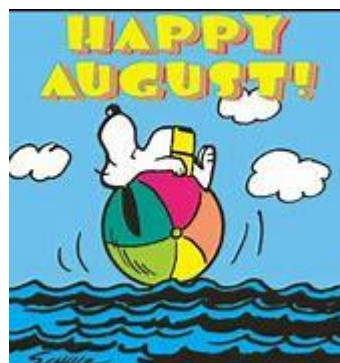


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God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.





Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:3-7

We continue to worship in community... in different and unprecedented ways.

I've had to take a hard look at what it means to be a people that have had to suffer through a huge change – a change that goes against everything that we've been called to do as a people designed by God to worship together in community. The way we have been used to being “community together” has been challenged. We never expected to be apart this long, and it's wearing, feeling more like the above described “perishing”. Although 1 Peter describes a new birth that arrives – the various trials we've endured in being separate have offered us the opportunity to reinvent ourselves. I continue to encourage you to look to the blessings that have come from this.

We give thanks for the new ways we have reached out to people who have never graced our sanctuary door's threshold. In one service we had folks from California, Minnesota, Alabama, and several from Michigan worship with us. Families who have relatives living in different states have been able to worship together. Spouses who typically don't attend worship have joined in the chorus, as has our neighborhood worshipping community of Bethany Lutheran Church.

- This month, our beloved and long-time Youth Director, Jennifer Nixon announced her retirement. We will miss her as a staff member. We remember and give thanks for the work she has done to build young disciples at Central. But Jennifer will still be active around the church; she desires to continue her discipleship through volunteering at youth events and other Central activities, including worship.
- We participated with Northaven UMC in their Pride parade. While we couldn't walk the parade, we decorated and drove cars to show support of God's beloved LGBTQIA+ people.
- We can't hold our big Back to School Bash as usual, but we are rallying together to do a drive-through event to reach out to the kids in our surrounding homes.
- Our Boy Scouts learned how to accomplish physically distanced work on the community garden.
- We began to hold weekly Coffee Hour fellowship gatherings by Zoom immediately following worship. During worship we've become interactive with the sermon and prayers, receiving and sharing Facebook chat and text notifications live, thereby more fully making God's word for God's people more personalized and relevant.
- Our choir hasn't sung in person, but we have the amazing work of a virtual choir (PS everyone is welcome to join that, and it's easy to do! Just ask Harold.). Our choir hasn't gathered in person, but we still continue to nurture each other in spirit and laughter through weekly gathering Thursday nights.

We may be physically apart now, but we give thanks for the gift of innovation to persevere and continue the Kingdom work. A genuine faith is nothing that we can develop or create on our own. It is a gift that has been planted in us and is nurtured by a Spirit of generosity and love, from God alone. Holding that as absolute truth, we know we can't go wrong, and it liberates us to redefine community in ways we hadn't experienced before. When we can see these, God's blessings, through times of difficulty, the resurrected Christ is truly seen and glorified.

Your sister in Christ,
+kmt



Lawrence Howells	08/02	Paul Chambers	08/03
Mark Buie	08/05	Katelyn Sefko	08/07
John Boatright	08/09	Lauren Graham	08/10
Sara Jutton	08/10	Barbara Hunt	08/12
Allison Cannatti	08/13	Cameron Farley	08/15
Mary Whisler	08/15	Katherine Koble	08/16
Audrey Jensen	08/17	Lucy Fisk	08/19
Mario Montejo	08/19	Susan Wrobbel	08/28
Anne Monson	08/29	Heath Staffeld	08/29
Bradley Graham	08/31		



Gary & Chrissy Townsley	08/01	33 years
Bobby & Amanda Galloway	08/10	24 years
Larry & Nancy Anglin	08/16	51 years
Mark & Jan Moody	08/16	34 years
Mark & Tanya Johnson	08/19	25 years
LeRoy & Marlys Wing	08/25	19 years
Bruce & Jean Staffeld	08/26	54 years



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Giving Update

These are challenging economic times for the Central Lutheran Church community as we cope with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. During our latest church council meeting, we learned that contributions to Central Lutheran Church were off by approximately 40 percent in May. Yes, that's a significant drop. But, God will sustain us as the incomes of our members fluctuate.

Check-writing is still the most popular way of contributing to CLC. Many members are simply mailing their checks to the church office (1000 Easton Road, Dallas, TX 75218). The checks are being safely collected and deposited.

