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Dear Pastor,

I am going thru my many memory boxes, because we need to down size. I found these pamphlets and thought the church my like to have them. Our family attended Central Lutheran church in the 1950's thru the year my dad remarried and transferred to Terrace Heights Lutheran church.

(1961)
My dad and mother are Herbert P and Esther Carlson. My mother passed in 1959 and my dad remarried Rosella Smith 2 years later. My younger brother, Carl. Other family members attending the church were my grandparents, Lou and Signe (passed in 1959) Parson's. The last family was Arnold and Martha Loewe.

Please, if you do not care to keep these pamphlets, that is ok. I guess I have problems throwing things away.

Thank you so much,

Gladys Walsh

Gladys Carlson Walsh



Dedication

To the Triune God,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost
We Dedicate

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Consecrating it with all its Appointments, Fixtures and Furnishings,
to be used to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for the Instruction
in Christian Truth, for the Administration of the Sacraments, and
for Christian Fellowship.

Congregational Banquet

Friday, May 2, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

TOASTMASTER.....Mr. Harold Silene
SONG LEADER.....Mr. Stanley Lebens
MUSICAL SELECTIONS.....Quartet
GREETINGS.....Pastor P. H. Nordlander
Chicago, Illinois (Pastor 1926-1931)
Pictures Showing Construction of the Building
ADDRESS—"Christ Is Central".....Pastor Bernard Spong
Gary, Indiana (Pastor 1939-1943)

Banquet Dinner Served by the Woman's League

Open House

Saturday, May 3, 1952, 2:00- 5:00 p. m.

Pastor P. H. Nordlander and Pastor Bernard Spong will be in the Fireside Room
to greet and visit with members and friends.

Confirmation Reunion

Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p. m., Fellowship Hall

For the Classes of

Pastor P. H. Nordlander.....(1926-1931) Pastor Bernard Spong.....(1939-1943)
Pastor C. Arthur Johnson.....(1932-1939) Pastor Roland H. Swanson.....(1944-)

ADDRESS—"Learning the Faith".....Pastor Bernard Spong

Representing the Classes of Pastor Nordlander:

Piano Selections.....Kenneth Wahlstrom

Representing the Classes of Pastor C. Arthur Johnson:

"Reflections".....Mrs. Thomas Norton

Representing the Classes of Pastor Bernard Spong:

"Reflections".....Mrs. Leonard Johnson

Representing the Classes of Pastor Roland H. Swanson:

Clarinet Solo.....Arla Christopherson

ADDRESS—"Living the Faith".....Pastor P. H. Nordlander

Refreshments served by the Young Adults

Dedication Sunday

May 4, 1952

9:45 a.m., Festive Sunday School Service

OPENING HYMN No. 238—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

CALL TO WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE READING OF SCRIPTURES

SONGS..... Beginners

SERMONETTE..... Pastor Bernard Spong

SONGS..... Primary

HYMN No. 227—"Beautiful Saviour"

11:00 a.m., Festive Divine Worship

PRELUDE—"Hymn of Praise"..... Schreiner

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 163—"Holy, Holy, Holy"..... Congregation

OPENING HYMN No. 316—"Jehovah, Thee We Glorify"..... Congregation

LITURGICAL SERVICE—Small Hymnal, Page 680 or 669; Large Hymnal, Page 688

ANTHEM—"Eternal God"..... Bortniansky

HYMN No. 487—"Children of the Heavenly Father"..... Congregation

SERMON—"My Father's House"..... Pastor P. H. Nordlander

OFFERTORY SOLO—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"..... Bartlett

Mrs. E. G. Rosin

HYMN No. 276—"My Church! My Church!"..... Congregation

BENEDICTION AND AMEN

POSTLUDE—"Maestoso"..... Hill

Choir Director..... Mr. Rolf Lavik

Organist..... Mrs. Leonard Johnson

The Dedication Service

May 4, 1952

7:00 p.m.

ORGAN PREPARATION—"Invocation"..... McClellan

"Prayer"..... Beethoven

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 306—"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"..... Congregation

THE VESPER LITURGY—Small Hymnal, Page 642; Large Hymnal, Page 636

CHOIR ANTHEM—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"..... Luther

HYMN No. 273—"Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation"..... Congregation

SERMON—"The Chief Cornerstone"..... Pastor P. H. Nordlander

CHOIR ANTHEM—"Built on a Rock"..... Christiansen

SERMON—"Living Stones"..... Pastor Bernard Spong

THE DEDICATION OFFERING..... For the Building of Central Lutheran

OFFERTORY—"Devotion"..... Schreiner

GREETINGS—The Rev. Milo Arnold, President of the Yakima Ministerial Association;

The Rev. John B. Darrah, President, Mt. Rainier District of the Columbia Conference, Augustana Lutheran Church.

