

THE CENTRALITE

August 2021



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CENTRAL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT
TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS BY:

*LOVING GOD AND ONE ANOTHER
NURTURING FAITHFUL LIVING
SERVING THOSE IN NEED
SHARING THE GOSPEL*

Summer Opportunities for Worship (Yes, we're open!)

9am Worship in-person in the Sanctuary
pre-registration (connecttocentral.org) is still highly
encouraged and masks are required

9am Worship from your home via livestream
(also available as a podcast for later viewing)

11am Worship in the Garden (through Sept 19th)
located at 2345 Laura Street in Springfield with parking
available across the street at Oregon Neurology. The
picture below gives a glimpse of the beautiful setting in
which we can praise our Creator God. (The building in the
background has four raised double garage doors to
create an open-air, covered seating for a more informal
worship experience).



Recently, a survey was sent out to everyone on our email list to help us get a pulse on our collective level of comfort as we begin making plans for the program year (September-May). First, thank you to all of you who participated. Second, if you were hoping to get around to it later and didn't find time, it's not too late. (Click [here](#) for the brief survey.) Third, if you don't have access to the online version of the survey, someone from our Stewardship Ministry Team may be calling to ask you a few questions. You are under no obligation to answer, of course, but I'd like to share a couple of things we've learned so far and why it's important to make an attempt to gauge how people are feeling about our life together moving forward—in worship, education, service, and fellowship.

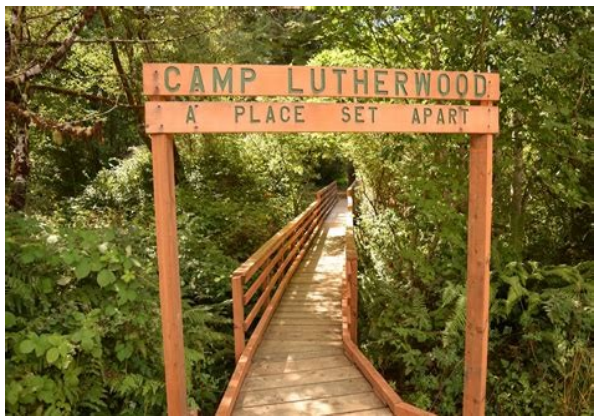
So, here's a quick summary:

- **Central Lutheran is open for in-person worship.** (Early on in the pandemic we were "closed" for a total of 13 Sundays from March 22, 2020 - June 14, 2020, with only the live-stream option available. Since then, throughout the pandemic shut-down, in addition to live-streaming the service, we've had a mixture of worship opportunities including in-person, outdoors, and via Zoom.)
- **We still require masks when worshipping indoors.** (That's in part because 12 and under still cannot be vaccinated, while others aren't able to be vaccinated due to health issues or for personal reasons. As adults, I think it's important for us to model mask-wearing for our children. We also wear masks because the science tells us by doing so we're less likely to spread infectious/contagious diseases.)
- **Worship doesn't look/feel quite the same.** (You're right, and I don't like it much either. But we've been following the recommended guidelines of the CDC and OHA because we want to do everything we can to keep all of us healthy and safe. Little by little we are reintroducing some of our beloved rituals and traditions. Hopefully, Fall will provide even more opportunities to be together. However, continued patience is needed because this isn't behind us yet.)
- **When will we be able to return to the way it was BC (before covid)?** (That's a trick question—truth is: we can't. Because we're not the same—we've changed; the world's changed. But what I do know/trust is that God is with us, and that we remain one in Christ, even when we're not able to be all together in one place. And for that, I am truly grateful.)

God's peace be with you—now and always!

+Pastor Laurie

WOMEN'S RETREAT AUGUST 14-15 CAMP LUTHERWOOD



Join Central women and others from our Synod to pause and take in the beauty of God's creation in this weekend retreat. The weekend aims to offer spiritual renewal, rest, and reflection through worship, play, and fellowship. Whether your hope is to recharge your battery or enjoy the quiet of God's creation by the creek, there is something for everyone to enjoy. All women ages 18 and older are invited to attend. Cost: \$75.

Registration deadline August 12. Register online at lutherwoodoregon.org or contact Sally Diehm sally@welcometocentral.org for more information.

