

THE SENTINEL September 2020

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

Monday, September 7th



God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday, September 13th



Tuesday, September 22nd



- 2nd Steven Glenn, Brian Meggers
- 3rd Kathy Nagel
- 4th Dan Sefko
- 6th Ethan Krampitz, Chad Staffeld
- 8th David Fisk
- 9th John Wrobbel
- 10th Judy Christiansen, Michael Paschetag
- 11th T.J. Lymenstull II
- 13th David Hopson
- 14th LeAnn Oxley
- 15th Dan Krampitz
- 16th Aiden Boatright, Glory Gopinath
- 17th Mary Ridgway
- 18th Stephen Haynie, Kinley Walters
- 19th Ryan Glasscock, LeRoy Wing
- 20th Wyatt Pearson, Calyn Staffeld
- 21st Ethan Farley, Austin Matthews
- 22nd Derek Krause
- 24th Leah Hart, Timothy Wrobbel
- 26th Joel Green
- 27th Marlyn Krampitz
- 28th Jerry Krause
- 29th Byron Evans, Connie Van Cleve
- 30th Judy Nash

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Greg & Christina Boatright

9/12

22 years

Kevin & Brooke Monaghan

9/25

21 years

Dear Central Family,

I call you “family” because, as a church, we all experience the dynamics of a human family – we have our outstanding and loving moments and we have some not so great days. In the course of our lifetime we have some family that remains with us and some family that functions better at a distance. I am writing today to let you know of a personal struggle I have that impacts our family.

After deep prayerful consideration and years of discussion, Nathan and I have mutually decided that our personal differences are too great for us to continue living together as a family. We want you to know that this is something that we have not taken lightly, and we have the prayers and blessing from Bishop Gronberg. This was not the result of extended sheltering-in-place. However, I give thanks for this time together, that we could reflect and come to our conclusions in a compassionate and grace-filled manner.

It used to be that pastors got shuffled after a divorce. Today we realize that a pastor who has experienced a broken relationship can learn from that in order to better pastor their congregants who may experience similar pain and emptiness. I want to assure you that I’m not leaving Central. I will continue to be your pastor and spiritual guide, and thanks to a healthy support system, I am in a better place to minister to you with an open heart and ear.

Blessings,
The Rev. Kristina M. Lampson-Truhan



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1000 Easton Road, Dallas, TX 75218

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Communion Every Sunday

Rev. Kristina Lampson-Truhan, Pastor

Music Director: Harold Knight

Office Administrator: David LeVasseur

To my friends at Central Lutheran Church,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. I have decided to retire from youth ministry, effective July 15, 2020.. Virtual ministry has been quite a challenge for me and I do not feel like I am doing a very good job at it. I have led a relational ministry, interacting with, teaching, and learning from many people throughout the years and virtual ministry feels like that interpersonal connection is missing.

This time of sheltering at home and life in the pandemic has given me time to pray and meditate over my future. As I pondered my decision, I thought about all the mission trips, service projects, fundraisers, Youth Led Services and Christmas programs, Sundays at Starbucks, Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, trips to Briarwood, Yuck Nights, game nights and all the youth events we have had over the years. I thought of all of the youth and adults I have worked with in over 20 years of ministry at Central Lutheran. I also thought about the changes and challenges we have been through and the future of our church.

The church has supported me through thick and thin, good times and bad. I consider you not only my friends, but also my family. We came to Central Lutheran in the fall of 1996 so Greg could be the youth director. After our first service during the interview process, we felt at home in this church. I took over the youth program in the fall of 1999. I took youth groups to the Junior and Senior high Synod Gatherings and Briarwood Retreats, taught Sunday school and organized youth events and service projects. I have led a mission trip and/or a National Youth Gathering every summer since 2002. I was excited when my own children were able to participate in the youth programs and go on the various trips, although in a way, I considered all the youth I led as my own children. I have worked with so many wonderful youth and adults over the years. As my own children neared the end of their time in the youth program, I considered retiring, but the time just did not seem right. Each year I would evaluate my position and if I was benefitting the church and the youth program. I stayed because I loved working with our youth and knew I was having a positive effect on their lives and they were on mine as well.

Even though I will not be working at the church any more, I plan to continue to worship and be a part of the community as a member of the church. I appreciate everything you have done for me and all the love and support I have received over the years.

Love,
Jennifer Nixon



DIETEL, Agnes 9/1/1930 7/30/2020 Agnes Dietel went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 30, 2020 in Mesquite, Texas. She was 89 years old. Born on September 1, 1930, she was the fourth child, and first daughter, of her parents Antonio and Marianne Cusimano, Italian immigrants who ventured to America in the early 20th century. She lived in North Jersey until she and her husband Howard moved the family to Dallas, Texas in the 1960s. Agnes worked as a Professional hairdresser and in Stockroom administration for Target department stores into her 70's. A dedicated member of her Church, participating in events, fundraisers and Women's groups. Her dedication and love was to family and others. She had two children, two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her kindness, love and care will be greatly missed by all. She is survived by her brother Casper Cusimano, sister Marie Monego, (nee Cusimano), her loving son Glenn Dietel and Lilli Erickson of Farmers Branch and her loving daughter Helaine Holbrook and husband, Richard of Farmersville, Texas and two grandchildren, Matthew Holbrook and wife from Farmersville, Texas, and Kristin Clary and husband from Shreveport, Louisiana. She had eight great-grandchildren, Ashlynn, Haleigh, Micah, Jocilyn, Kinsley, Emma, Jaydin and Hudson. Grandchildren and great grandchildren all referred to her lovingly as "Maka". She was preceded in death by her husband of 50+ years, Howard Dietel.