A WORD FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE..... Mr. Norman Westling

THE RITE OF DEDICATION—The Rev. S. L. Swenson, Dedicating Official of the Columbia Conference, assisted by the Pastors of the Mt. Rainier District and others.

THE CLOSING HYMN No. 299—"Now Thank We All Our God"..... Congregation

THE BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Grand Choeur"..... Claussman

The Story of the Church

On February 25, 1926 the Central Lutheran Church was formed through the amalgamation of the Holy Trinity (ULC), the St. Luke's (ELC), and the Immanuel (Augustana) congregations. This congregation holds a unique position in American Lutheranism in that it is reputed to be the first successful venture of such a merger. Pastor Julius Lorimer served as interim pastor at the time of the merger and was soon followed by Pastor P. H. Nordlander who served the congregation until 1931. During those years the congregation grew in numbers as well as in strength as the three groups were welded together into one. The new congregation was to be "all-English" speaking and the Common Order was to be used as its order of service. The building of the Holy Trinity congregation at 6th Avenue and West Chestnut became the church home of the congregation and the other properties were sold and the assets pooled.

By the time Pastor Nordlander closed his ministry at Central, the congregation was ready to build a parsonage in the Fall of 1931, prior to the coming of the new pastor, the Rev. C. Arthur Johnson. During the ministry of Pastor Johnson the congregation continued to grow and improvements included the purchase of an adjoining lot, and the installation of a pipe organ. Pastor C. Arthur Johnson passed away in the spring of 1939.

In August 1939, Pastor Bernard Spong came to serve Central as its third pastor. Continued growth enabled the congregation to become self-sustaining in January, 1940, and in 1942 the church became debt-free.

Pastor Spong closed his ministry in November, 1943 and Pastor Roland H. Swanson came to the parish in March, 1944.

As the congregation continued to grow, some provisions had to be made for more adequate church facilities. In February, 1947, two morning services became the regular schedule and this continued until the congregation moved into the new church. In 1943, a Building Fund was begun in conjunction with the Augustana Centennial Ingathering. After Central's obligation of \$5,000 was met, the gifts went to the local project. In 1946 a planning committee was set up to study the problem and this committee's recommendation that the congregation seek a new location west of the 6th Avenue and Chestnut property was adopted by the church in January, 1947. In April, 1947, the congregation voted to purchase the new church site at 16th and West Yakima, and in April, 1948, the final negotiations for the purchase were completed. At that time a Building Committee was elected and charged with the selection of architect and preparation of plans. The John Maloney firm of architects was employed and on October 6, 1950 the congregation adopted the plans submitted by the Building Committee. A financial ingathering was carried out from November 26 to December 10, 1950. In January, 1951, the congregation authorized the construction of the nave as soon as financial arrangements could be made. In the Spring of 1951 a loan was negotiated with the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Yakima. The Gilbert H. Moen Construction Co. was engaged as contractor on a fixed fee basis. Ground breaking ceremonies took place on April 8, 1951 and the excavation started the next day. Cornerstone laying took place on October 21, 1951 and the church was used for services on Christmas Eve, 1951.

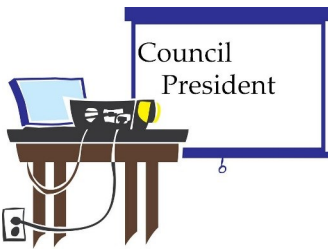
In Appreciation

It is always difficult to give an adequate expression of appreciation lest we should forget someone. Nevertheless we do want to express a special word of appreciation . . .

To our Triune God for His boundless mercy and unfailing Providence, who uses the faltering efforts of His people to accomplish great things. We give all glory to God.

To our Building Committee who served many hours of many months.

To the members and friends of Central Lutheran Church for every prayer, gift and effort freely offered.



September 28, 2020

Council Corner

Greetings and may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

Thanks to Pastor Lambertson, the worship committee, and all the musicians, florists and readers who are making our virtual church community so very vibrant. I love “seeing you” as our production team walks into the church and pans the pews. Also, committees are still hard at work. Some work you can see and some not so much. The invitational banner on our sign invites the community to join us virtually and the property committee has been busy with projects around the church. Thanks so much to all of you doing the Lord’s work with your hands!

