

# 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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## JUNE 2016



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ladonna Belton, Kay  
Hanson, Dorothy Kleingartner, D'reen Stewart-Cook.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 26, 2016

4:00pm potluck

5:30pm congregational meeting

In the parish hall

**ARCHIVES WORK SESSION:** Beginning in June, 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 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, starting June 7. 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](mailto:clcarchives2@gmail.com)

## MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PASTOR STAN

This is a fun and dynamic congregation. This is a team-based congregation that has put in place a lot of healthy things. Well done.

If you want to move forward in still better ways, one of the leadership needs is: 1) A team of three people to work at developing your small group ministry. The work involves doing an inventory of existing small groups, studying resources about healthy small group development, helping new groups development, and monitoring the health of small groups. Sounds exciting doesn't it? This area is one of the keys to moving forward as a healthy congregation

Another leadership need is a team of about three people who can help the congregation grow into a church that can share the story of God. Most times this team is called an Evangelism team or E-team. This is another area identified as a priority to move forward as a healthy congregation.

There are already some excellent efforts begun in these areas and it is fun to see this happen. Now all we need is leadership. And we have good potential leaders. Please be open to the Spirit knocking on your door.

Miscellaneous:

-Usually about this time of the year the pastor says "Don't forget to be faithful in your monetary giving during the busy summer". OK, I said it. Thank you for your faithful giving that has increased this year. Remarkable! Keep it up.

-You will have a second interim pastor beginning in August. Be nice.

-You have a great call committee and a Bishop and Bishop's Assistant who are committed to providing the best candidates for Central. Your job is to pray.

-Teams are under the supervision of the pastor. Committees are under the supervision of the congregation council. The teams are too many to write down. Attend the ministry fair this fall. Committees are: Personnel; Property and Maintenance; Auditing; Nominating; Finance (I probably forgot one ) You get the picture. Teams are the movement forward of Mission (God's movement of love to the world). Committees provide the structure that help Mission happen. Sweet deal. Just enough structure so good movement can happen. No worshipping of the structure.

-A friend of mine, Ray Troll, is an artist in Ketchikan. He did an art t-shirt that said, "Fish Worship, Is It Wrong?" Ponder that one.

-Talking about someone in a negative way to others is a fading practice at Central (Praise be to God). If you are insisting on continuing to enjoy this cancerous behavior, get a grip. It is time for you to mature with the rest of the congregation. And I hate it when I get caught.

- You are going to have fun with your new called pastor. You will have in place a marvelous pattern of defining mission that will help him/her see your commitment to moving forward in love to one another and the world.
- You will have in place formal and informal ways to support your new pastor.
- You will have a top-notch evaluation system that helps the pastor and staff thrive.
- You are set to have some fun.
- You don't have anyone hiding in the weeds waiting for me to leave so they can come out and take over the church. And if you do by some quirk of systemic nature, take them out behind the wood shed.
- You have a great chorale and they are getting better at not using their cell phone during worship, even a certain contralto. And the bell choir is stellar.
- There are many more important miscellaneous things that need to be written, but they must wait.

It is my privilege to walk with you during this time of Transition.  
 Yours in Christ  
 Interim Pastor Stan Berntson



**The CLC Book Club will meet on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.** in the CLCW Room to discuss ***I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*** by Malala Yousafzai. "When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. ... ***I am Malala*** is the remarkable tale

of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. ***I am Malala*** will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world." (from Barnes & Noble website) In 2014 Malala became the youngest recipient of the Noble Peace Prize. Note: We will read the adult version of this book! :-) Come join us! Looking ahead, the **Book Club Potluck Planning Party**, when we choose the books to read for next year, will be [Monday evening](#), July 11th, beginning [at 6:00 P.M.](#) Watch for details!



