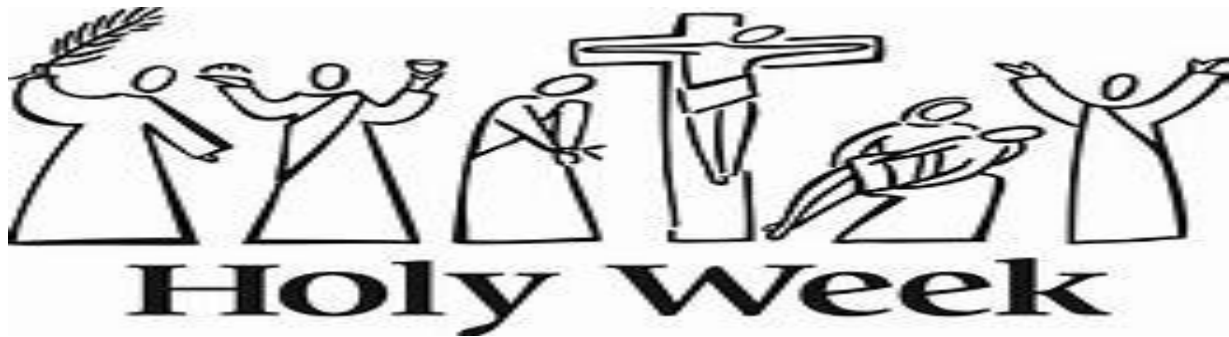


THE SENTINEL April 2020

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



April 5th



April 9th



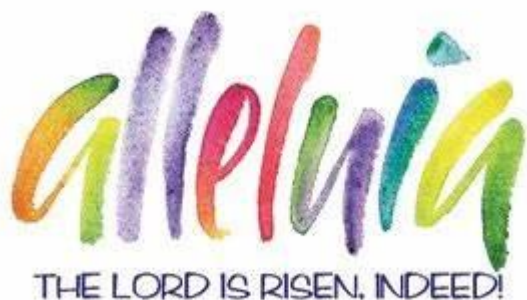
April 10th



April 11th



Easter Sunday, April 12th





Greetings from afar!

We are learning to do something new in the middle of this COVID-19 era. Daily, new information comes in and forces us to process what's happening around us. It shapes us. It changes us. Some families have been changed forever because of the virus's direct impact through death or caregiver fatigue, others have experienced secondary effects, such as loss of job or purpose. Our church community is learning how to function from a distance, which is something so contrary to our very nature of being called to gather together in mutual support and love. But that doesn't mean love isn't present. We are the church...in exile. Our ancestors wandered the wilderness for 40 years, and the early church figured out how to make this thing called worship happen. There were grumblings about missing luxurious food, like I'm getting edgy because sometimes there are no eggs to be found in the grocery store; there were complaints, like God, how long will I be without social in-person connection?! There were questions about the day of worship and the offerings, which we share today. This is not new, although this particular virus is. We are still being fed and sustained by God's presence and abiding love, despite this being the Lentiest Lent.

