

# THE SENTINEL March 2020

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*God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.*

## Planning ahead for special events during Lent and Easter



Central is once again partnering with our ELCA neighbor congregations, First United Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran, for combined events as we prepare for Easter. This year will include our Wednesday evening vespers at their locations. All the Holy Week services will be in our sanctuary: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Tenebrae, and Easter Vigil. Our congregation will also assist with providing soup supper every week at the listed locations.



Lenten soup suppers & vespers: 6:15pm meal, 7:00pm vespers:

**March 4** – here at Central Lutheran

**March 11** – Bethany Lutheran (10101 Walnut Hill Ln, 75238)

**March 18** – First United Lutheran (6202 E. Mockingbird

Ln, 75214)

**March 25** – First United      **April 1** – Bethany

### HOLY WEEK

**April 5 – Palm Sunday:** Parade procession about 9:45 am (did someone say bagpipes?)

**April 9 – 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday:** Central Lutheran

**April 10 – 7:30pm Good Friday:** Tenebrae, service of darkness following the last words of Christ, at Central Lutheran

**April 11 – 7:30pm Easter Vigil:** Central Lutheran (a traditional service lasting about an hour)

**April 12 – EASTER Sunday:** Youth providing breakfast at 9:00am; worship at 10:30am

## The Valley of Dry Bones Ezekiel 37:1-14

*The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: **I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.** I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'*



*So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.*

*Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'*

Beloveds, we are just about to begin the season of Lent, indeed a very dry season – one of sorrow and fear. I know that feeling of being in the vast desert, with unfamiliar territory in front of you. I ask you to look around and see what might be dry in our congregation? Thankfully, our church roof is now dry! But really, look at the areas in which we feel stagnant. Where might we need permission to think crazy big for ministry to our neighbors and ourselves? Look around. Do a walkabout when you get to church Sunday, maybe after worship. See that land? See those people? God's people. God's land. Look. What do you notice around you? What needs are screaming at us? Where do you see life ready to burst in our hallways? That valley of bones is waiting to come to life.

The amazing thing is that we are not left to ourselves without hope! In our very dryness, God is still breathing, recreating, and rebuilding. God told prophet Ezekiel that it is GOD who will give life. Ezekiel responded with faith and saw marvelous renewal. And so I ask you, will we choose to allow that breath to move us and respond to what we see, what we notice? I pray that we do let those bones and skin come together, fully trusting on God's promise to be with us along our dusty and confusing journey of renewal.

Lenten blessings,  
+Pr. Truhan





**BIRTHDAYS**

Patsy Schoen	02	David Graham	27
Dean Galloway	03	Riley Boatright	30
Nicholas Moody	05	Benjamin Bruick	30
Cyndi Staffeld	06	Lionel Schoen	30
David Inkrote	08		
Alan Nagorzanski	09		
James Doss	10		
Gary Townsley	10		
Todd Buie	11		
Karen Spitzer	11		
Jan Moody	12		
Jean Staffeld	14		
Julie Atkins	15		
Lindsey Mendenhall	17		
Reed Buie	17		
Marlys Wing	19		
Lisa Barse	20		
Jolie Buie	20		
Caroline Johnson	20		
Michael Phillips	23		
Mary Ann Childs	26		



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Byron & Eva Evans	
March 15	53 years

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In February 2020, I returned to the position of President of Central's Congregational Council fully aware of the challenges our church home faced and – more importantly – the amazing council members whom I would be supporting over this coming year to meet those challenges. Once a month, our Congregation's Council meets and I'm surrounded by an amazing array of talent offered up by 13 other members of our church for a single reason: we love our church and want to help shepherd it into the next exciting chapter. But we aren't doing this alone and, in fact, very much encourage you to share your talents and gifts. We're slowly emerging from a financially-challenging spot into greener pastures thanks to the diligent efforts of the previous council. So while our stewardship efforts will hopefully be evolving to help our church continue its path back to better financial footing, another truly important gift that you can contribute is your time and your talents. Each of us has a story about our church ***and its members*** who went out of their way to make you feel like a treasured member of our family. *It's a defining characteristic of who we are and who we want to be. Let's start with inviting a friend or neighbor to join us on Sunday morning. We aren't alone in the challenges we face, but the best solution is one that plays to our strengths – making visitors feel at home. So invite someone to come to our church – or better yet, bring them – and let our natural friendliness continue to shine through.*

Another blessing that our church both enjoys and, at times, takes for granted are the volunteers who always seems to step up. We all benefit when *all of us pitch in – large or small – to help our church grow and flourish. I encourage you not only to recognize and thank those who pitch in, but be one of the many people who help however you can: help with weekly communion; be a lector; help with our Lenten services; join Hooked on Love to make prayer shawls and baby blankets; participate in our community-outreach events; be a greeter on Sunday mornings, etc. There are many more ways each of us can help. Find your way to help out.*

It's going to be an exciting, involved year as we strive to grow in our relationship with God and each other, and shine, not just for those of us already in the church, but the members who haven't joined us yet and our community. I look forward to working with each of you this next year.