But, there are other ways of giving:

*Givelify - an app in the app store on your iPhone
(be sure you choose Central Lutheran - DALLAS [1000 Easton Rd, Dallas TX]) More about Givelify here: <https://www.givelify.com/>

*Vanco - an app on your iPhone or online. More details here: <https://www.vancopayments.com>

*Set up payments to Central Lutheran from your bank like you do for your other online bill paying.

*Paypal - you can send funds to central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com

....And, please don't forget the White Rock Center of Hope. They are helping the needy every single day and could also greatly use your financial support.

I'm very honored to be your stewardship representative at CLC. Please reach out to me if I can be of assistance.

Paul Chambers

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Central Lutheran Church

1000 Easton Road, Dallas, TX 75218

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Communion Every Sunday

Rev. Kristina Truhan, Pastor

Music Director: Harold Knight

Office Administrator: David LeVasseur

**“Faith is moving forward even when things don’t make sense,
trusting that in hindsight everything will become clear.”**

Mandy Hale

“Are we there yet? Are we done yet?”

Anonymous

I’ve been fortunate enough to speak with some of you – in person at a “safe distance” (or behind a mask) in the neighborhood, by telephone, or by e-mail – over the past few weeks. Each conversation has been a blessing, and each has been unique and about a variety of subjects. One of my favorite topics of conversation has been “getting back to church,” whether “it’s Thank Heavens Sunday morning’s services are back at Central Lutheran” or “when can we (really) get back to church in person?” Neither pastor nor church council is surprised by the desire to return to Central – we share that desire and have been consulting about how (and when) we can do that with Dallas County, the synod, other churches, and (hopefully) a fair dose of common sense (!) And yes, many of us – myself included – are constantly asking, “are we done yet?”

One of the unexpected benefits of this COVID fiasco is that I’ve heard from many of you. Whatever the topic, if it’s important to you, then it’s important to church council. Don’t be shy. We want to hear from you. We’re trying to call each of you to see how you are doing, to see if you need anything, or simply to catch up and see how you’ve been doing. But don’t wait on us. Call us; call another member who’s been on your mind; or, your favorite “pew” neighbor that you miss giving hugs and “peace” to each Sunday. Call to share a joke or a family story or a personal triumph, or even an idea on how to reopen church for council (we’re pretty ‘on the ball,’ but always benefit from fresh perspective.

So what sort of mischief has council been up to lately? Aside from the normal keep-the-doors-open-and-lights-on stuff (paying bills, encouraging members to remember to contribute to the church while you are away, etc.), we’ve also realized a two-year effort to sell the remaining parts of the organ purchased long ago. Years ago, we purchased that organ in hopes we may be able to find it a permanent home in our church. As discussed many times over the years (congregational meetings and what not), it was not to be, and council was charged with finding a new home for the organ (and end the monthly storage bills, etc.). We were pleasantly surprised by the ability to do so this month. We are also looking forward to the next chapter with our youth. As many of you know, Ashley and TJ Goins have taken over that role at council and now – with Jennifer Nixon’s decision to resign from youth ministry and move forward with the next stage of her life. We have benefited from her years (decades) of hard work and giving her heart to our youth, and our church is better for her contributions. When you see her next time we’re all back at church, give her a hug and tell her thank you! Want to know more? Contact me and I’ll invite you to join our next council meeting.

Council members have also been talking to our neighboring churches – Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, etc. – to share ideas about what church looks like when we return. We’ve discussed how to clean the church, where to sit, how to enter and exit the church while maintaining ‘safe social distancing,’ and whether it is necessary to take reservations to attend church when we first attend. And we haven’t even started to discuss using the other facilities and how (and under what circumstances) to have Sunday communion. As I’ve said before, each member’s comfort level with returning and/or health concerns will dictate their individual choice on when to return. So naturally, we will continue ‘online’ services that are currently streaming on Central Lutheran Church’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CentralLutheranDallas>).

If you haven’t shared your Sunday morning with us lately, we’re happy that we are “back in church:” Pastor Kristina (& her husband, Nathan) have undertaken significant effort to set up the lighting and sound equipment to clearly broadcast church. As many of you have seen (and complimented), Harold and the choir have figured a way to provide much-loved music and singing during our church service. To give you an idea of how they do this, imagine synchronizing the singing 10+ members of the choir and Harold’s organ playing into a coherent piece of music. Because of the exponentially-high effort (hours of effort for a single three-minute hymn), we are starting to explore ‘sharing’ music with the neighboring churches (each church providing a completed hymn) so we can have more music in our streaming Sunday Services.