Camp Scholarships needed for Youth impacted by disasters

Camp Lutherwood is partnering with Camp Noah, a nationally acclaimed program where communities impacted by disaster can experience the power of hope and healing through a proven resiliency and preparedness curriculum. Scholarships will help support 6th-8th grade youth in our area who were impacted by the McKenzie/Holiday Farm Fire to participate in this unique program hosted by Camp Lutherwood August 8-12. Let Pastor Laurie know if you'd like more information on how you can help support this outreach effort.



PRIDE IN THE PARK ALTON BAKER PARK AUGUST 14 FROM 11AM-6PM

As Reconciling in Christ congregations and partners in ministry, Central, United, and Emmaus will be hosting a booth together at Eugene's annual Pride event. A brief volunteer orientation will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, August 11th at 12:30pm (if you can't make that day & time work it will be recorded). Contact Sister Clare (sisterclare@welcometocentral.org) to sign up for a shift staffing the booth as we celebrate the diversity of all God's beloved children.

Save the Date for a Quilter's Coffee & Chat Reunion

Thursday, September 9
10:30am

Central Lutheran
Terrace Room



Like more information? Call Ellen
541-746-7651 Need a ride?
Call Kristi 541-345-0395



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The CLC Book Club will meet using a **Hybrid Model*** on **Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, at 7pm** to discuss *The Mabamba Return: A Historical Novel* by John B. Franz. This book offers not only an historical perspective of Hal Schroeder growing up as a missionary kid in the Congo in the 1960s, but the later challenges of his PTSD from being in the middle of a messy Congolese rebellion and seeing

death up close, to his questioning of his Christian faith, and most remarkably the psychological impact on an American growing up in a third world culture which makes him a Third Culture Kid (TCK).

Author John Franz, a classmate of Arlene Dietz at North Eugene HS, has his PhD in sociology and psychology and currently lives in Clovis, CA. He lived four years in the Congo during the 1960s where, among other things, he taught American dependents, managed a dorm for missionary children, and learned to speak Lingala. He has researched the Third Culture Kid extensively. The book is fast moving and fascinating. The discussion will be led by Arlene Dietz.

***NOTE:** As CLC anticipates resuming activities in-person this September, the Book Club has decided to meet using a **Hybrid Model. Following CLC COVID pandemic protocol, we will hold meetings both in-person in the church Library and via ZOOM simultaneously.** The ZOOM link will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

If you are not on the CLC Book Club email list and would like to join the discussion, please email Betsy Berg (rb24berg@aol.com). New members are always welcome!

Looking Ahead: **The CLC Book Club** will meet on **Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, at 7pm** to discuss *Trouble with Goats and Sheep* by Joanna Cannon. The discussion will be led by Jane Powell.



CLC Book Club Meetings 2021 – 2022

7:00 PM -- 2nd Monday of the Month

HYBRID MODEL MEETINGS: In-Person in the CLC Library
(following CLC COVID pandemic protocol) & via ZOOM

Monday, September 13, 2021 * led by Arlene Dietz
The Mabamba Return: A Historical Novel by John B. Franz * Historical Fiction

Monday, October 11, 2021 * led by Jane Powell
Trouble with Goats and Sheep by Joanna Cannon * Fiction

Monday, November 8, 2021 * led by Gary Wolfe
High on the Hog by Jessica Harris * Non-Fiction

Monday, December 13, 2021 * led by Meg Hicks
Square Haunting by Francesca Wade * Non-Fiction

Monday, January 10, 2022 * led by Terie Gillis
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak * Historical Fiction

Monday, February 14, 2022 * led by Elizabeth Uhlig * A pair of short books
The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka * Fiction
When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka * Fiction

Monday, March 14, 2022 * led by (tba)
Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness by Jennifer Berry Hawes * Non-Fiction

Monday, April 11, 2022 * led by Ginger Bopp
The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe * Non-Fiction

Monday, May 9, 2022 * led by Sally Diehm
The Last Bookshop in London by Madeline Martin * Fiction

Monday, June 13, 2022 * led by Ginger Bopp
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass * Autobiography

Monday, July 11, 2022 *6:00 PM Annual Salad Potluck & Book Choosing Meeting*
Parish Hall, Kitchen, Library

***7:00 PM* Book Choosing Meeting Via Hybrid ZOOM**

Endowment News

Annual Solicitation for Funding Special Projects

The CLC Endowment Fund Committee is actively soliciting proposals for funding special projects with the church which are outside of the normal budget. Acceptance of these proposals will be guided by the **CLC Mission**: 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. Request forms may be obtained in the coordinated through a ministry team, council, relevant staff person, and/or pastor. Please have your requests delivered to the office or to the committee by Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

Endowment Fund Committee Members: Lorraine Davis, Cyndy Lane, Doug Martin, Becky Shurson, Kelly Colvin-Smith, Roger Welch and Larry Sutton (Council Rep).

