

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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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Ladonna Belton, Dorothy Kleingartner, Roger Rush, Cathy Stewart, D'reen Stewart-Cook.* We extend our sympathy to *Elizabeth Uhlig* upon the death of her father Hugo Uhlig. May faith and trust in our Risen Lord help sustain her in her sorrow.

BIG THANK YOU from FISH -- Thank you to everyone who brought in food items and cash donations for the May FISH Fundraiser. We delivered 16 bags of groceries and a grand total of \$1335.15 to the FISH Food Cupboard. What a special gift Central is to this ministry. You may bring food items to the FISH Box located in the mission area by the library at any time and we will make sure they are delivered to the food cupboard. If you are looking for a volunteer position please think of FISH. The office is always looking for people to answer the phone and you can pick your own schedule. If you have any questions about FISH, please contact Steven or Norma Edman. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

ATTENTION! There are no more parking spaces available to be used for the Olympic Trials during the Olympic Trials!! From Wednesday, June 29 through July 11TH there will be a road block along 18th Street. The road block is from Potter Street to Agate Street. Potter Street will still be completely accessible as well as 19th Street.

MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PASTOR STAN

Dear Friends

It has been my privilege to walk with you these past two and a half years as your interim pastor.

This has been a time of rebirth and refocusing of Central and that work is ongoing. The commitment from leadership and others to challenge 'business as usual' is commendable....and it was, and it is, necessary. Have some fun with that.

Sharon and I are so thankful for all the kindnesses you have given to us. We are eternally grateful.

My time with you has been very enjoyable, and at the same time somewhat stressful. I apologize for not staying with you until your new called pastor begins. For that I am sorry. I am also sorry for anything I have done, or anything that I have not done, to be helpful for the healthy moving forward of Central Lutheran. For that I am sorry.

I am excited for your future. You have good leadership, a good staff, and a developing warm congregational heart that will bless many. My prayers are for your continual growth as a solid mission congregation. Our world desperately needs your love and your commitment to the Gospel.

By contract, Sharon and I need to sever our ties with the congregation to enable further called leaders to work with you on your future. My calling was to do transitional work. That work will end July 31. Some of you have already expressed dismay at this basic understanding of interim work. I am sorry for that also, but it is much better for the congregation.

We have lost some of our saints. Death has visited us. In these circumstances we have clung to the promise from Jesus granting us eternal life. We have celebrated the life and memories of these saints. Now is the time to welcome new saints in powerful ways as they seek a body of Christ that will help them live out their faith. Your welcome will grow and your love will grow for seekers and saints. That is the future of Central. That is your cutting edge.

I am impressed with the deep and abiding faith that the Holy Spirit has welled up within you. Be gentle with one another. Your love for one another has been and will be part of your witness to the world. God has done this through Christ Jesus, the Reconciler. Do your reconciling work well as is fit for those who worship a mysterious God who is self-giving and self-sacrificing.

It has been my privilege to serve as your interim pastor during this time in your life as a Body of Christ. Yours in Christ Interim Pastor Stan Berntson



CLC Book Club will hold its annual Salad Potluck Planning meeting on Monday, July 11th, at 6:00 P.M. We begin with our meal in the Parish Hall then move to the Library for the planning portion of the evening when we select the ten books to read and discuss next year.

Please bring two books to recommend. Be prepared to give a summary of the book and why you think we will enjoy reading it. After a vote and elimination process, we will select the top ten books to read. The books should be available in paperback or *inexpensive* hardcover. Bring a salad to share. There will be no meeting in August. The next discussion will be on September 12th. New members are always welcome -- if you've been considering joining the book club, please come to our July meeting even if you don't have a book to recommend.



It makes sense that if you can't see well, you won't see what is around you and so you might fall. New research indicates that hearing loss might affect balance/falls as well. (It seems to be a separate problem from the balance problems from inner ear issues.) People who had both balance problems and hearing

aids were tested for balance. They performed better in the balance test when their hearing aids were on than when they were off. It seems to work like vision in that the hearing aids increased awareness of surroundings. More studies are needed, but if you are at all on the fence about hearing aids, this should push you over. **When to get your hearing tested:** problems hearing on the telephone or cell phone, difficulty hearing in a noisy environment, difficulty following a conversation when 2 or more people are talking at the same time, when you find yourself straining to hear a conversation, when people seem to be mumbling, when you frequently have to ask people to repeat themselves, and when people say your TV is turned on too loud. Life is too short to struggle with a hearing loss. You wear your glasses, don't you?

Hearing aids can be "glasses" for your ears. They may also save you from falls!

