

The Sentinel

Central Lutheran Church
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Maundy Thursday

What is Maundy Thursday really about? Is it about Jesus celebrating the Holy Communion for the first time, is it about Jesus washing his disciples' feet, or is it really about Jesus telling his disciples to love each other? The correct answer is yes. All three elements go into what this night meant to Jesus and his disciples and what this night means to us. Maundy Thursday is a complex celebration which cannot be limited to one thing.

Maundy Thursday is part of what is called the *Tridium*, the three days before Easter in which we complete our Lenten experience and prepare for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The *Tridium* also includes the services on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The three days are thought of as one long day; all the services are linked together and represent the essential activities to prepare for the celebration of the resurrection. I have to admit that I have never celebrated an Easter Vigil; it seems it is more "Holy Week" than congregations want.

"Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for commandment. It was on this night that Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34) That night Jesus embodied this love of God. Although betrayed by one of his own and the rest of his disciples oblivious to Jesus' fate, he does not respond with anger or threats of retribution. Jesus shows his disciples this love in action by washing their feet. Foot washing has been a tradition on Maundy Thursday, but it is not universally observed. The point is that Jesus showed his disciples an example of love in action; we are to do the same.

The love theme is continued as on this day in early church history penitents who were expelled from the community on Ash Wednesday were reconciled to the community and allowed back into the Church. As a sign of this reconciliation they were given green branches. This may explain the traditional German name for this day: Green Thursday. Apparently Germans still eat green foods such as kale, spinach, and herbs on this day.

It is the celebration of the Eucharist where all the threads of meaning of Maundy Thursday come together. As an act of love Jesus offers us the gift of himself, his body and blood, giving us a sacrament to remember him by, to make him present with us nourishing and sustaining us. If you have not made Maundy Thursday a part of your Holy Week experience, I urge you to do that this year.

Pastor Rich

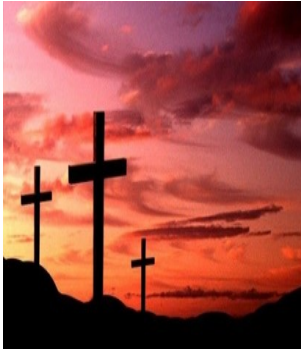
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Holy Week Services and Events



Please join us for Holy Week services:

Maundy Thursday Service and Communion at 7 p.m. on April 2 as we reflect on the Last Supper.

At Good Friday's Service of Tenebrae or "darkness" at 7 p.m. April 3 the scriptures

tell us of Christ's suffering and death.

The Youth will sponsor a traditional Easter Breakfast at 9 a.m. on April 5. (A freewill offering will go toward funding participation in the National Gathering in Detroit in July.)

Children will take

part in egg-hunting at 10.

At the Easter Service at 10:30 a.m., where Pastor Rich will deliver the message, the Youth Orchestra and Children's Choir will perform. Lilies adorning the altar will honor friends and family.



Don't Throw That Away!

Donate those no longer useful items to the CLC Re-Purpose Sale May 8 and 9. Bring items to price beginning April 26. Help price and organize May 4-6. The sale will benefit White Rock Center of Hope, the Youth trip to National Gathering in Detroit, the pew and organ funds.

The Music of Holy Week and Easter

Some of the most profound and enriching music — both solemn and celebratory — has been composed for the Passion and Easter, and we are privileged to be able to play and hear and sing this together!

Please join us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to walk with Jesus as He journeys to the cross. On Thursday the Senior Choir will sing "Lamb of God," a traditional hymn arranged by St.

Olaf's F. Melius Christiansen, and "A Lenten Meditation," based on a traditional chant and set by Douglas Wagner.

The Good Friday Tenebrae service will include readings of the Seven Last Words, beloved Passion hymns, such as "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," and "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord," as well as "Saw Ye My Savior," an early American hymn sung

by the choir, accompanied by flute.

Easter — the Day of Resurrection — we will join together to sing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," with brass and percussion and every voice!

We are looking forward to hearing our Youth Orchestra as they lead us in this festive celebration.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed!

Soli Deo Gloria
Larry McCain

Profile: David Fisk, Council President

Beginning a year's term as president of our Congregational Council is David Fisk, native of Evanston, Illinois, who joined Central 10 years ago.

David's mother retired from teaching but finds time for substituting. David developed an appreciation for his father's work as an architect and decided at an early age to follow in his footsteps. He graduated from Iowa

State University in 1995 with a degree in construction engineering and immediately moved to Dallas to join The Beck Group where he remained for almost 19 years. He now works with Koll Development Corporation where he is currently building the new State Farm Regional Hub in Richardson.

