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Alleluia! Christ is still rising!

During the 50 days of Easter Jesus appears many times to his disciples. It was both a confusing and an exciting time for them, a time filled with wonder and amazement. But Jesus didn't make himself known to the disciples just to dazzle them. Jesus was sending them out as witnesses to share the good news. I love the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus sends her to tell the other disciples the good news. Her first-person sermon to them is short and sweet, "I have seen the Lord!"

People today still need to hear, "I have seen the Lord!" Jesus tells us, "You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We are to tell people everywhere about Jesus.

What does a witness do? A witness just says, "Here's what I've seen. Here's what I heard." A witness tells other people the story of what God has done in their life.

One of the best ways to let other people know about the love of Jesus and what God can do in their lives is to tell them a story of what God has done in your life.

Are you unsure how to get started? You can start by writing out your story. Think about a defining moment in your faith walk, a "God moment," or a "God sighting" you have experienced. Write out your story, and then start sharing it with the people that are close to you. Then, God will give you the opportunity to share your story with someone who needs to hear the good news about what God has done for you.

I would love to hear your God stories! Send me your story or stop by the office to share it with me. There is a lot of bad news out there today. We have good news to share!

Come and listen...let me tell you what God has done for me" – Ps 66:16.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Ann





Message from the Council

Alleluia ,Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

As you know I'm new to council and thank you for your trust in me. I'm learning the ins and outs of being on council. Some items brought forth to this months agenda was a review of the pre-school agreement. Some minor changes in a name. Will correct the language, with Pastor presenting the agreement to pre-

school leaders Ann Willis - Church in Society discussed moneys located for 2024 for community and world outreach. Some suggestions on distributions and moving forward. A meeting with BSA (scouts) leader and pastor to review long standing agreement, but should be reviewed on a yearly basis. There have been no changes in the past.

Exciting news is on the horizon. Come May 16-17 2026 will be Centrals 100th anniversary!! Erika Vestad and Elise Bowman presented the festivities at the 75th celebration, with plans for this very special time in the life of Central. More to come in the days ahead. Plan to be part of this special time.

As Easter has passed, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.....pass it on!

Through him you have come to trust in God,who raised him from the dead and gave him glory so that your faith and hope are set on God. 1 Peter 1:21

Respectfully submitted. Lela Hansen





Join us Tuesday at 10:00 am for Bible Study. Ken Toop leads the group for interesting discussion.



Everyone is welcome to join the Festival Choir or Handbells. For more information contact Bart Roderick.



CLC Cornhole & Hoop Group meet on Mondays in the gym I - 2:30 pm. All men are welcome to come.





Thank you to Virg Umbarger for taking such good care of the Ann France Memorial Garden

May - June CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Weds	5/1	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/5	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostles’ Creed
Weds	5/8	Class – Gospel of Mark & Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/12	Class – Apostles’ Creed
Weds	5/15	Class – Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/19	Class – No Class, Pentecost
Weds	5/22	Class – Apostles’ Creed
Sun	5/26	No Class -- Break
Weds	5/29	Class – Wrap Up, Review
Sun	6/2	Last Class Celebration



Sewing/Crafting Day

Saturday May 8th from
10:00 am until 3:00 pm

In the quilting rooms
downstairs in room
107/108. Quilting, sewing,

knitting, crafting any thing you would like to work on.
Bring your own supplies and a sack lunch! Enjoy the time
crafting and visiting!

For more information contact Valerie Ineichen at
509-901-5831 or VMIQUILTER@Hotmail.com



Piecemakers

Come check the quilting
group out on Thursdays
9 until noon!

Everyone is welcome

NORTHWEST INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2024

FUNDING FORWARD: STEWARDSHIP FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Ezra 3:10-13

In this passage, we meet the Israelites as they are trying to find their 'new normal' after the destruction of the first temple and the rebuilding of the second. There is a mix of both grief and hope in the air as the foundation is being laid. This passage reminds us to tend to the variety of emotions present as we tend to the work of innovation in the church today.

We are excited to invite you to one of Regional Gatherings this coming spring. This will be an opportunity to learn together, to reconnect with friends and build relationships with people from neighboring congregations.

May 18 - First Lutheran Church - Ellensburg, WA
9:30 am Registration
10:00 am Gathering

The registration fee is \$300 per congregation. Bring as many people as you would like. There will be \$15 fee per person to cover lunch expenses, which the church will pay. The Gathering will conclude at 4:00 pm.

