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The Sentinel

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*See results of Spring
Golf Tournament,
coordinated by Ted,
on page 8.*

Thinking Way Outside the Box

We can approach a problem one of two ways. To “think inside the box” is to approach a problem in the same old way and likely get the same old result. It is to be bound by the past, how things were done, like being confined by the four sides of a box. It is safe, predictable, and may not achieve the results we desire. To “think outside the box” is to approach a problem in a creative and innovative way, opening up the possibility of a different outcome and potential solution to our problem. Sometimes our thinking may not just be outside the box, but way outside the box.

One example of this is a partnership between the Fort Worth Opera and the Rahr Brewery. It is no secret that the audience for classical music, opera in particular, has been shrinking in recent years. As a way of reaching a larger audience, Fort Worth Opera is taking the Opera to the people! In a program called “Opera Shots” performers from the Fort Worth Opera Company sing selected pieces from operas while patrons sip their favorite brew. One would not associate the clientele at a brewery with those who would even listen to, much less like, opera, but it has been such a success that a number of such events have been planned. Who would have thought it! Thinking way outside the box! I wonder, “Hymn Shots” . . . ?

The first practitioner of thinking way outside the box has to be God. God could have chosen one of the powerful nations of the day, such as Egypt or Assyria, but God chose a bunch of ragtag slaves in Egypt to be God’s people and bring God’s salvation to the world. God chose a pagan moon worshiper by the name of Abram and his descendants to be the family through whom the promised redeemer would come. Jesus could have chosen his disciples from among the brightest and best of Jewish society, but instead chose fishermen, a tax collector, even a freedom fighter! Most amazing of all, God chooses to save the world through the death of God’s son on a cross; a death reserved for murderers and revolutionaries. Talk about thinking way outside the box!

Our task as a congregation is ministry; to proclaim the gospel and seek in the name of Jesus to meet the needs of those who are our neighbors. How can we better do that? How can we not only think outside the box, but following the example of our God, think way outside the box? Any ideas or suggestions?

Pastor Rich

Planning Ahead?

Vacation Bible School is scheduled the week of July 27-31, according to Director KJ F. Please add VBS to your summer activities for your youngsters.

Music Ministry Recognition On May 17



Sunday, May 17, which has also been designated as “Bring a Visitor Sunday” is our **Music Ministry Recognition** Sunday.

We will have an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful part music plays in our worship practic-

es, and to thank those who lead us — our choirs and our instrumentalists. The Senior Choir will be singing some of their favorite anthems. We’ll join together in the wonderful hymns of our faith, led by our

Youth Orchestra. Our Children’s Choir, directed by Amy Kjorlien, will lead us in a wonderful new song.

Join us, and “Bring a Friend!”

Soli Deo Gloria

Larry McCain

All males, young and old, meet at 10:10 a.m. sharp on Sunday, May 10, with Larry McCain in the sanctuary. Bring your brothers, your sons, your fathers, your grandfathers, uncles and cousins. Let’s fill the front, and sing together to honor our Mothers.

No audition required. Just join in with the group for this special musical tribute!

Honors for Charlie O

Charlie will be boarding a flight — an Honor Flight — to Washington, D. C., May 8 for a weekend visit to the memorials honoring the veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

In World War II, Charlie served in the Army Air Corps as a master sergeant.

At 19, Charlie, who grew up on a farm eight miles from Canton, Texas, signed up for Army duty on Dec. 1, ’41 — and then came Dec. 7 and the attack on Pearl Harbor. He didn’t want to remain in Field Artillery so he applied for Air Force duty, passed the tests and was sent to the Academy of Aeronautics at LaGuardia Field in New

York. He then trained to be a mechanic on B-17s at Boeing in Seattle and moved up to inspector and line chief and master sergeant.

He spent almost 4 1/2 years in the service, winding up in England where he took test flights on B17s and B24s, and will never forget the bombings and the horror of watching planes explode and fellow airmen die. He also recalls the celebrations in England when the war ended and the excitement he felt of returning home.

Back in Dallas at work in a lumber company, one day one of the employees showed a photo of her cousin Bee to Charlie. He asked if he could meet that

cousin that night. . . . They married at Central in 1948.

The group of vets will be met in Washington by volunteer guardians who will escort them around the city. (As of 2010, some 64,000 veterans have made the Honor Flight.)

Charlie, 96, will be accompanied by his daughter, Holly Hughes.

The following weekend, after all the excitement and exchange of wartime remember-whens, it will be back to his routine as usual: walking 2-3 miles 5 days a week and duty as captain of the week’s yard crew at the church he joined in 1938.