Clarice Bates, RN, Source: UCLA Healthy Years, March 2016,

PS: Summer is here. Wear your sunscreen! Consumer Reports has determined which ones work best, but none of them work if you don't put them on



Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and goodies during my recent ER visit. I am doing much better.
LaDonna Belton

POLICY ON MEMORIAL GIFTS Gifts made in memory will be used for purpose stated, if an explicit usage is noted. If a restricted gift is not used for its intended purpose for whatever reason within one year, an attempt will be made to contact the donor and ask permission to use for another purpose. If a memorial gift is made to CLC without restriction, those funds will be part of the operating cash and transferred to the general fund after 30 days. A notation will be made in the miscellaneous income of the memorial gift. From, Central Lutheran Church Finance Committee

ARCHIVES WORK SESSION: During the summer I am planning on spending every Wednesday in the CLC Archives. There are lots of tasks to be done and help is always welcome. Some of the tasks are: sorting and filing documents; transferring records and photographs from 3-ring binders into folders; inventorying architectural drawings; and sorting, weeding, identifying (people, places, events, dates), and scanning photographs. If you would like to help, please come on Wednesdays. I'll be in the Archives from 9-12 and 1-4. Come any time and for as long as you want. Thanks. Elizabeth Uhlig - email: clcarchives2@gmail.com



NEEDED: The quilters are in need of king and/or queen size sheets to be used as backing on quilts. You can put them in the quilting box in the library hallway. Your donation is appreciated. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School

~ a partnership of Central, Emmaus, and United Lutheran Churches
for children age three through those having completed kindergarten ~

Monday - Friday, August 1 - 5
9:15 - 11:45 A.M.

at

Emmaus Lutheran Church

(corner of west 18th and Polk)

There is no cost, thanks to a generous bequest.

*However, donations are welcome to ensure that this annual
Vacation Bible School can continue to be offered free of charge.*

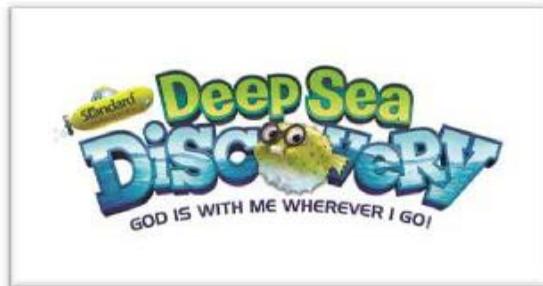
*Invite your neighbors and friends to join
your children and grandchildren for this special week!*

*Please register by **July 15th.***

Mail to or contact:

*Emmaus Lutheran Church, 1250 West 18th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97402; 541-344-1150*

office@emmauseugene.org



CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>3 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>Olympic Trials- east parking lot not available</p>	<p>4 Office Closed Happy Fourth of July</p> <p>Olympic Trials east parking lot not available</p>	<p>5 8am Meditation Group 1pm Bach Festival Organ Concert-ElRay Stewart-Cook</p> <p>Olympic Trials east parking lot not available</p>
<p>10 8:30 & 11:00- Holy Communion</p> <p>Departure—High Summer Trip—Rock-n-Water</p> <p>Olympic Trials</p>	<p>11 6pm Book Club Salad Potluck</p>	<p>12 8am Meditation Group 12:15 Finance Committee</p> <p>1 Alzheimer’s Support Group</p>
<p>17 8:30 & 11:00-- Holy Communion</p>	<p>18 1pm Prayer Shawl Knitters</p>	<p>19 8am Meditation Group 1 Alzheimer’s Support Group</p>
<p>24 8:30 & 11:00-- Holy Communion 9:45 Blood Pressure Screening Confirmation Camp begins at Camp Lutherwood</p> <hr/> <p>31 9am Holy Communion followed by Interim Pastor Stan’s retirement party</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8am Meditation Group 1 Alzheimer’s Support Group</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9am-Noon Day Camp 1pm Bach Festival Organ Concert-Julia Brown 2:30 Bach Festival organ master class Olympic Trials-east parking lot not available	2 Olympic Trials-east parking lot not available
6 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10am-5:30 Bach Festival event Olympic Trials east parking lot not available	7 8:30 Stewardship Olympic Trials 9pm Bach Festival Concert Olympic Trials east parking lot not available	8 Olympic Trials-east parking lot not available	9 Olympic Trials—east parking lot not available
13 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study	14 6pm Stephen Ministry	15 Noon Centralite articles due	16
20 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 6pm Church Council	21 5:30pm Endowment Committee	22	23 9am-1pm Clean Up/Clean Out
27 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study	28	29	30

YOUR CENTRAL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION AT WORK

In January of this year, your Central Lutheran Foundation awarded gifts in the amount of \$56,815 supporting the mission of our Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another; nurturing faithful living; serving those in need; and sharing the Gospel. Each month, we will focus on one of the awards.

Relief Nursery

The mission of Relief Nursery is to prevent the cycle of child abuse and neglect through early intervention that focuses on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents, and preserving families.

For 40 years, whether you are talking with Relief Nursery families, staff, or volunteers, the consistent message you will hear is one of passion and commitment to keeping children safe from abuse and neglect.