Our presenter is **Grace Pomroy** who is the Director of the Stewardship Leaders Program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She's a lay, millennial stewardship leader, speaker, and financial educator based in Allyn, WA. She is the co-author of the stewardship book, *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life*, as well as author of the 2013 ELCA stewardship resource, "Stewards of God's Love." She is currently working on a book about alternative financial models for ministry with Fortress Press, an imprint of 1517 Media.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING PLEASE SIGN
UP IN THE OFFICE OR IN THE NARTHEX



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Art Ries (Terraces at Summiview)**
Janice Miller (Terraces at Summiview)
Toni Perschke (Brookdale)
Betty Douglas (Moxee)
Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)
Doris Benish (Izzy's Adult Family Home)
JoAnn Schliemann (Rexford Manor)
Donald and Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Parents)
Eunice Koeppel (Mable Swan Manor)
Terri Storlie (Margaret Turner's Sister-in-Law)
Ron Jennings (Margaret Turner's Brother)
Dave Desmarais (Ria's husband, Crescent)
Lisa Rogers (Yakima)
Dotty Swank (Yakima)
Theresa Whitlock (Dotty's Daughter)
Stan Franks (Tim Frank's Father)



May Wedding Anniversaries

- 9th Cindy & David Hargraves**
17th Stephen & Sonya Merz
18th Greg & Jodee Huylar
20th Don & Mary Johnson
21st Ron & Ginny Moen
30th Thomas & Mary Hofer



1st Eva Stickney

2nd Joyce Hagen & Joseph Baken,

3rd Stephen Merz

4th Janice Lyon

5th Thomas Hofer, Brian Impson

6th Diana Luquin-Monroy

8th Nicole Perry

9th Don Johnson & Ciela Switzer

10th Paul Montgomery

12th Evan Monick & Carly Riehl

13th Adele Bainter, Kyle Chapman, Felicity Pittman

14th David Heath, Erik Monick, Jazmyn Durels

15th Irene Hauskin

21st Kylie Svendsen, Christoph Martin, Laura Hahn

22nd Erika Stephens

24th Finley Hahn-Keenan & Nancy Melville

27th Jodee Huylar

28th Matthew Argo

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p><u><i>Habitat will be at Central until May 3rd!</i></u></p>		
<p>5 6th Easter</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>10:20 a Opening for Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p Men in the Gym 6:30 p Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 p Staff Meeting</p>
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<p>19 Day of Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>10:20 a Opening for Sunday School</p> <p>6:00 UpBeats - Joe Brooks Quartet</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 a Preschool 10:00 a TOPS 1:00 p Men in the Gym 6:30 p Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p Church Council</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 p Staff Meeting</p>
<p>26 The Holy Trinity</p> <p>9:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>10:20 a Opening for Sunday School</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 a Foot Care 9:30 a Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study</p>

2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
1 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Scout Leaders 6:30 p Handbells 7:00 p Confirmation 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	2 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 6:30 p Girl Scout Leaders 1:00 p Hospitality Committee 2:00 p Worship Committee	3 8:00 a Foot Care 4 
8 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Handbells 7:00 p Confirmation 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool	10 8:00 a Foot Care 11 10:00 a Craft Day
15 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Handbells 7:00 p Confirmation 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	16 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool	17 8:00 a Foot Care 18 Freedom Kits in Fellowship Hall NW Intermountain Gathering
22 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Handbells 7:00 p Confirmation Class 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	23 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool 12:00 p Great Decisions	24 8:00 a Foot Care 10:00 a Altar Team 25
29 9:30 a Preschool 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Handbells 7:00 p Confirmation Class 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	30 9:00 a Piecemakers 9:30 a Preschool	31 8:00 a Foot Care



Central has a wonderful history of work with Habitat for Humanity. As part of the Apostle Build we are donating and volunteering on a home being built here in Yakima with other churches. Our dates are Wednesday and Thursday May 22nd and 23rd and we will be working on siding.

If you are available and interested in a four hour shift, or more please contact Bruce Willis hbrucewillis@gmail.com.