The council and our committees are busy preparing for our scheduled annual **Congregational meeting** which our constitution defines as the third Sunday in November. That is **November 15** this year. That’s the easy part. The difficulty is making this meeting accessible to our members during the pandemic. We’re still working on these logistical challenges and will keep you informed. Expect meeting announcements three Sundays prior (October 25, November 1 & 8). The agenda, written reports, and proposed budget will be shared November 8.

Will you raise your hand? You’ve heard me talk about “raising your hand” when it comes to an opportunity to serve. Here’s some opportunity for you to do just that!

First, thanks so very much for the faithful and insightful service of council members **Carrissa Switzer** (3 years) and **Tiffany Nygard** (4 years - 3 term and 1 replacement) who will be wrapping up their council terms in December of this year. Stephen Merz is also completing 4 years (3 of his elected term and 1-year completing a vacancy due to resignation. Thanks also for the faithful service of **Amy Clark** who resigned her position in July as she will be moving out of our community. That leaves three positions (two full 3-year terms and one 1-year remaining from Amy’s term.. Please prayerfully consider serving on the council and please let me or any of our council members know of your interest.

Second, we’re considering our pastoral vacancy and our related call committee work. The constitution (C13.05) says “*a **Call Committee** of six or more voting members shall be elected by this congregation.*”

We talked in our last council meeting about the concept of two groups to work towards the calling of our next pastor. One is the aforementioned Call Committee that we will vote for on November 15 and the other is the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) committee. In the past, these two functions were served by the call committee. We're considering this process with two groups and two separate functions.

Group 1: MSP committee basically defines who we are and the profile of the pastor we want to walk beside us in our ministry journey.

Group 2: The Call committee functions more from the personnel management perspective and considers pastoral candidates that match the profile defined from the MSP committee.

I've heard from some of you with such interest in the process of calling our next pastor and look forward to *seeing your hands in the air!*

Finally, our interim pastor search is ongoing and lately encouraged by communication from Pastor Phil of the synod office, indicating a few pastors expressing interest in working with us at Central. We are certainly following up on that and hope to share news with you soon.

Pax Domini,

Stephen Merz



We are excited to hear about the newest updates to COVID 19 restrictions, however at this time the committee does not feel CLC is ready to completely comply with all of the Washington State requirements. A task force will be working on a planning document as required by Washington State.



Sunday, September 27th, after worship I gathered with 21 folks for conversation using the Zoom platform. Watching the expressions on faces, the squeal of the voice as someone new entered the screen and the joy as folks from Central gathered for the first time since last March. Thank you, Central folks for taking the opportunity to connect with each other on our first Pastor's Coffee Klatch. Next Sunday we connect again. So those who were not with us you have 6 days to go to zoom.us, register for meeting and then join us on October 4, 2020 at 10:30am.

Some questions are being asked “Why do I have to register?” or “How do I register?” The why is merely a manner to provide some security to our gathering to screen out inappropriate material that may find its way into our conversations and screen. The how to register is to go to zoom.us and establish a free account. Then you will register for a scheduled meeting by copying a link and pasting it into the zoom scheduled meeting. The link is [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwvd-qupzktHNA5I4XLO6NCIu3k8PbUn4IA](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tjwvd-qupzktHNA5I4XLO6NCIu3k8PbUn4IA).

A follow up question that I propose is Why are we doing this Pastor's Coffee Klatch? And I am willing to answer my own question: We are doing this because your preaching pastor senses that we miss each other, that we long to be together, and we want to know how our friends are doing. Ultimately, I am seeking a way to discover anew the community we have lost during the pandemic.

Grateful to Serve Christ and Central Lutheran,

David

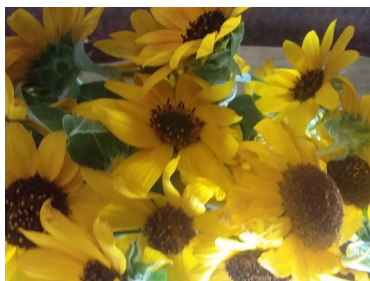
G David Lambertson

Sunday Worship is available in 3 different methods electronically

1. Facebook - This is not a live stream so that chat is not available, a prerecorded video will be displayed @ 9am. Find our Facebook page by searching for Central Lutheran Yakima.
 2. CLCYakima.org Website - Go to the Sermons & Worship Videos tab. You will find a link to the bulletin and recorded video.
 3. CLCYakima.org Website - Go to the Sermons & Worship Videos tab. You will find a link to the YouTube live stream of the service. This will display the same pre recorded video but will also have live text chat capability so you can communicate with other worshipers.
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Please call the church office if you would like to sign up on the flower chart for the Altar Flowers. You'll receive information on when to bring them to church in time for the weekly taping of the service.