**Subject: Yoga and glaucoma**

If you have glaucoma and do yoga, this is for you. A study of eye pressure during yoga exercises showed that people with glaucoma had increased eye pressure within a minute of performing four head down exercises. The pressure remained up

for 10 minutes after resuming an upright position. The researchers did not say it causes damage but they are concerned about the long-term risks. Some experts recommend avoid any exercises in which the head is facing down or below the heart. (The problematic yoga poses are the down-facing dog, and the standard forward bend, and, to a lesser extent, the plow and legs-up-on-the-wall pose.) Other precautions: Everyday push-ups may also be a problem. Heavy lifting weights can be a problem, esp. if you hold your breath, so breathe out on the exertion part. On the other hand, bicycling and fast walking improve brain blood flow and decrease eye pressure. Ask your doctor about what you can do. Yoga can be great...but be cautious. Clarice Bates, RN, Source: Scientific American Health After 50, April 2016

**2016 SUMMARY THROUGH APRIL**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>OFFERINGS:</b>			
Regular Envelope	\$ 158,420.98	\$ 144,202.16	\$ 14,218.82
Other Offerings	\$ 1,622.87	1,595.34	\$ 27.53
Special/Holiday Offerings	\$ 4,056.00	9,305.73	\$ (5,249.73)
Other Income	\$ 15,873.77	9,964.13	\$ 5,909.64
Departmental Income	\$ 40,405.91	6,741.33	\$ 33,664.58
Total Income	\$ 220,379.53	171,808.69	\$ 48,570.84
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$ 245,550.26	208,732.97	\$ 36,817.29
<b>YTD NET INCOME:</b>	\$ (25,170.73)	\$ (36,924.28)	\$ 11,753.55



The high schoolers of Central Lutheran Church will be heading to Rock-N-Water from July 11-15 for their 2016 summer trip! Two days of glorious white water rafting and a day of canyoneering along the American River in Coloma, CA!

Anyone entering high school or just graduating is available to participate! \$400, \$200, \$100 Central is dedicated to ALL youth getting to experience God's presence this summer and financial assistance is available upon request! By offering to pay the full amount you can help those who would like to attend by sharing the cost. Summer trips with friends and youth groups are experiences we never forget, from the driving and singing of road songs, to time spent out in creation, to time spent growing to learn and love one another are impactful and remind us all of how important our relationships are with each other and God. For any questions, register to go on the trip, or information on how to obtain financial assistance please contact the Coordinator of Youth Ministry Nick Tasker at either (541)-345-0395 ext. 308 or by email at [centrallutheranyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:centrallutheranyouthministry@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL SOLICITATION FOR FUNDING SPECIAL PROJECTS: CLC**

Endowment 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: **EVANGELISM:** We will share the gospel. **WORSHIP:** Sharing the gospel/Nurturing faithful living.

**OUTWARD FOCUS:** We will serve those in need. **YOUTH/FAITH FORMATION:** We will nurture faithful living. 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, 2016.

Endowment Fund Committee Members: Arlene Dietz, Kim Meyers, John Jarrett, Jim Reinmuth, Sheri Pyron and Sonja Vik.

## 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.

### *India Partners*

India Partners works alongside a broad group of indigenous Christian grassroots agencies in India focused on alleviating poverty and injustice. They exist to partner with the people of India in ministry by cultivating relationships, sharing resources and encouraging self-sufficiency through the compassion and wisdom of Jesus Christ. India Partners believes in helping the people of India help themselves, with God's grace. Their ministry partners serve all, regardless of caste, religion, gender or creed. Their vision is an India rich in hope, justice, and the compassion of Christ. The partner organization in India founded in 1985 would provide the needed services in India Abundant Ministries (IAM).

Our award of \$5,365 will provide support for a tailoring school in India for one year for twenty-four women and to start their own business. In India, more than 50 percent of women are illiterate. Living in poverty with a limited education greatly hinders women from finding quality jobs to support their families. They are often at risk of being trapped in dehumanizing professions in order to feed their children. This project will empower poor women in rural villages with valuable sewing skills and a sewing machine so they can earn a respectable living and help their families. The women will attend a tailoring school and receive six months of training, where they will develop their sewing skills and learn about basic business procedures. Once a woman graduates from the tailoring program, she will receive her own foot powered sewing machine. She will be able to start her own tailoring business from home and earn a daily income that can provide for food and basic necessities.

Please lift up in prayer our work with India Partners.