May's Sunday Signers

Have you added your name to the calendar in the Education Bldg. for Sunday service as a greeter, lector, presenter of children's sermons? There are spaces to be filled.

Anne M will be handling Altar Guild duties in May, and Communion Assistants will be Susan W and Phillip C.

Lectors are as follows:

3-Eva
10-open
17-Joan
24 and 31-John J

Acolytes are:

3-Peder and Ben
10-Joseph
17-Jenna and Wesley
24-Garrett and Katherine

Ushers will be David F, captain; Mike T, Rick B and Mark B. Worship assistant is Karla B.

On the flower chart by the sign-up sheets, Elaine and Tom are providing flowers on May 3 and Kim and Jeff have requested flowers for the altar on May 31.



Cost of the arrangements from McShan Florist is \$42.50.

Partner News

Lutheran Sunset Ministries in Clifton and White Rock Center of Hope (nearby on Garland Rd. near Peavy) receive monthly donations from Central as our "mission partners."

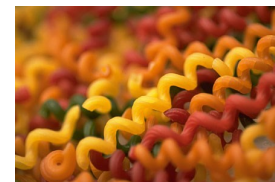
Residents in Sunset Home, Heckmann Assisted Living and Rainbow Retirement in Clifton enjoy various art opportunities these days. Bosque Arts Center

furnishes personnel and expert help in classes for residents.

Last fall, the group took first place in their float for the National Championship Barbecue Cookoff parade in Meridian. Another attraction for the residents: exercise classes to improve physical strength and balance.

At White Rock Center, clients

continue to get their needs met with food, clothes and rent and utility assistance. Needed now for the pantry: jelly, Hamburger Helper, canned corn and green beans, Spam, canned beef stew, chili and Suddenly Salad plus toothpaste and all sizes of diapers and feminine hygiene products. Place in basket in the narthex. And remember: Volunteers are always needed.



Mac and cheese is a favorite take-home food for White Rock Center of Hope clients. Add to your grocery list — and put in container in narthex.

First Communion for Six

May 3, the following will be celebrating First Communion at the morning worship service:

Nathaniel, son of Rick and Joy
Eleanor F, daughter of Ed and KJ
Lucy, daughter of David and Julie
Caroline, daughter of Tanya and Mark
Joseph, son of Abby and Mike
Carola, daughter of Mike and Arianne

The children and their parents will meet at the church at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 2, with Pastor Rich to prepare for the Sunday ceremony.

Contact Pastor Rich or Anne Monson if you or someone you know would like to have **communion** brought to the home.

Teams go out on first and third Sundays (and verify the request before going) between 1 and 5 p.m.



Does anyone remember dancing around the May pole?

Cake and Candles Time

May's the birthday month for the following Central folks:

- 1-Amy K.
- 2-Ed C.
- 5-David S.
- 7-Don S.
- 9-Chrissy T.
- 13-Alexandra H.
- 15-Dirk H.
- 16-Robert S.
- 17-Gretchen T.
- 18-Brady P.
- 19-Samantha K.
- 20-Karen G.
- 21-Mike O.
- 22-Bob J.
- 23-Clay P.
- 25-Benjamin W.
- 29-Leon H.
- 30-Dorothy B.
- 31-Robert B., Peder J.

Lily of the valley is the month's flower. Birthstone is emerald.

Anniversaries

- Randall & Debbie-35 years
- Bert and Jennifer-30
- David and Alesia-25
- Ken and Starleen-21
- Scott and Monica -15
- James and Debbie-14
- Ed and Kjesten -13
- Kent and Lindsey-11
- Michelle and Jared -11
- Brady and Grace-1

Central Membership History

Baptisms happened in May of past years for these people:

Monica H, Shanley S, Wesley C, Debra and Joshua B, Mick A, Abigail G, Joseph N and Jennifer J.

Also, Nathaniel B, Kevin M, Anthony H, Michelle F, Maxwell M, Takoda W.

And Caroline J, Joyce L, Susan W, Debra H and Nicholas M.

Membership also started in May of past years for the following:

Ed and Mary Ann C, Judy C, Donna E, Tena F, Adeline and Brooke M, Nancy N, Julie A, Jennifer and Phillip C, Alesia and David P, Scott B, T. J. L II, Johnny Q and Todd B.

Last Bible Study on Tuesday — until fall — is May 19.