It may feel like we are running from a constant stream of COVID-related and life-related challenges, but remember to keep your head up. We’re going to emerge from this (hopefully soon). Until then, Mandy Hale has it right: Keep the faith that we are still moving forward and we will see that when we emerge. You’ve heard similar admonitions: every time a door closes, another door or window opens. So keep looking for the door or window that God has opened for each of us in this unusual time and go through it (and we’ll see you on the other side).

Phillip E. Cannatti
President, Central Lutheran Church Council





Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Led by Marlys Wing, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will resume after Labor Day at 10:00 AM on Tuesdays via Zoom. Other than fighting at Jericho, what did Joshua do? Join this in-depth study of Joshua and find out! Contact Marlys (972-322-9840) if you'd like a book and plan to join the study.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

A Wednesday evening class has just started up. Pastor Truhan is leading this Bible Study at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. What does it mean to be an ELCA Lutheran today? Come join the study and discussion! Contact the office, 214-327-2222 or central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com or Pastor Truhan, rev.kristina.truhan@gmail.com for Zoom meeting details.



Last call for a garden bed – Several new raised beds were recently installed in our Community Garden as part of an Eagle Scout project. There are still a few available if you are interested. Contact Ted Steinke or Alesia Pearson as soon as possible if you are interested in planting one.



Back to School Supplies

We aren't able to do our "Bash" like we've had the last couple of years, but we do want to help our community kids and families with school supplies. Our apologies for some short notice on this, but, we were waiting for information from the school district to have a better idea of what kids might need – and when! We will be collecting school supplies at the church or at several members' homes through August 21. We will welcome volunteers to help sort the supplies by grade level on August 23, noon-3:00. **Please note, we will be wearing masks the whole time (no exceptions) and staying 6 feet apart as much as possible during the sorting & organizing.



On August 29, from 8am to noon, we'll gather at Oak Alley to have a drive-by distribution of supplies (at the covered walkway by the Parish Hall if it's raining). This is a no-contact event. Cars will drive up, let us know the grade level of their student(s) and we'll place a bag of supplies in their trunk. Again, following CDC guidelines for safety.

If you'd like to have someone come by your home to pick up your monetary donation or school supplies, contact the church office (214-327-2222) or Alesia Pearson (214-215-7670). Donations can be dropped off at the following members' homes in addition to the church. Monetary donations can also be mailed to the church office: 1000 Easton Rd, Dallas, 75218. We'll be sharing this on NextDoor and our Facebook page and website, too! Please share with your neighbors and invite them to contribute supplies, too!

Homes to drop off supplies:

738 Kirkwood Dr, Dallas 75218
4308 Rosser Square, Dallas 75244
4823 Ellensburg Dr, Dallas 75244

203 Green Canyon Dr, Mesquite 75150
6121 Rincon Way, Dallas 75214

See the following pages for supply lists, these are estimates based on last year's supplies, an updated list has not been published at press time for our Sentinel – we will provide an update if there is a change but these are general basics they've used the past several years.



Eventually, Hank realized he was too rigid for beach ministry.



Kinder & Pre-K:

Blunt scissors
1 pencil box
10 count water-based/washable markers (primary colors)
4, wide-ruled composition notebooks (4 different colors)
4 count package of play-doh
1-2 boxes 24 count crayons
8x11 multi-color construction paper
3 glue sticks
8.5x11 Manila paper (50-count)
9x12 assorted color construction paper (50 count)
9x12 Manila paper (50-count)
3 folders with pockets & brads (blue, red, yellow; vinyl preferred)
3, wide-ruled spirals (blue, red, yellow)
1 box pencils: large (primary) pencils (pre-K), #2 pencils - Kinder



Young elementary (1-3):

1 box 12 count pencils
1 box 24 crayons
1, 8-pack of markers
2 Wide-ruled notebook paper pkgs
12-pack colored pencils
2-3 Glue sticks
2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks: red, green
1 pair small-point scissors
5 pocket folders with brads – 1 each color: red, green, yellow, blue, purple
Pencil sharpener
Big white or pink erasers
12" ruler



Older elementary (4-6):

Box of #2 pencils
Black ball point pens, red ball point pens
Scissors
3 glue sticks
3 colors highlighters
12-24 count colored pencils
Zipper bag for pencils/pens
2-3" 3-ring binder
Tabbed dividers
3, wide-ruled composition notebooks – red, blue, green
3 pocket folders with brads (vinyl preferred) red, blue, green



Middle School:

- 3", 3-ring binder with pockets
- 1 pkg of 8 Tabbed dividers (with pockets is helpful)
- Box of #2 pencils
- Wide-rule notebook paper
- 3x5 lined index cards
- Box of colored pencils
- Zipper pouch for pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Black or blue pens
- Red pens
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters (4-color pack: yellow, pink, orange, blue)
- Big eraser
- 12" ruler including mm measurements
- Glue sticks
- 5-subject spiral notebook with pockets
- 4 composition notebooks



High School:

- 3", 3-ring binder with pockets
- 1 pkg of 8 Tabbed dividers (with pockets is helpful)
- Box of #2 pencils
- College-ruled notebook paper
- 2 pkg, 3x5 lined index cards
- Black or blue pens
- Red pens
- Colored pencils
- Zipper pouch for pencils
- Highlighters (4-color pack: yellow, pink, orange, blue)
- Big eraser
- 4 composition notebooks – different colors
- 4- pocket folders with brads - different colors
- 4- college-ruled spirals – different colors, matching folders' colors



Snack items (store bought & individually wrapped)

Gold Fish or Cheese-its -type crackers in bags, granola bars, fruit chews or roll ups, little bags of cookies; apples, oranges, apple sauce or fruit cups





AUDITIONS!

We are very excited to announce an organizational meeting for a new radio play to be produced at Central Lutheran Church. Please join us via Zoom on Saturday, August 1st at 4 pm for “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.” (Note time change from 1 pm to 4 pm so as not to conflict with “Hooked on Love”.)

Parts available include Dorothy, The Scarecrow, The Tin Woodsman, The Cowardly Lion, the great Oz himself, Aunty Em, and much more. The play format will be similar to our Christmas play. Everyone will be part of our fictional radio station, WCLC-FM. We will perform portions of the book, first published in 1900. It’s in the public domain. We will have to steer away from any lines that were used in the 1939 film with Judy Garland; the script and the songs used in the film are still under copyright.

We will conduct nearly all of the rehearsals by Zoom, so it’s going to be very convenient to participate. Our dress rehearsal will be at CLC, as well as the performance at a date to be determined.

Also as part of the program, we will be singing some popular songs from the period, 1900-1930. And I hope to have my brother David Chambers participate in some way. He owns the most valuable collection of Oz books in the nation and recently appeared on “Antiques Roadshow.” David lives in Austin, but I hope he can drive up and show us some of the rare first editions on performance night.

Please contact me at paulchambers@aol.com if you are interested in participating in this next production. I will provide you the Zoom link for our organizational meeting on August 1st.



CONGREGATIONS

Satisfying spiritual hunger

The soothing strains of live music create a relaxed, meditative environment at the Open Space program, hosted by Church of the Apostles, a Seattle-based worshipping community of the ELCA and the Episcopal Church.

The monthly gathering is open to the public and regularly attracts 10 to 40 people. Attendees enter quietly, silencing their phones. They set up yoga mats, pillows or cushions to relax on as they take time to enjoy the present in a comfortable, candlelit space.

"A lot of people who go to [Open Space] have nothing to do with [our congregation]," said Ivar Hillesland, pastor of Church of the Apostles. "It answers a longing they have for safe spiritual experiences within community."

The Seattle area has many who aren't affiliated with a church, and who may be wary or distrustful of religion, he noted.

"We're hosting a communal, spiritual place without the programming involved," Hillesland said. "It is evangelism, but we're not trying to get [visitors] to join the church."

Alex Mrakovich, a regular attendee, enjoys the serenity of Open Space.

"It's a space where my questions and judgments and fears can slowly be suspended as I practice being present to both myself and the vibrations and sound around me," Mrakovich said.

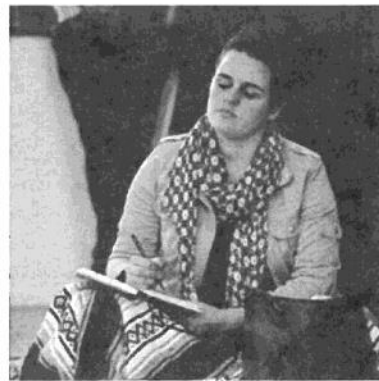
Mission Support funding from the churchwide organization enables Church of the Apostles to provide this community program as well as other ministries.

"It is because of the freedom granted to us through this funding that we are able to serve God and our neighbors most fully," Hillesland said.

He believes Open Space is satisfying Seattleites' deepest cravings. "Some churches offer food pantries that respond to the physical need for food. We offer a spiritual, musical experience for people who are hungry for that. ... It is spiritual food for people."

To find a video story about Open Space, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA.

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