Marilyn "Meffie" Corinne Hartmann Green, 85, of Dallas, TX, passed away after a brief illness on July 20, 2020 at her home in Dallas, Texas. Marilyn was born in Fredericksburg, TX to Harry and Cora (Baethge) Hartmann November 9, 1934. She attended Fredericksburg High School and graduated in 1953. She was a cheerleader, on the basketball team and voted Class Favorite her senior year. She always loved attending her class reunions and looked forward to seeing all her friends. After high school she worked in accounting at Balser and Davidson in Fredericksburg, where she took part in many of the audits they conducted. In 1955, Marilyn married her lifelong love, Max Green. August 14th would be their 65th wedding anniversary. Max and Marilyn met in Fredericksburg when Max was there working with area ranchers for the Soil Conservation Service. From there they moved to College Station, TX where she continued to work in the area of accounting and Max continued his education and received his Master's Degree from Texas A&M in Physics. Max's job brought them to Dallas where together, they raised their family. Marilyn was a faithful follower of Christ and a long-time member of Central Lutheran Church. She was active in the Elizabeth Circle, she spent countless years on the bereavement committee, helped serve snacks for Vacation Bible School and pieced many a quilt top for Lutheran World Relief. She also enjoyed volunteering at White Rock Center of Hope. She volunteered there every Thursday since the Center was opened in the late '80's. She loved Texas Aggie football, reading, gardening and was a ray of sunshine to all who knew her. Marilyn is survived by her husband Max Green of Dallas, TX.



Children, Jennifer Green of Garland, TX, Eric (Maryann) Green, Allen, TX, Janice (Paul) Balkenbush of Durant, OK, grandchildren, Joel Burton Green, Hannah Corinne Balkenbush and Katie Balkenbush, sister Julia (Carl) Weden of Fredericksburg, TX and numerous nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. Marilyn is preceded in death by her son, Joel Turner Green and parents Harry A. Hartmann and Cora Hartmann. A memorial service in her honor will be held at a future date. Merit Memorial is handling the funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to Central Lutheran Church, 1000 Easton Road Dallas, TX 75218 or White Rock Center of Hope, P.O. Box 180358, Dallas, TX 75218.





A huge THANK YOU!! To everyone who helped to make this happen on August 29! A big thanks to Cathy Jones who helped Alesia Pearson shop for and organize the supplies. We had several volunteers on August 22nd who helped sort and prepare supplies and on August 23rd who helped fill backpacks full of supplies. Press time was actually before the event – so more details and pictures will appear in the next Sentinel!



“ . . . break forth into joyous song . . . ”

Psalm 98 invites us to **SING!**

We invite you to break forth into song with the CLC choir. We record a Hymn of the Day every week. We need everyone to make the song truly joyful. Each of us records the hymn individually (I email the organ accompaniment to all singers). The recordings are magically mixed together, and we are singing as a congregation—together. All you need in order to participate is joy and two of those magic gizmos, such as a telephone and a computer.

Please email (harchiek@gmail.com) or text me, and I will send you a “how to” email. Then once a week I’ll send you the hymn to record. Don’t let your technophobia get in the way. ***If I can do it, you can do it!***

Join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth:

*break forth into **joyous song and sing praises.***

sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody! (Psalm 98:4-5)

(from Music Director Harold Knight)

Please continue to pray for those in need:

Members homebound, in hospital or in senior care facilities: Theresa Brown, Barbara Hunt, Bill Paschetag, Ozelle Samples, Eugene Straach, Faye Zimmermann.

Members with prayer needs: Pat Buie, Paul Chambers, Judy Christiansen, Greg Eilmann, Jan Hare, Harold Knight, Jerry Krause, Carol Lamberson, Mark Moody, Stan Nagel, Patsy & Lionel Schoen, Tina Smith, John & Mary Swenson, Pr. Kristina Lampson-Truhan, Nathan Truhan.