Phillip Cannatti



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Sunday School                      9:00 a.m.

Worship Service                    10:30 a.m.

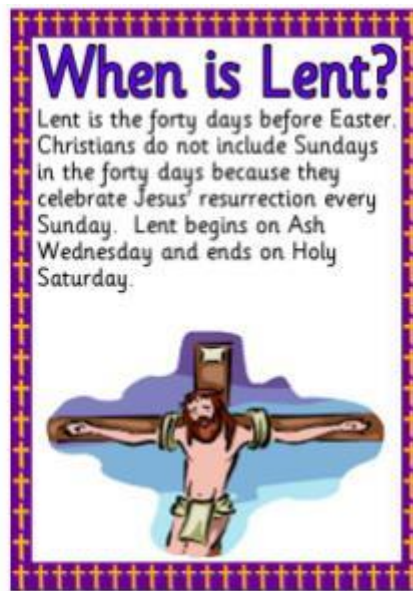
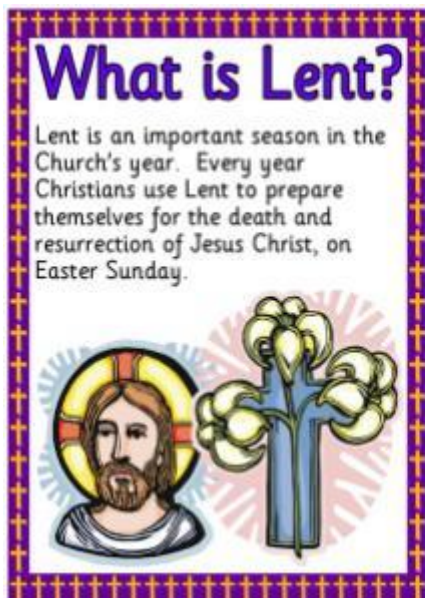
Communion Every Sunday

Rev. Kristina Truhan, Pastor

Music Director: Harold Knight

Youth Director: Jennifer Nixon

Office Administrator: David LeVasseur



## Worship Volunteers for March

### Ushers

Mar. 01/08  
 Bruce Staffeld  
 Alesia Pearson  
 Harold Jones  
 Lisa Barse  
  
 Mar. 15/22  
 Nancy Anglin  
 Larry Anglin  
 Amy Durham  
 Don Smith  
  
 Mar. 29  
 Bruick Family

### Acolytes

Mar. 01  
 Amelia & Anthony Hauser  
 Mar. 08  
 Alden Barse  
 Mar. 15  
 Sarah & Isabel Thigpen  
 Mar. 22  
 Wesley Cannatti  
 Mar. 29  
 Jenna & Garrett Nagorzanski

### Communion Assistants

Mar. 01/08  
 David & Alesia Pearson  
 Mar. 15/22  
 Diane McCain & Anne  
 Monson

### Altar Guild

Mar. 01/08  
 Jennifer Nixon & Joy  
 Bruick  
 Mar. 15/22  
 Diane McCain & Anne  
 Monson  
 Mar. 29  
 Susan Wrobbel & Judy  
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## Central Lutheran History Spot

Did you know . . . when Central Lutheran Church was organized, Alaska and Hawaii were not yet states?



*save  
the date!*

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Please take note and join us for these upcoming events!

**March 7** – 10 am work day – let's spruce things up for Nich & Kathleen's wedding! 1:00-2:30 pm – Hooked on Love! Knitting & crochet ministry

**March 22** – Choral Lenten Meditation during worship service; Brunch Bunch after worship

**March 28** – 6:00 pm Fish Fry & Bingo night

**April 4** – 9:30 am – clean the sanctuary, out-door work day  
1:00-2:30 pm – Hooked on Love!

**April 26** – Brunch Bunch after worship; youth-led service

# Lutheran World Relief Kits

Please bring your items for the LWR kits by March 8! If you'd like assistance with the shopping, monetary donations can be provided to Susan Wrobbel (care kits) or Alesia Pearson (baby bundles). We will assemble the kits on Saturday, March 28 prior to the fish fry so we can have them blessed during worship on March 29. Also, Alesia will be needing assistance sewing some of the clothes' seams as items come in and between March 8 & 28!