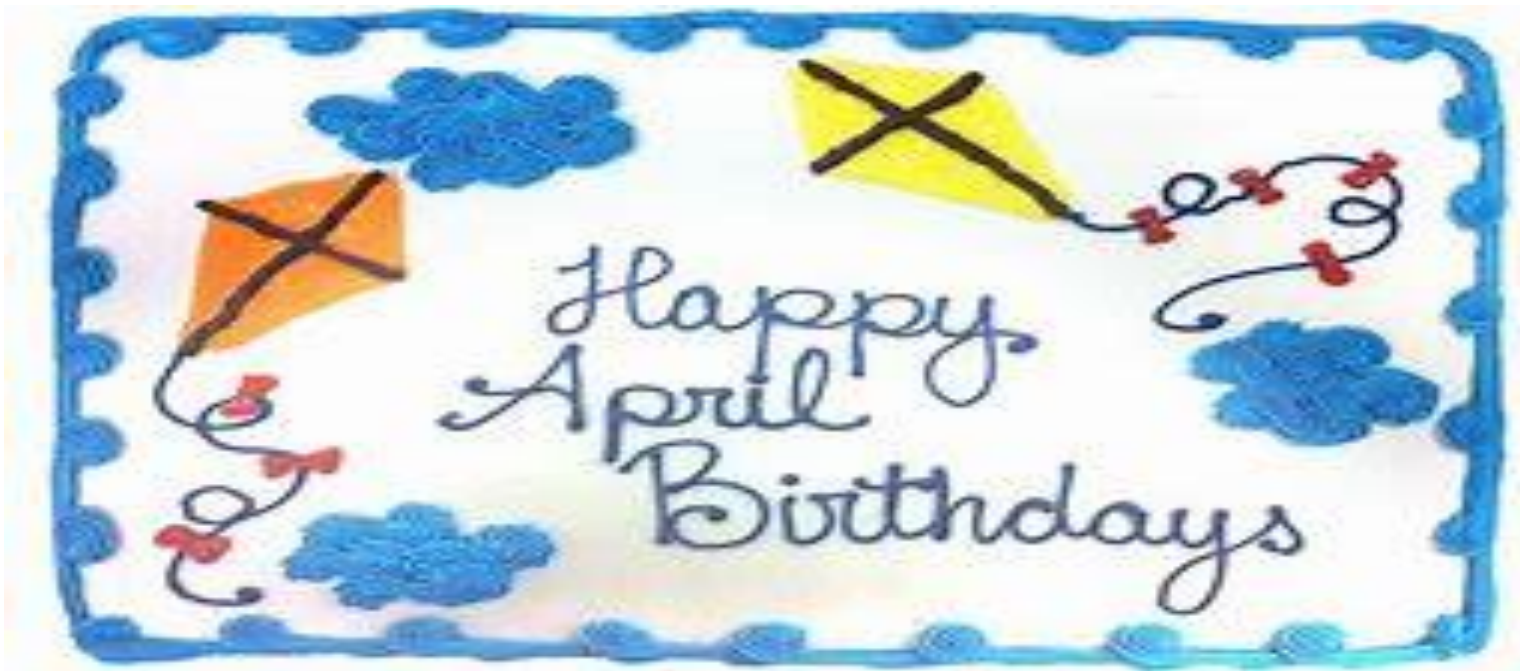
I am learning how to use technology to keep in touch with you and to keep our community engaged in ways that continue to nurture your spiritual growth. Sometimes it's just pointing you to the best resources, not reinventing them. As a council, we are learning how to reach out to every one of our members personally to ensure that you're connected and cared for.

Throughout this time, I want to remind you of how important and loved you are in our community. I thank you for your continued dedication to the roles you play as part of this Body of Christ. We do not march through this without hope. Right now, the tomb is feeling really cozy, but we will celebrate resurrection. I cannot wait until we can worship again in person. Holy Week services and Easter will continue to be broadcast, the resurrection will still be proclaimed. But look out when the day arrives that we can gather in person again – it will be a real party of new life! And I can't wait to see how we return, as a people with a changed and renewed spirit.

I pray you continue taking precautions to keep yourself and your family safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call me. If you are in need of prayer or necessities, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call me. May God bless you and keep you. I am holding each of you in prayer daily.

Many prayers and virtual hugs to you as we trudge through this harsh Lenten journey together,
+kmt

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Isabelle Barse	01	Janice Hare	02	Mick Atkins	05
Mary Glenn	05	Michelle Simon	05	Kristin Meggers	07
Eva Evans	08	Emma Fisk	10	Cathy Jones	12
Diane McCain	12	John Swenson	12	Estrella Thomas	13
Muriel Peiffer	17	Liam Stewart	17	Carolyn Bethke	20
William Evans	20	Mark Moody	20	Amy Durham	22
Rick Garcia	23	Joel Glenn	24	Joseph Nixon	26
Barbara Quill	29	Carol Lamberson	30	Kevin Monaghan	30



ANNIVERSARIES

Joel & Mary Glenn	04/08	24 years
David & Kay Inkrote	04/15	26 years
Phillip & Jennifer Cannatti	04/18	22 years
John & Mary Swenson	04/22	70 years

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“The sky is falling, the sky is falling!”

*** Credit to Chicken Little ***

Dr. Peter Venkman (DPV): This city is headed for a disaster of biblical proportions.

Mayor (M): What do you mean, “Biblical?”

Dr. Raymond Stantz (DRS): “What he means is Old Testament, Mr. Mayor, real wrath of God type stuff.”

DRS: “Fire and brimstone coming down from the skies! Rivers and seas boiling!”

Dr. Egon Spengler (DES): “Forty years of darkness! Earthquakes, volcanoes...”

Winston Zeddemore : “The dead rising from the grave!”

DPV: “Human sacrifice, dogs and cats living together... mass hysteria!”

*** Credit to Ghostbusters (1984) ***

And there’s this coronavirus thing going on...perhaps you’ve heard?

It pained me, Pastor Truhan and the council to suspend in-person services until we can get a better grasp of the reality of the situation. We did this to figure how to best protect our potentially-at-risk members because Central is home, it’s where we go for reminders of God’s love, camaraderie with our extended family, and God’s word. It was – and remains – the right thing to do.