Sunday School and Youth Group, remember to turn in your registration & pick up your supply box!

The sign now has a new banner for people to join the church on line and facebook.



The 3 Sweet Gum trees in the courtyard came down in September.



Ongoing Prayer For Shut Ins

Phyllis Gillihan (*Ponderosa*)

Mary Frances Jones (*Cedar Hills*)

Joanne Puyear (*Arbor House*)

Art Ries (*Livingcare*)

Toni Perschke (*Avamere*)

Walter & Edith Mabry (*Yakima*)

Betty Douglas (*Moxee*)

Mae Hansel (*Yakima*)

Elaine Bueling (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)

Mel Carlson (*Fieldstone Memory Care*)

Gail Hills (*Home with Hospice*)

Gary Pierone (*Good Samaritan*)

Fred Halverson (*Yakima*)

Dale Miller (*Yakima*)



Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Gary Rikerd

John King

Listen God is Calling * Neno Lake Mungu

A Liturgy of Companionship

Sunday, October 4, 2020 UKD and NWIM Synod

On Sunday October 4, you are invited to gather for a Live Zoom Worship Service, using a Tanzanian liturgy. The service will include speakers from both NWIM and UKD in both English and Kiswahili.

- We will sing together, pray for each other and the world, be uplifted by music from our partners, and hear from Bishop Kuempel and Bishop Mtenji.
- Following the service, we will have a chance for small group "Chai Time" greetings. Our service will join us together as we enter a new phase of what it means to be a Companion Synod. Our companions are very excited to join with us for this service, which can accommodate up to 1,000 log-ins!

Please Join Us Sunday October 4

10:00 a.m. NWIM PDT

11:00 a.m. NWIM MDT

2000 p.m. Ulanga Kilombero Diocese

Join Zoom Meeting on the Internet

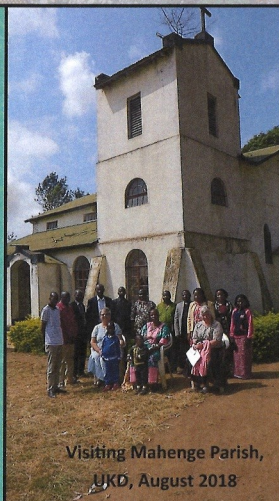
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Meeting ID: 810 2333 4469

Passcode: 641043

Or dial (if in the U.S.)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)



Central Lutheran ROCKS!



Are you looking for a small project to work on at home? How about sharing some love by painting a Central Lutheran Rocks rock?

Central Lutheran Rocks can be hidden around town or dropped off somewhere to be found while you are traveling. Each rock has a label that reads "Central Lutheran Rocks. This rock was painted to make you smile! Hold onto it or share it! Visit our website at www.clcyakima.org". Rocks that are returned to Central will be placed in the lower parking lot to be found by folks traveling to Franklin Park.

We have rocks and paints that you can pick up at the church or you can paint some you have found on your own. If you'd like to share some of your own they can be dropped off at the church to have labels added to them.

“Celebrating Central”

**1st Norma Derala, Antonio Mendoza, Sarah Sanchez,
& Ron Burkhardt**

3rd Nicole Pierone, Ann Willis, & Aliena Mendoza

4th Doug Pray & Sandra Gibson

5th Kris Loyd

6th Dee Lund

7th Melissa Falk

8th Katie Bishop

9th Jase Gillespie

11th Jeanne Dillahunt & James Miller

12th Bruce Willis & Mae Hansel

14th Ardelle Ringhouse

16th Carvel Eaton

17th John Baken & Art Ries

18th Jeanne Underwood

19th Alfonso Mariscal, Velda Schafer, & Jennifer Loyd

20th Tim Reiersen & Alexia Dobbs

21st Jennifer Crane & Kevin Barnes

22nd Orion Karn

24th Connie Stephens

**26th Kyle Dixon, Linda Gordner, Ashley Wilson,
Rick Rodden, & Randa Emmel**

27th Valerie Imbrock

31st Daige Falk





2nd Art & Margaret Ries

6th Mark & Nancy Roehr

16th Tim & LeNee Gatton

Thank you to Suzanne Tarr, Marion Jones, Myrna Hillestad, and Suzanne Weil for starting the repotting project of the church plants. Any one who would like to help finish the project please contact the office. Also they could use a few large pots!



