell collecting. The discussion will be led by Alisa Naleway. Come join us!

And looking ahead: **The CLC Book Club** will meet on **Monday, February 8, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.** in the CLCW Room to discuss *Cutting for Stone* (2009), a novel written by Ethiopian-born medical doctor and author [Abraham Verghese](#). It is a saga of conjoined twin brothers, orphaned by their Carmelite nun mother's death at their births and forsaken by their surgeon father. Lessons of empathy underlines complicated family dilemmas crossing continents & cultures. The discussion will be led by Sharon Geldaker. Come join us!

**ADDRESS CHANGE:**

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# CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<p><b>Sunday Worship can be heard at 11:00a.m. on radio station KORE 1050 on your AM dial</b></p>		
<p><b>3</b> 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Opportunities 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion 5:30 Middle School &amp; High School potluck</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:30 Stewardship Team 1pm Comfort &amp; Joy  Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:00am Meditation Group 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Classes 7:00 Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group</p>
<p><b>10</b> 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Opportunities 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion 7pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>11</b> Annual Reports Due 2pm Symphony Guild 7pm Book Club  Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7am Meditation Group 12:15 Finance Committee 1:00 Hannah/Deborah Circle 5:30 Dinner/Children's Choir 6:20 Alleluia Choir 6:30 Classes 7:00 Confirmation/MSYG</p>
<p><b>17</b> 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Opportunities 11:00 Second Service Holy Communion 1:30 Nordic Choir Concert 7pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>18</b> Office Closed 1pm Prayer Shawl Knitters  Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7am Meditation Group 5:30 Dinner/Children's Choir 6:20 Alleluia Choir 6:30 Classes 7:00 Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group</p>
<p><b>24</b> 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Opportunities/ Blood Pressure Screening-cry room 11:00 Second Service—Holy Communion Congregational Meeting-time TBA 7pm High School Youth Group</p> <hr/> <p><b>31</b> 8:30 First Service-- Holy Communion 9:45 Education Opportunities 11:00 Second Service—Holy Communion 7pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>25</b>   Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7am Meditation Group 5:30 Dinner/Children's Choir 6:20 Alleluia Choir 6:30 Classes 7:00 Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Happy New Year  Office Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>6</b>  6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:30 Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council	<b>7</b> 9:00 Quilting Noon Worship, Music & Art	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>13</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:00 Ruth Circle 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Senior Team 7:00 Chorale	<b>14</b>  5:15 Handbell Ensemble	<b>15</b> Noon Centralite articles due	<b>16</b> SA Group-Luther House
<b>20</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study Noon GEMS 6:00pm Church Council 7:00pm Chorale	<b>21</b> 9:00 Quilting 5:15 Handbell Ensemble	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  5:30pm Ensemble Concert
<b>27</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Chorale	<b>28</b> 3pm Endowment Committee 5:15 Handbell Ensemble	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



Here is news that makes me happy and I suspect it will make a lot of folks happy. I have had problems with tip-of-the-tongue memory lapses all of my life, especially when it comes to names. As I have gotten older, it has gotten worse. Well, seems that is pretty normal. One study showed older people

have about four times as many of these as folks in their twenties. The really good news, however, is that, although these are frustrating and kind of embarrassing, they do not indicate any serious memory problem. (The same applies to walking into a room and forgetting why you went in there.) Clarice Bates, RN, Source: *Mind Mood and Memory*, Mass. General Hospital, Jan. 2014

**THE HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM** has received a donation of an amplified telephone for hearing loss. We also have a four wheeled walker with seat and two other walkers available for short or long term loan. If any of this equipment would be helpful to you call the Parish Nurse, Sally at 541-852-0007. We would also like to remind you about our blood pressure screening on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you attend the second service we will also be available 20 minutes before the service to include you in our screening. We want to help you work with your doctor to track this important health indicator.

**CARING4CREATION** From *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis:

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned, and the forgotten on this Earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing in our lives, that we may protect the world  
and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly  
united with every creature,  
as we journey toward your infinite light.

## LUTHER COLLEGE NORDIC CHOIR FREE CONCERT

Sunday, January 17, 2016, 1:30pm at Central Lutheran Church.

The choir is under the direction of Allen Hightower

This concert is generously co-sponsored by Central Lutheran Church and the Oregon Music Education Association.

### LIVING STEWARDSHIP: BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

Stewardship is about time, talent and money. That is "and" money not "or" money. In conversation, I hear people say I just don't have enough money but I give of my time and talent. Being stewards of what God has given us includes money. We all have some money so it doesn't matter as much about how much we give but that we give some money for God's work.

When it comes to governing our financial affairs, we must choose between two radically different approaches: the values of our society, or the values of the Bible. The first alternative tells us to find happiness and peace through money; the second tells us to find the desire of our hearts in the Lord and to be content with what He gives us. Money is a good servant but a bad master--if we follow the world's wisdom, money will dominate us, but if we submit to "the wisdom from above" (Jas. 3:17), money will serve us as we use it to serve God and others.

Money has a profound effect on relationships. Many people spend more than half their time thinking about money, and financial difficulties are a major cause of problems. Another reason is that the way we use our money is a real measure of our commitment to Christ. Scripture relates how we use our money to the commitment we have in loving God: "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses help?" (1 John 3:17). We can assume an appearance of spirituality in prayer, Christian service, and Bible knowledge, but we cannot fake the way we use our money and possessions. Our wallet reveals more about our character and walk with the Lord than we may think. So, remember stewardship is about time, talent AND money.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUTH MINISTRY

What is Youth Ministry? I ask myself that all the time. All I seem to know, or think that I know, is that youth are no more different than adults. They are just as smart, just as capable, just as stubborn, and just as in need of being heard and as adults are. So why do we struggle to support our youth so? What is it about our youth that seems so daunting? Again, I ask myself this almost daily. I think, (there I go again, me and my thinking) it seems so daunting to us, because we want to imprint our models of our experiences, because that is what we know and therefore think we can guarantee for the youth of today. But that is a fool's errand. Just as it is a fool's errand for us to be chasing back the people we lost in this community. We as humans (not just members of Central) hold on so desperately to our experiences because they are visceral to us. They are tangible, we can touch them, remember them, and look back fondly with profound gladness and be boastful about what it is we were part of and what it accomplished with us. But most importantly these experiences are real. They are real because we experienced them, making them easy to believe. I was watching the 1994 Christmas classic *The Santa Clause* (date yourself accordingly) and throughout the film the line that kept coming up to us as the audience was "Seeing isn't believing. Believing is seeing." And it is such a great reminder to us as followers of Christ that we are believers, not because we have seen because of our faith but it is because of our faith that we are able to see.

So let's make a New Year's resolution together. Let us vow to make Youth Ministry something new and embrace the differences that will come with a new age, a new time, and a new youth. Let our youth be the youth they are meant to be, as God intends them to be not as we intend them to be.

"Youth Ministry is not about getting things accomplished - only the act of God can bring about the transformation we seek. Youth ministry is about participating deeply in young people's lives as we await, together in suffering & joy, the coming of God." -- Andrew Root

Many Blessings to you all,  
Nick