So now we face some new challenges, and we embrace them (figuratively and literally):

Central’s Sunday services were streamed live on Facebook! Did you watch? It was a great job put on Pastor Truhan, Harold (and no doubt many others) who did an amazing job only a few days’ notice. Tune in next Sunday at <https://www.facebook.com/CentralLutheranDallas/> to “join us” in our service, and be sure to love and share the page.

Thanks to Pastor Truhan and the council members who reached out by e-mail and phone to tell each of you about Sunday’s on-line services. Remember, we do best when we do it together: reach out to your friends, families and Central’s members to check up on them and see if they need anything: food, necessities, a virtual shoulder to lean on, or simply someone to connect with and share the day’s happenings. In short, do not allow anyone to fall into isolation just because we aren’t actually (temporarily) seeing one another on Sunday mornings.

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Food For Thought: Mario’s Quote of the Month

Being different isn’t a bad thing; it means you are bright enough to be yourself.

Central Lutheran Church | 1000 Easton Road,
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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

Find your way to reach out. And if you need something, don't hesitate to reach out for help or companionship.

The coronavirus may cause a temporary change to our lives, but it will not last long nor can we allow it to put off what we need to do to take care of our church (and others around us). There are many of us who make our weekly gifts to Central each Sunday morning. Since we are taking an appropriately cautious route by suspending our Sunday morning services, please remember to send in your weekly 'gifts' directly to the church by mail or electronic check. Long before Chicken Little reappeared (and I started quoting Ghostbusters), the Council was working on additional, updated ways to make it easier for our members to financially support Central. In a day and age where we live (24:7) with our phones, we have developed two additional ways you can make your financial gifts to help sustain Central: Givelify and Vanco. Both are apps that can be downloaded to make giving to Central easy:



is a mobile giving app that is faster than online giving and easier than text-to-give, making it the best option during a service or on the go. You can download "Givelify" from the App Store, and once it is downloaded (and opened), type "Central Lutheran Church" and then select our church and give. It is really that simple.



offers another way to give money online, through your mobile phone, or via text to Central Lutheran Church. Learn more at [https://](https://www.vancopayments.com/egiving?hsCtaTracking=d2752fda-adb1-4b6a-a685-48ae358302c3%7Cb593e86-7655-499a-aebf-74bad14a1fac)

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Each of us is blessed in many ways, and we need to continue sharing some of those blessings with Central to provide it with needed resources during the time we are not able to actually meet each Sunday.

The reality of our current situation is that life goes on: there is no better example of that than the recent Moody-Batman wedding. So while Central Lutheran Church has suspended in-person services until we can get a better grasp of the reality of the situation and how to best move forward to protect our potentially-at-risk members, let us focus on the positives that bring us together and make us who we are. It is up to each of us to make sure that:

- Conversations will not be cancelled.
- Relationships will not be cancelled.
- Love will not be cancelled.
- Songs will not be cancelled.
- Reading will not be cancelled.
- Self-care will not be cancelled.
- Hope will not be cancelled.

May we lean into the good stuff that remains, and do what we can to take care of those who need our help.

Remember: We all benefit when *all of us pitch in – large or small – to help our church grow and flourish. There are many ways each of us can help. Find your way to reach out to one another to prevent us from isolating, and help us continue 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.*

Phillip Cannatti



Calling all artists!

We need a LOGO!

As we prepare for our 100-year anniversary, we need a new logo! ALL are invited to make a little doodle or two and put together an idea for our “Century at Central” anniversary logo! Our reunion committee will collect logo suggestions through the end of May and narrow it down to 2 or 3 for the congregation to vote on in June. If you have a general vision or idea but doubt your drawing skills, contact Colby Jones and he will help your vision become a reality!

Tips: This should be a simple design, black & white

Not too many small details: think something that is legible on a car bumper sticker or shrunk-en down to paper letterhead size; possible logo on a t-shirt

It should include somewhere Central Lutheran Church and Dallas, Tx

Samples/ideas can be mailed in to the church office: 1000 Easton Rd, 75218, or you can email them to Alesia Pearson (alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net) or Colby Jones (dallasrec@sbcglobal.net). Good luck! We look forward to seeing your ideas!

VBS 2020



We are still planning for Vacation Bible School the week of July 13-17! We can always use volunteers 8:30am-12:30pm to help shepherd kids through their group activities. If you would like to help a day or all week, contact Alesia Pearson (alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net); we have a variety of volunteer options for you! VBS is available for ANY kids ages 3 years old (as of January 1st) through entering 6th grade. This is a free program for our kids and community – come join the fun!



Many have already joined us on Facebook for live Sunday morning worship and Wednesday evening Lenten devotionals. We invite and encourage you to still join in worship together! We will include a link to a bulletin so you can follow the service. We also have extra LBW hymnals at the church that we can bring to you so you can better follow along and have the hymns. Please contact Pastor Truhan or the church office if you'd like a book!