Your prayers have brought me through the fear of surgery and the joy of recovery...I am so very blessed to have a church family such as ours. Mary Johnson

**THANK
YOU**



God's work. Our hands.

After six long months of having to be off site, Rod's House is finally able to open their doors again to the young adults in our area!

We have the opportunity to lend them a hand by packing and donating lunches to be passed through their front window.

Central Lutheran will be providing 20 bagged lunches to Rod's House on Mondays:

Sept 28th	Oct 12th	Oct 26th	Nov 9th	Nov 23rd
Oct 5th	Oct 19th	Nov 2nd	Nov 16th	Nov 30th

Please donate non perishable, individually wrapped, food items by bringing them to Central on weekdays between 9am and 12pm. There will be a yellow box just inside the Yakima Ave doors to place donations in. Please call Felicity to meet you at the church to drop off donations if you cannot make it during office hours.

We are also in need of one or two volunteers on each of the mornings, listed above, to help prepare lunches. Please call the church office to be added to the lunch prep schedule.

**Questions? Call, text, or email Felicity
(509)575-6490, (509)594-2666,
felicity.pittman@clcyakima.org**

Now that we are wrapping up our Check Lists do not forget to finish and send in your donations.

Individually Wrapped Food Item Ideas to Donate for Rod's House Bagged Lunches...

Granola bars

Soda pop

Apple sauce

Juice boxes

Cookies

Crackers

Pudding cups

Fruit snacks

Chips

Nuts

We are also in need of items such as fruits, vegetables, bread, lunch meat, cheese sticks, and other perishable items. If you would like to donate perishable items please call our church office to be sure that we are able to get them immediately into the refrigerator.

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A big thank you to the ladies of Piecemakers for their donation of quilts for Rod's House



On September 16th God's work. Our Hands. had a project to do yard cleanup at Rod's House. Thank you to Laurie, Heather, Elizabeth, and Felicity for making the house look nice and ready for their reopening for young adults in our area.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Camp Hope Needs: **Next Serving** **Date is Monday, October 12th**

I am still delivering meals to Camp Hope. Next time you shop, please consider purchasing an item from below. *By providing even one case of pop or water or a box of plastic spoons, you help defer the costs of this ministry that serves less fortunate folks in our community.*

Current Needs: Serving 80+

Dinner Rolls (drop off anytime and we will put in the CLC freezer)

Coleslaw cabbage mix (URM large bags)

Coleslaw Dressing

Potato Salad (Costco or URM size)

Plastic Spoons

Pop & Water

Pudding Cups/Applesauce Cups/Fruit Cups

Individually Wrapped Cookies & Rice Krispie Treats

Contact Denise Svendsen @509-949-8580

**Call church office to make sure it is open before dropping off items.
509-575-6490**



JUST FOR FUN

Guess how
many crosses
are in the
bowl

Answers in next
month's Messenger



On the Corner Update:

Even though our building remains closed to our OTC program, we are still helping kids!

Please become an OTC tutor. OTC tutors will learn how to connect with students using Google Meet (which is like Zoom, but is the platform used by Roosevelt). Training is required and simple to understand. You can tutor from home or the church. We can supply you with everything you need, so there is no reason to say you can't do it!

For more information contact Denise at denise.svensen@clcyakima.org.



OTC will launch their Let's Get Artsy_online art show this month on our website at otcyakima.org

This OTC family event was to take place last year before Covid-19 shut us down. But that's not stopping kids from doing their projects at home using art supplies provided by a grant from the Fresh Ale Festival. Please participate by viewing the art work on our OTC website or stop by the church and view in person in the church library, following the proper procedures for safety at the door entrance.



Please be sure to call or email the office if you have a new address, phone number, or email.

A decorative graphic for the month of October 2020. It features a semi-circular arrangement of autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, interspersed with green leaves. Several brown acorns are scattered among the leaves at the bottom. The text "October 2020" is centered within a dotted blue arc.

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