**A complete Baby bundle includes:** (sizes 6 months-24 months)

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

**A complete Personal Care Kit includes:**

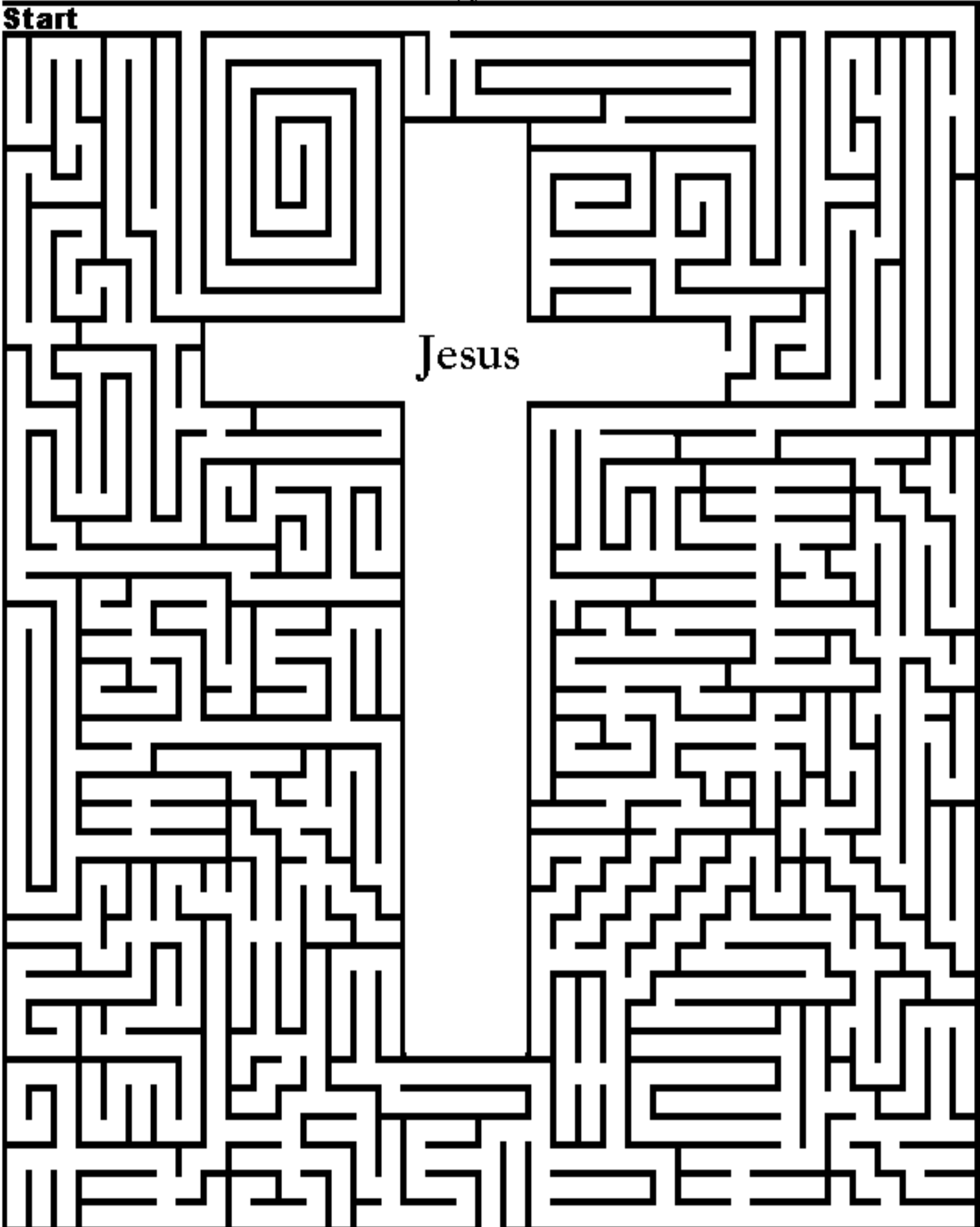
- One light-weight, bath-sized towel, dark color recommended
- Two or three bars of soap to total 8-9 oz, in original packaging
- One adult sized toothbrush in original packaging\*
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers, attached file optional

\*toothbrush multi packs can be divided with toothbrushes sealed in envelopes, no plastic bags

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.

**Start**

Jesus

A large black and white maze with a central path leading to the word "Jesus". The maze is rectangular and filled with a complex network of black lines forming a grid of paths and dead ends. The word "Jesus" is written in a serif font in the center of the maze, with a clear path leading to it from the top-left corner. The maze is divided into several sections by a vertical path that runs through the center, with the word "Jesus" positioned in the upper-middle part of this path.