# LORD NELSON MASS

BY  
FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN  
WITH ORIGINAL ORCHESTRATION

## THE CENTRAL CHORALE

WITH SOLOISTS  
AND  
THE CENTRAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
DR. ANDREW ELRAY STEWART-COOK, CONDUCTOR

8:30 & 11 a.m. Services

*SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016*

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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18<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE & POTTER STREET, EUGENE OREGON

# CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<p><b>5</b>  <b>Lord Nelson Mass—both services</b>            8:30 &amp; 11:00 Holy Communion            9:45 Education Opportunities            6:00 High school Youth Group</p>	<p><b>6</b>            6pm Midnight Madness</p>	<p><b>7</b>            8am Meditation Group            1 Alzheimer's' Support Group            6:30 Classes</p>
<p><b>12 Graduation Sunday</b>            8:30 &amp; 11:00- Holy Communion            9:45 Education Opportunities            (last Godly Play class)            6:00 High School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>13</b>            6pm Education Team            7pm Book Club</p>	<p><b>14</b>            8am Meditation Group            12:15 Finance Committee            1pm Hannah/Deborah Circle            1 Alzheimer's Support Group            6:30pm Classes</p>
<p><b>19 Stephen Ministry Sunday</b>            8:30 &amp; 11:00-- Holy Communion            6:00 High School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>20</b>            1pm Prayer Shawl Knitters</p>	<p><b>21</b>            8am Meditation Group            1 Alzheimer's Support Group</p>
<p><b>26 Bishop Brauer-Rieke preach</b>            8:30 &amp; 11:00-- Holy Communion            9:45 Blood Pressure Screening  <b>4:00pm potluck</b>  <b>5:30 Congregational meeting</b>            6:00 High School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>27</b>            9am-3pm Day Camp</p>	<p><b>28</b>            8am Meditation Group            9am-3pm Day Camp            10am Master class –Bach Festival            1 Alzheimer's Support Group</p>

# JUNE 2016

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>1</b> 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:30 Bible Study 7 Chorale	<b>2</b> 8:30 Stewardship Team 9:00am Quilting Noon Worship, Music & Arts 7pm Zhou student voice rehearsal	<b>3</b> 4pm Zhou student voice recital	<b>4</b> 8am-4pm Camp Lutherwood Service Day 5 Bailey Schmidt trombone recital
<b>8</b> 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00 Ruth Circle 10:30 Bible Study NCAA media using parking lot	<b>9</b> 4pm Senior Ministry 6pm Stephen Ministry NCAA media using parking lot	<b>10</b> NCAA media using parking lot	<b>11</b> NCAA media using parking lot
<b>15</b> 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30 Bible Study 6 Church Council	<b>16</b> 9:00am Quilting	<b>17</b> Noon Centralite article due 4pm Gutenberg College Graduation	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b> 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 10:30 Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1pm Oregon Bach Festival Organ Recital-Mark Brombaugh	<b>25</b>
<b>29</b> 6:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00am Men's Bible study 9am-3pm Day Camp 10:30am Bible Study	<b>30</b> 9am-3pm Day Camp	<b>July 1</b> 9am-Noon Day Camp	

# PSALMS IN THE KEY OF LIFE

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## • A STUDY OF SELECTED PSALMS •



Discover the psalmists cries to God and  
what they mean for us today.

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Church Library

*Please join us on*

**Sunday, June 19, 2016 for**

# STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY



*Celebrating 32 years of continuous ministry to CLC*

- **Stephen Ministers and Leaders will participate in both worship services**
- **“Donuts for Dads” (and everyone else!) in the Narthex between services to honor Fathers’ Day** 
- **Stephen Ministry INFO-SESSION in the Chapel at 10 a.m. (Bring your donuts!)**

# Stephen Ministry



Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

We all experience challenges in life; times when it would be of benefit to have the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care needed when a crisis or difficulty occurs such as:

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Separation or divorce
- Loneliness or discouragement
- Unemployment or job loss
- Terminal illness
- Aging
- Birth, adoption, miscarriage or infertility
- Chronic illness
- Relocation
- Recovery after an accident or disaster
- And more.....

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by our Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, individual Christian care to people going through tough times. Stephen Ministers reach out with God's love to offer a time of listening, support, prayer and encouragement.

Could you benefit from the confidential, one-on-one care of a Stephen Minister?

Do you know someone else who could benefit from a Stephen Minister?

Are you interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry? Or are you interested in possibly becoming a Stephen Minister?

Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information:

Gretchen Simas...541-338-8138

Dawn Susuico.....541-852-3557

John Morse.....541-393-6948

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

People are motivated differently in stewardship. What captures the heart, attention, and commitment of one person is different from another. Understanding the different motivational reasons that affect people's giving helps us create a broad-based stewardship program that appeals to our entire congregation, not just to a particular group in your congregation.