At the core of the Relief Nursery is the belief in focusing on, and building upon, the strength of each individual family. A wide array of support services is provided; always with a respect for the diversity of the families we serve. Research-based principles are embedded throughout our services while recognizing the changing needs of families. From crisis response, to therapeutic classrooms, to alcohol and drug recovery support, our staff works to keep children in our community safe from abuse and neglect. Through our state, national and international replication efforts Relief Nursery is a leader in child abuse prevention. Relief Nursery is focused on building successful and resilient children, strengthen parents and preserving families.

The Central Lutheran Foundation award of \$1,000 will be used to help support the provision of the 12 week parenting classes taught by highly-qualified Parent Educators in both English and Spanish. Funds will offset the cost of instruction and materials, family costs, and technology. In addition, to prevent obstacles for parents' accessibility to classes, families will receive dinner, child care, and assistance with transportation to and from Relief Nursery.

The Parenting Education program is critical to Relief Nursery's successful outcomes. Parents will learn more about parenting styles, nurturing parenting, attachment, stress in children, child development, play as learning, positive communication and reinforcement, natural and logical consequences, choices, setting limits, and preventing difficult behavior. As parenting skills improve, family stress significantly reduces, stopping the cycle of child abuse and neglect.

Please lift up in prayer our work with Relief Nursery!

LIVING STEWARDSHIP: BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

Let us listen to the biblical message of stewardship, understand how life is an opportunity to live generously with what God has entrusted into our care, and believe our congregation is effectively doing God's work in the world, and then we will give more. We should be having conversations about generosity as an important element of discipleship and intentionally telling the story of our congregation's ministry with its members and in the world. We must boldly proclaim the good news that everything belongs to God, and that God loves us enough that God has claimed us and entrusted into our care some of that which God owns.

We are not the best at telling stories of our ministries. This might be true because communication takes work, effort and time. We are all busy. If you are involved in a particular ministry you know about that ministry. Central Lutheran has so many ministries - some are ongoing, some are one time activities. All of our ministries are an opportunity to practice our discipleship through stewardship: giving of your money, time and talent. A great conversation with a member of the congregation is to ask them what ministries they are involved with and to share what ministries you participate in. Telling stories about our ministries is a great way to develop relationships. Seek someone out perhaps someone you only recognize but don't know and have a conversation with them about some of Central Lutheran's ministries. Remember we are stewards of God's resources. Let us manage wisely as we boldly proclaim our faith.



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, July 15. Please coordinate the use of the church for meetings, etc., with Kristi in the office so all groups may be accommodated. Thank you

KORE RADIO STATION is no longer broadcasting Central Lutheran Church worship. The radio license has been sold to a radio station that is not Christian Radio.

CONCERT SERIES
MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BROMBAUGH ORGAN AT
CENTRAL LUTHERAN

THE OREGON BACH FESTIVAL

(No Admission charge, unless noted)

Friday, June 24, at 1 p.m.

Dr. Mark Brombaugh (John Brombaugh's brother)
from Tacoma; includes a newly commissioned work for
the 40th anniversary by David Dahl

Friday, July 1, at 1 p.m.

Dr. Julia Brown, Eugene, Oregon

Tuesday, July 5, at 1 p.m.

Dr. Andrew ElRay Stewart-Cook,

Thursday, July 7, at 9 p.m.

FRANK MARTIN MASS sung by Berwick Festival Chorus
with Matthew Hall, Conductor with Organ Interpolations
(Ticketed Event -- available from Hult Center Box Office)

OTHER EVENTS IN THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES

Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Dr. Andrew ElRay Stewart-Cook and friends

Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 4 p.m. Malcolm Matthews

Doctoral student from Eastman School of Music

Sunday, January 29, at 4 p.m.

Dr. Julia Brown, Organist from Eugene

BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST



Studies in I Corinthians

SUNDAYS 9:45-10:45 a.m.

June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24

CHURCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY MORNING Women's 6:30am Bible Study has a tradition of meeting in Hendricks Park Shelter during July. "And to our listening ears, all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres." Come join us at the Shelter on Wednesdays in July, 6, 13, 20, and 27. We have prayer time, Bible study, a light breakfast and hot coffee or tea. For information and directions contact Sally Diehm, 541-852-0007, Norma Vettrus, 541-344-2321

2016 SUMMARY THROUGH MAY

	2016	2015	Difference
OFFERINGS:			
Regular Envelope	\$209,095.73	\$ 186,534.05	\$ 22,561.68
Other Offerings	\$1,940.82	1,842.34	\$ 98.48
Special/Holiday Offerings	\$4,056.00	9,305.73	\$ (5,249.73)
Other Income	\$17,923.30	34,094.35	\$ (16,171.05)
Departmental Income	\$49,228.63	16,056.59	\$ 33,172.04
Total Income	\$282,244.48	247,833.06	\$ 34,411.42
EXPENSES	\$301,879.53	260,674.26	\$ 41,205.27
YTD NET INCOME:	(\$19,635.05)	\$ (12,841.20)	\$ (6,793.85)