Remembering Confirmation

Completing Confirmation in May of past years:

Anne M, Ben H, Timm W, Mark B, Mary R, Dean S, Kristin M, Rachel B, Meg G, Bradley G, Leah H, Kevin M, Scott G, Michael S, Heath S, Steve H, David S, Beth G, Jennifer G, James Q, Carol L, Cathy J, Janis F, Robert S, Brian M, Debra B,

Also, Scott B, Tanya J, Adeline M, Kathy and Stan N, David Q, Amy B, T. J. L II, Lionel S, Debra H, Randall F, Johnny Q, Brooke M, Kent M, Colby J, Dan S, John J, Todd B, Mary G, Ann G, Eric G, Ted S, Nancy A, Amy G, Cheryl and Kyle J.



OPERATION SALVAGE SET MAY 3-9

We are collecting home goods, lawn equipment, clothes, shoes, bags, books, movies, whatever you have we will take it for Operation Salvage, the church-wide garage sale.

Bring your treasures to the church Sunday, May 3. After church we will clear out the shed, youth room, and

anywhere else there are items for the sale. We will set up the Fellowship Hall with tables and all the items collected so far. Throughout the week, we would love to have people volunteer to sort and price items. The sale will be 9am to 5pm Friday, May 8, and 9:00 to noon Saturday, May 9. We would also love to

have help cleaning up the Fellowship Hall Saturday afternoon.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering, the Organ Fund, White Rock Center of Hope and carpet cleaning for the Education Building. Please consider helping.

The last day of Sunday school for this year is Sunday, May 17. There will be food and drinks for the children.

The junior and senior high students will continue to have monthly Sunday at Starbucks throughout the summer, so be watching for more details on that.

Thank you so much for our wonderful teachers who have given of their time and talents to teach our congregation more about the Bible.

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 13.

Please let Jennifer Cannatti know if you would be interested in teaching or helping to teach Sunday school next year.

Sunday, September 13 is also God's Work, Our Hands Day where we will have a health and safety fair. Please let Jennifer Nixon know if you can help plan this event.

Carwash & Hotdog Lunch Sunday, May 31

Start lining up cars in the front drive at 9:00am. The youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer will be washing cars until 10:15.

We will take a break during the church service, then start again after worship. After church, we will have a hotdog lunch in Oak Alley with hotdogs, chips, sodas, water, and dessert.

This will be a free-will offering with all proceeds benefiting the youth trip to the National Gathering in Detroit in July.

National Gathering Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts throughout this year by attending meals, buying raffle tickets, participating in the Craft Fair, and by giving us generous donations. We very much appreciate all types of support we have received.

We are very excited about the trip and are looking forward to meeting with 30,000 other Lutheran youth, worshipping, serving, and fellowshiping together.

At this time our group consists of Lilly Townsley, Isabelle Barse, Allison Cannatti, Alden Barse, Joseph Nixon, Joel Green, Mick Atkins, and Andrew Nixon, as well as Jennifer Nixon and Julie Atkins. We are still hoping to have a male chaperone join us.

We will leave for Detroit Wednesday, July 15. We have a day of service, a day of cultural learning about Detroit, and a day of experiencing social justice and activities, as well as nights filled with speakers and

Christian musicians.

Each time our youth attend a gathering they are renewed and refreshed, deepening their faith, and ready to share themselves with the world.

We do have one more fundraiser — volunteering at the Tiki Run in Plano Saturday, May 16. We have had a great time the last few times we've volunteered and would love for anyone to join us. Please let Jennifer Nixon know if you are interested.

Central's Council Officers

President David Fisk

VP Mark Johnson

Secretary Chrissy Townsley

Treasurers Janis Farrow and Amy Brown

Activities — Susan Wrobbel

Administration — Maxine and Don Smith

Education — Jennifer Cannatti

Evangelism — David Hopson

Mission & Outreach — Anne Monson

Stewardship — Ted Steinke

Worship & Service — Mary Glenn

Youth — Lisa Barse



**Be part of God's
Work. Our Hands.**

*Put one or two of the
care packages assembled
by the Youth in your car
for distribution to the
homeless. Packages are in
a basket beneath the stairs
in the narthex. Next time
you see a person at an
intersection asking for
help, hand them one of
the food packages and
watch their expression!*

Communications Team

Meet **Central's Communication Team**: juliefisk@sbcglobal.net, annemonson@sbcglobal.net and rachelbrowndallas@gmail.com. This is the threesome managing the web site (centrallutheran.org) and Facebook.com.

What is a **web site**? It's a location connected to the Internet that maintains one or more pages on the World Wide Web and is typically served from a single web domain. **Facebook?** It's a social networking website, launched in 2004, where one can connect and share with family and friends and business colleagues, where you can create profiles, upload photos and videos, send messages and share stories and links and exchange information.