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Join us for our Gala

**BRIARWOOD**

# Adventure Awaits

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 Departs: 5:30 pm

Destination: Briarwood Attire: Smart Casual  
670 Copper Canyon Rd  
Argyle, TX

Honoring: Organizational Partner: Thrivent Financial  
 Advocate: Diane Eggemeyer, Trinity Evangelical, Miles  
 Volunteers: Chip Sakakeeny, Abiding Grace, Southlake

Visit [one.bidpal.net/briarwoodgala](https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodgala) or call **940-241-2099**

Dinner, Silent Auction, Wine & Beer & Fun!

## Briarwood 2020 Gala: Adventure Awaits

**Saturday, March 21, 5:30pm**

Briarwood Leadership Center, 670 Copper Canyon Rd, Argyle, TX

Please join supporters of Briarwood for our annual fundraising gala. This event supports our NT-NL leadership, retreat, and camp ministry at Briarwood. In addition, we will honor those who support this powerful outreach and extension of our calling in the world, including Thrivent, Dianne Eggemeyer (Trinity Evangelical, Miles), and Chip Sakakeeny (Abiding Grace, Southlake). We're excited to be bringing this event back on site this year at Briarwood to showcase this beautiful resource of our synod and be good stewards of the dollars donated. Tickets are \$100 / person, and sponsorships start at just \$500! Call **940-241-2099** or visit

<https://one.bidpal.net/briarwoodgala/welcome>



## **UPDATE:**

**All youth in 8th-12th grades are encouraged to join us for our summer mission trip (dates TBD). We will be going to Benton Harbor, Michigan with Youthworks. While there, we will be working in the community with Kids Club, painting houses, doing yard work, working with the elderly, and seeing the culture of Western Michigan. We will be having meetings and fundraisers coming up to prepare for the trip. Please give Jennifer Nixon your \$150 non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot.**

**We have set our fundraisers for the trip:**

**Easter Breakfast will be Sunday, April 12 at 9:00am**

**Carwash & Hot Dog Lunch scheduled for Sunday, May 3**



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## **Blessing Bag Refills**

We are running low on blessing bags and would love to make more. We could use the following supplies:

- gallon size baggies
- 16oz bottles of water
- Vienna sausages
- cheese & crackers snack packs
- lunch-sized bags of chips
- granola bars
- socks

Supplies may be placed in the box in the narthex with the completed bags.

# Breaking bread, eradicating hate



uch can happen when we gather for a meal — new understandings, new commitments, new friendships.

In May 2018, several ELCA congregations and worshiping communities discovered this when they joined their Muslim neighbors for interfaith iftars.

An iftar is the meal for which Muslims break their daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Augustana Lutheran, Sioux Falls, S.D., and the mission congregation it shares building space with, *Pueblo de Dios*, hosted their first iftar. Almost 60 people attended, including members of Augustana Lutheran and *Pueblo de Dios* and Muslims from three mosques in town.

“There was a bit of discomfort on both sides — Christian and Muslim,” said Amy Martinell, Augustana’s pastor. But “when the food came out and we sat and ate together, the discomfort melted away and we became one community.”

For two years the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) hosted regular iftars with a nearby Turkish community. Sara Trumm, interim director of A Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice at LSTC, reported that 60 to 100 people attended. Trumm said they’ve found that sharing a meal helps people feel comfortable meeting others from different backgrounds.

“Right now, with Islamophobia as strong as it is, it’s important for people to be informed about what

Islam is so they don’t fall prey to some of the negative stereotyping and falsities being shared, especially with one of the Ten Commandments telling us to not bear false witness against our neighbors,” she said.

To promote the interfaith iftars, Neighbors in Faith, a joint ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia and Washington’s Muslim community, worked with Shoulder-to-Shoulder, an interreligious campaign dedicated to ending anti-Muslim sentiment. *The ELCA is a founding member of Shoulder-to-Shoulder, which receives Mission Support funding.*

“What actually changes for people who are rooted in fear is to meet a Muslim and realize they’re just human too,” said Terry Kylo, an ELCA pastor and the director of Neighbors in Faith. “The iftars are a beautiful way to begin to understand the basics of Islam and how many similarities we have. And they help our Muslim neighbors to see that they aren’t alone, that we want to learn from them and are willing to stand in solidarity with them.”



Lutherans and Muslims broke bread together at interfaith iftars in May 2018. Your Mission Support dollars boost the ministry of Shoulder-to-Shoulder, an interreligious campaign to end anti-Muslim sentiment founded by the ELCA and other ministry partners.