Music Together Announcement

Thanks to an estate gift from Diane Daudt, Central Lutheran is blessed to have obtained the local license for the nationally acclaimed Music Together program. Previously held by Central member, Jen Spry, the center will now be a part of Central's stellar Music Ministry. We are anticipating offering a 10-week session from 6:00-6:45pm for Central families on Together Tuesdays beginning September 14. This program is geared to children under age 5, accompanied by an adult (parent or grandparent). We also anticipate offering at least one 10-week session to the general public and have already received multiple inquiries. Certified by the national program, Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers will serve as CLC's Center Director, while Lauralie Kallinen and Emily Pfeifer will be our Music Together teachers.





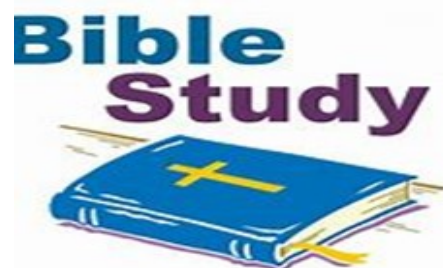
WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Lue Berg, Dan Chamness, Terry Chap, Nicole Christie, Jolynn Fabiano, Greg Foote, Dal Haverland, Ilona Johnson, Keith Jurasevich, Joy Lathrop, Doug and Jody Martin, Shirley Watson.

Please also pray for the summer staff at Camp Lutherwood and all of the campers, as well as all those who are affected by the fires, extreme heat, droughts, and floods.

Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom Wednesdays at 11am. No preparation needed. If you'd like to join Pastor Laurie as we study the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

Men's Bible Study is meeting in person in the Library on Wednesdays at 1:00pm.



WOMEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY SET TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Central Women's Prayer and Bible Study will begin weekly meetings on September 9, 2021 in the CLCW Room (across from kitchen). The consensus is to gather each Thursday at 11am. We will be using the Bible study guides found in the ELCA's **Gather Magazine**. It helps to have your own personal copy, however you can share with another participant if you do not have the magazine. You are encouraged to order a subscription (1 year/10 issues \$19.95) by calling 844-409-0576 or by mailing:

Gather Subscription Order Center
PO Box 336
Congers, NY 10920-0336

Please note: Even if you cannot make every meeting, by ordering the Gather magazine you will have the readings and can stay current. For more information contact Arlene Dietz at dietzal@aol.com.

Central Lutheran Church
Jan-June 2021 Compared to Jan-June 2020 Income:Expense Summary

	Jan-June 2021	Jan-June 2020	Difference
Regular Envelopes	\$ 280,513.31	\$ 267,798.98	\$ 12,714.33
Other Offerings	427.10	\$ 1,647.90	\$ (1,220.80)
Holiday Offerings	5,590.00	\$ 4,253.00	\$ 1,337.00
Other Income	13,679.83	\$ 15,497.14	\$ (1,817.31)
Departmental Income	37,291.21	\$ 33,939.91	\$ 3,351.30
Total Income	\$ 337,501.45	\$ 323,136.93	\$ 14,364.52
Total Expenses	\$ 382,017.09	\$ 344,768.46	\$ 37,248.63
YTD Net Income	\$ (44,515.64)	\$ (21,631.53)	\$ (22,884.11)
Prorated carryover- Previous Year	\$ 30,667.00	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 24,057.00
Net after carryover applied	\$ (13,848.64)	\$ (15,021.53)	\$ 1,172.89

Help Needed — Can we count on you?

Each week a meal is prepared and delivered to the First Place Families living at the Annex on Amazon Parkway. The food is picked up from the Eugene Mission on Fridays. Members of Central take turns preparing the meal in the kitchen at church or in their own homes over the weekend. The home-cooked meal is then delivered to the Annex on Monday afternoons for their evening meal. If you'd like to find out how you can help with one or more of these tasks, please call (541-914-8442) or email Kim Meyers [here](#).

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