Julie, Anne and Rachel will depend upon YOU, Central members, to keep these sites alive and current. Visit the sites and see samples of what is being posted. Send your messages today!



Let's Celebrate Visitor Sunday in May

Plan now to invite a friend or neighbor or family member to attend worship services with you on May 17.

Tell the prospective visitor that there will be special music numbers as the May 17 date is also designated Music Appreciation Day. Those who lead the

music ministry and the members in the choirs and orchestra will be recognized for their faithful participation throughout the year.

Are you greeting the visitors in our midst each Sunday? Thank them for coming and invite them to join us again — especially on

the 17th. Some people are just waiting for an invitation to a new church home.

At the cookout lunch afterward, prizes will go to the visitor who has celebrated the most birthdays, the youngest and the visitor who traveled the farthest to attend.



Our Goal for Central: Rejuvenescence!

What happens to a church is largely determined by the expectations of the congregation itself.

That statement was the focus of a recent seminar on “Rejuvenating the Church.”

What are your expectations for Central?

Please compile *your* expectations and hopes for CLC

this year, next year and five years from now. Sign your note or comment anonymously. If sending email, put **Mission and Outreach Question** in the subject line.

Drop your note with the notation of “Mission & Outreach” into the basket by the information rack in the narthex or leave in the

church office. Or mail to me, Anne Monson.

I will share your comments with Council. I may share them with the congregation — but not without your approval first.

“None of us is as smart as all of us.” Let’s work together to rejuvenate Central! -Anne Monson



Vacation Fun@Central

Hey, travelers! Snap photos as you gallivant around the country on vacation and then share your travelin’ pix and notes on Central’s newest venture into social media — that site called Facebook.

Snap pics of the churches you visit and after Facebook, we’ll print them and post them on the hallway wall of the Education Bldg. Send along the church name and date you attend.

Email: Juliefisk@sbcglobal.net

or annemonson@sbcglobal.net

or rachelbrown-dallas@gmail.com.

They’ll see that your message goes up immediately.



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GOD CALLS US TO
PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL
AND DEMONSTRATE
CHRIST'S LOVE FOR ALL.

Central's Golf Champs

Twenty-seven golfers enjoyed beautiful weather at Old Brickyard Golf Course in Ferris on April 18. After a shotgun start at 8:30, seven teams competed in the tournament, and the team of Nich M, Tony G and Tom D finished in first place. The team of Bruce S, Chad S, Bruce B and Wayne N finished second. The team of Ted S, Greg D, John S and Doug S came in third.

In addition, the following golfers won the closest to the pin contest on Old Brickyard's 3's: Doug S on two holes, Bruce S, and Harold J, who had a **HOLE-IN-ONE** on the 128 yard hole #4. Harold used a 7-iron. Congratulations to them all.

After the tournament, we all enjoyed a cheeseburger lunch at the course.

Special thanks to David B, Bob N and Ted S for very generous donations for prizes. After expenses, we made an \$810 profit, which enabled us to make the following donations: \$500 to the Youth's Summer trip to Detroit and \$310 to the Klais Pipe Organ Fund.

-Ted S

Here and There

Congratulations to **Clay P**, Central member and grandson of Yuvonne M, who received Baylor Hospital's CEO Service of Excellence **Award** in April. An EMT and Paramedic, Clay is on the emergency team at Baylor downtown.

Briarwood's **Run for the Roses Gala** begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the new Mission Center at Briarwood, 680 Copper Canyon Rd., Argyle. Call 940-241-2099 for information.

Please note on Council officer list: **Mary Glenn** has been elected chairman of Worship and Service. Former chairman Mark Johnson moves up to vice president.

Thanks to the following for preparing the **lily-covered Easter cross**: Jan M, Sarah B, Carol L and Kristy H. Mark J ordered the lilies and with help from Caroline and Peder handled the placement on the altar. The traditional display honors friends and family members.

Give the Tom Thumb checker the number **4052** and Central will receive a percentage of the sale.

Be the first to snap a pic of the little fox that some folks have seen recently around the church. Send to one of the Communications Team — Julie Fisk, Rachel Brown or Anne Monson. (See emails elsewhere in this issue.)

Church bulletin **bloopers** (not ours — yet):

Irving B and Jessie C were married on Saturday. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday. Please use the back door.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Purpose of *The Sentinel*, monthly newsletter for members, friends and prospective members, is to inform and share news about the ministries and activities of CLC and the people who worship here.
-Reba Liner, Editor