In 1996 his work

took him to Albuquerque where he met Julie; they were married in 2000 at the Ernest Hemingway house in Key West, Florida. Julie says she and their daughters, Emma, 10, and Lucy, 7, are David's biggest fans.

Besides Council responsibilities, David's interests include food, music and fly-fishing.

Mark Johnson, newly-elected Vice President of Central's Council at the congregational election in January, continues to also fill the Worship Committee chairmanship, which he has held for two years.

Needed immediately: Someone to take over the duties of Worship Chairman. Mark will be glad to furnish all the details. Give him a call today!

Children's Library: Check it Out!

"We read to train the mind, to fill the mind, to rest the mind, to recreate the mind, or to escape the mind." - Holbrook Jackson.

Let's get our children's minds moving! Come explore our Children's Library, which has stacks of books for babies, toddlers, early readers, middle readers and teens. Our collection includes a wide variety of titles about the Bible, church life, fiction, poetry, growing up, and science.

How to check out?

1. Pick your books (up to 5). 2. Take the library cards out of the pockets. 3. Fill in your name and check-out date on each card. 4. Put cards in small basket. 5. Take home and READ! 6. Return in 2 weeks. Place return books in red wicker basket by the door. That's all! -Jennifer C

Children's Choir Notes 🎵🎵🎵

By Amy Kjorlien, Director

The Children's Choir members are looking forward to adding their voices to the Easter chorus on April 5 following a series of rehearsals which prepared us also for Palm Sunday's Palm Parade and worship service in March.

Our next rehearsals are scheduled after services on April 12 and 19. On Youth Sunday, April 26, we will sing the hymn of the month, "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me," during the prelude. (No rehearsal on the 26th, but we will practice on May 3 and May 10 and sing the hymn of the month, "Go, Make Disciples" during the prelude on May 17.

Thanks, singers, for all your dedication; parents, for your support; and congregation, for your prayers.

Pharmacist, nutritionist and educator Lark Swofford will speak on eating right for your blood type at 10 a.m. Monday, April 13 at King of Glory, 6411 LBJ Freeway. A Q&A and reception will follow the program.



*Kids, want to join the choir?
See Amy Kjorlien today.
"We need you!"*

April's Team of Volunteers

Acolytes:

April 5-Allison, Jenna and Garrett, Peder
 12-Nicole
 19-Noah and Emma (communion helper)
 26-Youth are leading the service
Communion Assistants:
 April-Anne and Diane
 May-Susan and Phillip
 June- Eva

Altar Guild:

April-Rachel and Amy
 May-Anne
 June-Joyce and Chrissy
Ushers: David P is captain; Scott H, Amy D, Mary R.

Lectors:

5-Diane
 12-Eva
 19-Marlys
 26-Karla

Greeters:

12-Joy
 26-Vivian



Service Held for Claire Melby

A service was held at Central on Saturday, March 21, for lifelong member Claire Arlene Melby, 83, who died on March 16. Pastor Rich Pounds officiated.

Until recent years, Claire supported numerous ministries of the church and was active in the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class.

Born in August 1931, she was presented for baptism at Central by her parents, Arne and Mabel Melby, in September of that year. Records show that she was confirmed at age 15.

Claire retired after a 50-year career at Republic National Bank. Her interests ran from traveling to crafts such as

Rosemaling (decorative painting).

She is survived by nieces and nephews Larry Melby, Elizabeth Melby, Margaret and Bob Lee and John and Cindy Melby, a great nephew, several great nieces and great-great nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Grove Hill Cemetery.

THANKS to Maxine and Don, Mary and John S, Chrissy and Gary T and Julie A who collaborated on the pew repair project and are exploring several good ideas.

Who said “None of us is as smart as all of us”?

Remember — you can designate your gifts and memorials “pew fund.”

White Rock Center Answers Clients’ Needs

Some 2,935 families turned to White Rock Center of Hope for help in the past four months and received 159,000 pounds of food and 28,000 clothing items. Clients also received assistance with their rent and utility bills

to the tune of \$29,000.

Central’s donation to the Center each month, along with the many other churches and organizations’ gifts, makes all this happen.

Keep WR Center in

mind for the youth-sponsored sale in May. Downsizing? Cleaning? Bring linens, cookware, games, jewelry, cds, books, etc. And plan to help organize and price items. See Jennifer Nixon for details.





Join us at 9:00 Easter morning Sunday, April 5 for an **Easter Breakfast** provided by the youth attending the National Gathering. We will have pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, fruit and more. A free-will offering will be collected.

Following the breakfast at 10:00 we will have an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children of the church. Donations for the Easter Egg hunt can be put in the box outside the nursery in the Education Building.