One added bonus with the Facebook live worship – you will be able to see who else is worshipping with you! It really adds to the sense of congregation and community! Share the information with friends and neighbors and share the post announcing the service on facebook to help us share with others. If you miss the live service, the service remains on our facebook page as a video. Just click on the picture and you'll see the lines/arrows at the bottom of the picture to play the video (click on the arrow).

CentalLutheran.org

Did you know we have a website? You can find current and upcoming information on our Website. Right now, Pastor's Voice, in the top bar of the page is where you can click and see the bulletin/program to follow for the live services. (There will also be a link on the facebook page to be able to go there straight from facebook. It will open in another tab and you will be able to go back & forth if you'd like. Once you start the live or recorded service, you'll be able to hear everything happening even if you clicked over to the church site for the bulletin) Boxes at the bottom of the front page have information for upcoming events/activities and the "News" button on the right end of that top bar has the most current updates for various information for you, too. Some of it could use a little updating but the current events/activities are there!

Are you new to Facebook?

For those of you who may not have used facebook before, here are a few pointers:

Go to www.facebook.com. When it opens on the site, it will have the form right there to create a new account. Just follow the instructions – you'll need to enter either your email or cell phone number and create a password. It asks for your birthday, they do want to make sure you're over 18, and if you want, you'll have the opportunity to indicate if you want to hide the year from others... 49 again?? When you have set up your account, you can search for other people you know and you can search for the church's page. There are other "Central Lutherans" out there so search for "Central Lutheran Dallas". You'll get a page with options that match your search. Just click on our name/picture and it will take you there.

When you are on our church page, there's a list of words in the left column like: about, reviews, photos, etc. Go down that column and click on "posts". That takes you to our page and the most recent pictures and information we've been sharing. That is where you will be able to watch when we have the facebook live videos for worship times.

At the top of our page, under the picture that shows our Sunday School and Worship times, is a rectangle that says "Like". If you click on that to "like" our page, when we post new things they will show up on your main page, too, and you won't have to go looking for information.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.



He is Risen
y'all

Easter Sunday in Texas

Church on a rock



“First [they] said we were crazy for building a Lutheran church,” recalled Fabian Gaspar Cardenas, pastor of St. Augustine Lutheran Church in La Esmeralda, Guatemala. “Then they said we were crazy for building it on top of a hill.”

But the St. Augustine community believed this audacious space—high on a rock overlooking La Esmeralda—was exactly where God had called them to be. Cardenas said they were inspired by other churches and holy

places they’d seen that were built on hilltops.

“It is better to build on a rock than in the sand, so that is why we built here,” he added, referencing the Gospel of Matthew.

Though St. Augustine’s building is new, the congregation has worshipped in La Esmeralda for more than 20 years since their return from Mexico, where they spent the worst years of Guatemala’s civil war in refugee camps. Today the congregation

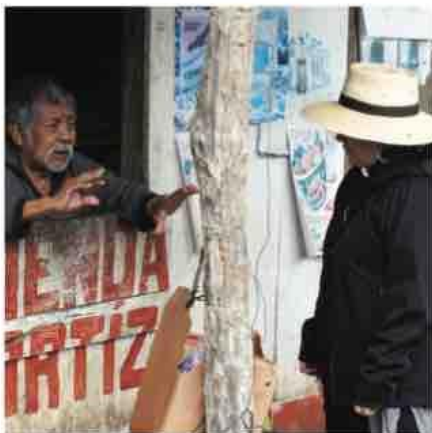
strives to support sustainable livelihoods, health care and education for its community, said Stephen Deal, ELCA regional representative for Central America.

The ELCA has invested in the ministry of St. Augustine by accompanying leaders within the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala (ILAG in Spanish). *Cardenas and other ILAG pastors receive theological and evangelism training at retreats funded by Mission Support.* For him, the opportunity to connect and grow together has been a great gift.

“[Hope] has been the thing that has supported us the most,” Cardenas said. “And that is what I have been able to share with my fellow pastors, especially in the retreats.” In his own ministry journey, a serious health condition nearly left Cardenas blind and delayed his pastoral training by over eight years.

Despite challenges to his health and the community, Cardenas has kept his vision fixed on God. For all who visit or pass by St. Augustine, he hopes that “when you look at the church, you remember that God is with you always, and you can do anything with God at your side.”

To find a video story about the ILAG, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA.



St. Augustine serves its community through ministries that connect members with sustainable livelihoods, health care and education. Your Mission Support gifts assist Cardenas and other leaders in the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala in their evangelism.