The five main motivational reasons why people give are:

- 1. Commitment.** "I give because God's Word says to give." Historically, this has been the predominant reason for giving. Commitment giving has been on a decline and the consequence is that many today do not understand the basic principle of committed giving.
- 2. Compassion.** Today, the most frequent reason for giving (more than commitment) is compassion. This "heart giving." People give for a particular need or cause because they have a Christ like compassion. To limit compassionate giving will deprive a majority of your congregation from giving according to their primary motivation—their heart.
- 3. Community.** Many people give because of a sense of community. They give to a particular project because of its success or the involvement of their friends. They invest in good soil for a good harvest. Stewardship should not be portrayed as an opportunity to pay bills but translated into ministry and mission. People like to see a return on investment. Providing the congregation with information regarding the results of investing in your ministry will substantially increase the giving of community givers.
- 4. Challenge.** Because of past abuses in challenged giving, some have shied away from this approach. The thermometer on the wall pushing toward the goal, boys and girls giving their coins for missions, weighing the boys' versus the girls' offerings, and carrying the highest number of pledges for a project are all forms of challenge giving. With the resources available today, many people are simply under challenged in their giving. Every day we are challenged to spend our money elsewhere—a new car, a new big-screen TV, or other things. We need to be challenged to invest our money in Kingdom purposes.
- 5. Critical.** The final motivational reason people give is based on critical reasoning and analysis. These givers might be referred to "CPA givers." They give because they believe we are handling their contributed money like they would. This requires

responsible budgets, full accountability, and full disclosure. If they see money spent lavishly, the pocketbook closes. If all the details of the income and expenses are not shared, they reduce their giving. They believe that part of stewardship includes accountability. They are right.

### **Conclusion**

In reality, there is no homogeneous way to stewardship but we need to understand what motivational factors are in play in stewardship.

Stewardship should always be based on the Word of God, but the hearers of the Word in our church are in divergent positions in their stewardship walk. We must have multiple strategies, with the goal of helping people to yield control of their finances to Christ, habitually honor Him in our financial decisions, and steward the resources He has provided so we truly can be the hand and feet of Jesus.

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**, will be Interim Pastor Stan Berntson's last Sunday with us at Central Lutheran Church. There will be one service at 9am followed by a time to greet Pastor Stan and Sharon in the parish hall.

**THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE** is excited to celebrate the 'gift of giving' within the life of the congregation. Thank you for the gifts from faithful stewards! Thank you for your commitment, support and generous gifting. Through these gifts we celebrate the distributions made possible to the various ministries at Central. Previously we highlighted CLC Archives, Godly Play, Parish Nurse Training, Stephen Ministry Leader Training, Faith Formation Leader and Student Dinners on Together Tuesdays. This month we are highlighting Chi Rho and CLC Website as recipients of the Endowment Fund distributions.

**Chi Rho** - Central Lutheran Church and the Oregon community were blessed in 2015 with our Chi Rho guest speaker, Dr. David Ford, from Cambridge, UK. He presented four separate lectures over a three day period, Nov. 13-15, focusing on his specialty, the Gospel of John. He also met with small groups, the Wednesday men's breakfast group, the Chi Rho organizers, a class studying John at Northwest Christian University, and staff from U of O and Concordia University. Over 250 attended these lectures. Endowment funds of \$1,200 were used during 2015 to help with the

publicity, gifting Ford's latest book on the *Drama of Living* to local Lutheran pastors, and his stipend.

**CLC Website** - Assisted by an Endowment grant of \$1,500 the website was totally redesigned and launched in January 2015. This site offers new confidentiality for members-only information as well as the routine public content. The Podcast of the Sunday sermons, special musical events and the Chi Rho lecture series is a new feature of this site. Chuck Dietz, the webmaster, has been training staff, ministry and committee leaders on how to enter their data as well as spending time with members who need a little help on accessing.

**Thank you** to the many members who contribute by tithing in time, talent and treasure to the ministries at Central. We will continue to share the blessings from other ministries helped by the Endowment Fund. For information on how you can leave a legacy for ministry, please contact any of the Endowment Fund committee members: Arlene Dietz, John Jarrett, Kim Meyers, Sheri Pyron, Jim Reinmuth or Sonja Vik.



#### **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, June 17. Please coordinate the use of the church for meetings, etc., with Kristi in the office so all groups may be accommodated. Thank you

#### **DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

New phone numbers: Ron Kaufman, 503-730-0212; Sylvia Kaufman: 541-844-9596