Sunday at Starbucks for all high school youth will be at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, April 12. We meet at the Starbucks in Casa Linda (Bucker and Garland Road). We will leave in time to be back to church at 10:30. Please join us.

National Gathering Update

We will have a meeting after church Sunday, April 19 to discuss the National Gathering.

The Women Rock run scheduled for Saturday, April 25 has been postponed until fall.

The Tiki Run Fundraiser will be Saturday, May 16 in Plano.

YOUTH LED SERVICE APRIL 26

Our annual youth led service will take place Sunday, April 26. All youth are encouraged to participate. We need readers, leaders, greeters, ushers, and more. We will be using the new lectionary written

by Larry McCain.

Youth will be practicing during the Sunday school hour the next few weeks. We will practice after church Sunday, April 12. All youth should plan to be

at church at 9:00 Sunday morning April 26 for a final run through. Please see Jennifer Nixon if you have any questions.

OPERATION SALVAGE SET MAY 8-9

The next big fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering is Operation Salvage, a church-wide garage sale. This is always a big event, and we could use the whole congregation's help.

We would like to have household items, holiday treasures, clothes, shoes, handbags, yard tools and more. You can put your goods in the shed or in the youth room to store until May 3 if you would like.

Sunday, May 3 we will meet in the Fellowship Hall after church to set up tables, clear the shed, and start setting out items. Throughout the week volunteers are needed to sort and price items.

The sale will be from 9:00 to 5:00 Friday, May 8 and from 9:00-noon Saturday, May 9. We would like to have people help with the sale and to clean up afterward.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the youth attending the National Gathering this summer in Detroit, White Rock Center of Hope, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, the Pipe Organ Fund, the Pew Fund, and cleaning the carpets in the Fellowship Hall.

Please consider helping us with this church-wide event.

Carwash & Hotdog Lunch May 31

With all the rain we've had this spring our cars are begging to be washed. The youth will start washing cars in the front drive of the church at 9:00am Sunday, May 31. We will wash cars until 10:15. We

will stop during the worship service.

After church the youth will begin washing cars again. We will also be serving a hotdog (hotdogs, chips, drinks, and

dessert) lunch in Oak Alley.

This will be a free-will offering event benefitting the youth trip to the ELCA National Gathering in Detroit July 15-19.

Spring

*at Central Lutheran Church
Sunday School*

March 29 Palm Sunday

9:00 Sunday School

9:45 church gathering

10:00 Palm Sunday neighborhood parade

April 5 Easter Sunday

no regular Sunday School

9:00 Easter breakfast served by Youth (high school kids)

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt on church grounds

May 17 Last day of Spring Sunday School

9:00 Sunday School classes and end-of-year celebration

Enjoy your summer and mark your calendars for Rally Day on Sunday, September 13
at 9:00 a.m.

Please contact Jennifer Cannatti with any questions.

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proclaim the Gospel
and demonstrate
Christ's love for all.

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Coming Events

YOUTH SUNDAY, April 26 when our young people fill all the roles in the morning worship service under the leadership of Jennifer Nixon.

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY, May 17

Join us in recognizing the wonderful gifts these dedicated choir folks and instrumentalists share with us on Sundays, September through May. Senior Choir Director and orchestra coordinator is Larry McCain and Children's Choir is led by Amy Kjorlien.

May 17 is also VISITOR SUNDAY!

Bring a friend, a relative, a neighbor, a co-worker — someone new to Central. There will be lunch following the service. We have a wonderful gift in our community here at Central. Let's share it!



Quotes We Like

A hug can be a beautiful thing — especially for children.

-Submitted by Mario Montejo

Here and There

A big salute to newly-promoted Derek Krause, now **Staff Sgt. Krause, U. S. Marine Corps**, who lives in Wentzville, Missouri, with his family — wife and 2 children Derek is the son of Jerry .

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Ellen at the Blanton Bldg. at C.C. Young, 4833 W. Lawler Dr., Dallas 75214, sends her love to her friends at Central. Calls are appreciated.

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John S has lined up the following captains for the **yard teams**: Harold J, Bill P, Charlie O and Mark B.

It's not too late to lend a hand or an hour or so to one of these teams — or sign up like **Mike Phillips** and serve on all four!

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Thanks to Scout Troop 861 members and parents for the Scouts' leaf-raking job in March, making a huge difference in the looks of the grounds.

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A highlight of activities around the church in March: the 90th birthday gathering for **Joan K.** Pulling off the surprise: daughter Kathleen and family — husband Keith, son Jason Graham and daughter and

husband, Kelley and Brandon Flowers on the altar and also on her pew started the festivity open to family and friends in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service.

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How many church clocks had to be changed for Daylight Saving time on March 8? Ask **John and Norma S.** And tell them THANKS!