Camp Hope

Dates Central Lutheran Church is signed up:

June 10th - July 8th - September 9th

October 14th - December 9th

Camp Hope folks were fed a very nice meal served by Jim Bodeen, Sonya Merz, Marian Jones and Bruce and Ann Willis. The menu of Calico Beans, coleslaw with pineapple, and cupcakes was prepared by many generous hands including Holly Gonseth, Mary Johnson, Kirsten Monick, Winona Nagle, Bonnie Fairbairn, Kathy Moen, Marian Jones, Ann Willis with items donated by Karen and Devi Baken. A big thanks from all of us at Central plus the many grateful folks at Camp Hope who came back for seconds and thirds!



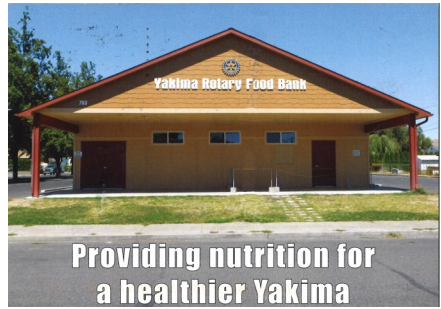
Stewardship For All Seasons

Central Lutheran has been presented a wonderful opportunity to join with a couple other congregations in the synod in a professional stewardship training program through GSB. Check them out at <https://gsbfundraising.com/our-services/fundraising-services/>

GSB's Stewardship For All Seasons was created to teach congregations how to design and carry out their own unique stewardship program and guide congregations into a lifestyle of generosity.

We need 2-3 people to volunteer to be on Central's Team.
Is the Holy Spirit giving you a nudge?
For more information contact Pastor Ann

Yakima Rotary Food Bank
PO Box 2221
Yakima, WA
98907



Our volunteers and clients
want to thank you for your
congregations generous food
contribution during Lent.
So many people in Yakima
struggle to afford enough
food to feed their families
that we need all the help
we can get to help them out.
Thank you for helping
us help them.
Deborah Ann
YRFB Board



The memorial reception committee would like to thank everyone who brought cookies and bars for the Tim Schulz and Joanne Puyear memorial services. Thanks also to all the workers and to those who helped with setup and clean up. You are all appreciated.



I want to thank you for all the prayers for my daughter Theresa, and myself. Theresa is now able to see a little out of her left eye, I'm starting to fill a little better. May God bless and keep you.
Dotty Swank



**Thank You
So Much**

Thank you so much for the kind words and prayers you sent my way during my recent treatments for prostate cancer at UCLA Medical Center. There are side-effects to radiation and hormone therapy, but mine are relatively minor and are manageable. The wonderful support CLC members provided has helped a lot!
Jeff Hagen

Church in Society:



Caring for Creation May

Dare we think about starting our gardens?!

When we do, we need

to prioritize pollinators.

Humans need pollinators to survive as all our food

sources depend on various pollinators.

Remember:

*Plant flowers that bloom from early spring until late fall.

*Avoid choosing “designer” hybrid flowers, like double blooms where the showy blooms are selected for rather than the pollen and nectar.

*Eliminate pesticides as much as possible. Don’t use the shotgun approach spraying for everything all the time. If you need some, use specifically what is needed, only where it is needed. Try to choose pesticides that are not poisonous to bees.

*Plant larval friendly plants and flowers. If you want butterflies, you also need to put up with their caterpillars, and be prepared for the nibbling that they will inevitably do. Choose an area where they might not be central focus.

Enjoy the beauty and productivity in your yard and garden that pollinators will provide. If we can help them, they will help us.

Freedom Kits:

Hi All,

Good job everyone! Here's our feedback from the 500 kits we sent to Cambodia in February!

"We are so thankful to Jennifer Ko [the Eagle Scout candidate] and her sewing team at Freedom Kits of Yakima who made and donated a whopping 500 menstrual hygiene kits!

These kits ensure girls stay in school no matter the day of the month. And because they are washable and reusable, they are kind to the environment too. Our workshop team have already started distributing these during their Growth & Change sessions, eagerly received by female students.

Thank you so much Jennifer and team for this fantastic donation, and for bringing the kits personally to Cambodia."



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UPBEATS COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

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May 19th: Joe Brooks Quartet
Concert begins at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary



April 28th, 2024 UpBeats concert was the Flute Troupe.



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"The month of May is the gateway to summer."

- Jean Hersey