Members' Family and Friends:

Scott Albrect	Patsy Gist	
Jeff Barton	Aliene Goff	
David Batman	Paul Gourley	Char Paul
Desiree & Dani	Dawn Gray	Dolores Peluso
Jeffrey Betz	Dottie Sue Gregory	Joanne Prokop
Willie Bishop	Wanda Groothuis	Tom & Joan Quiett
Katsie Brock	Peggy Hanson	Dr. Lawrence J. Rasero, Jr
Tom Calello	Shirley Harrison	Bekah Roebuck
Leah Campbell	Bruce Hesse	Donna & Gregory Rutz
Diane Castillo	Issac	Floyd Sanders
Carol Cantesano	Gayle Jacobs	Bonnie Knight Sato
Holly Christianson	Jace Josephson	Lisa Sato
Sean Corkery	Jessica and niece Corinne	Katie Smith
Jerry Crawford	Josh	Ruth Steiner
Clayton Daniels	Jennifer Kikta	Jill Studley
Jackie Dove	Don & Jane Klauser	Roy Taylor
Sheila Dustin	Bill Long	Carton & Jeanine Wendel
Kim Faulkner	Uriah McGee	Didi Wendel
	Marian Morgan	Susan Wilson

Military: Michael Barton, Ken Bethke, Isaac Burge, Jason Caldwell, Brandon Chapman, Merrill Cline, Jerry Crawford, Paul Giguere, Brad Glasgow, Steven Glenn, Derrek Krause, Robert Krause, Josh Lawson, Tim Miller, Walker Mosely, Robert Rogers, Darrin Sandifer, Jared Sank, James Scott, Tyler Srun, Brandon Stock, Aaron Thrash, Nathan Wrobbel.

* We say goodbye to member Greg Eillman, who is moving to Tucson to begin work with a non-profit agency. We give thanks for the worship we shared and the discipleship he offered here, especially with the Back to School Bash. We send him to Arizona with our love and God's blessings.

Report from Nancy Anglin

Even when we aren't "in person" there's always something that needs fixing.

July-August work done:

Replaced tank on toilet in nursery

Replaced tank on toilet in Ladies Restroom

Replaced inside bladder on toilet tank in Men's room

Repaired 9 toilets on recall list from Sloan Flushmate

AC Maintenance done:

Replaced 4 capacitors

Added freon to 4 AC's

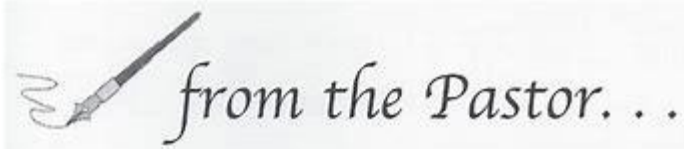
Replaced fuse in Sanctuary unit

Outside work done:

Repaired several broken pipes and sprinkler heads

Repaired gate on playground

In addition to Larry & Nancy Anglin, "Thank You!" to Mark Buie, John Sanders, Ralph Parker and Harold Jones for helping to keep shrubs and things trimmed this summer! The congregation is invited to pitch in on Saturday, September 19 for a church grounds work day! We have more bushes that need to be trimmed and weeds to pull! Come lend a hand if you can!



'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:25-33)

I remember standing at the end of our dirt driveway, a red balloon tied around the mailbox. It was my first day of school and I was anxiously waiting for the bus to take me to a brand-new world. First grade. I got on the bus, wearing a nametag and a bus route number pinned to my white overalls by my mom. I was shepherded along and told where to go for my classroom and I couldn't wait to begin. Later, college didn't seem much of a stretch from that same scenario. Less the red balloon, but probably with weird white overalls – it was the 90's after all. I had a backpack full of new textbooks, sturdy walking shoes, and a campus map, and I couldn't wait to begin focusing on political science work as my chosen field work.

But I would be remiss to share these exciting memories without indicating the trepidation I felt in tandem with the excitement. I was afraid for what laid ahead – would I like my teachers and could I understand my profs? Would I be accepted into the social circles? Would the material be too tough to master? All those questions and concerns were valid, considering where I was going was not like anywhere I had been before. The worry, however, did not consume me because I had great support of family and friends, as well as tutors.

Jesus comforts us in knowing God is with us in every one of our new beginnings. The world had not seen a resurrection Sunday before His. Everything that looked dark and hopeless on Good Friday was upended with joy and hopefulness. Fear and death did not have the last word. Worry, while legitimate, would not retain power over us, as the Gospel of Matthew reminds us.

As we get ready for new beginnings this school year, I'm holding our parents, teachers, and students in prayer. I'm now among the support like I felt as I began my new back to school adventures. Even though these are unprecedented times in which we live, we look forward to what comes next – students feel it just as we feel it as a worshipping community. It is through prayer and mutual support that we are reminded of God's enduring love for us. May God bless you and keep you safe, and alleviate your worry so that you may more clearly focus on what excitement lies ahead.

+Pr. Kristina M. Lampson-Truhan



Treasurers' Report

The treasurers are happy to report that Central Lutheran's financial state is strong. While our income is down compared to this time last year, our expenses are down even more. Through the roof replacement, the fire, the staff changes and the pandemic, our congregation has continued to support our mission and we are in a good position to thrive when we can finally get back to worshipping together in person.

The income from outside groups using our facilities is down. Our home school groups pay us only when they meet in our building, so that income ceased in early March. They plan to return no earlier than January 2021. We allowed St. Bartholomew's Anglican to reduce the amount they pay monthly from \$3,750 to \$2,800 until they can resume regular worship.

Janis completed the mountain of paperwork to apply for the government's Payroll Protection Program loan, and we received \$28,800 in May. We expect to fulfill the requirements and not have to repay this to the government.

The council voted in April to temporarily pay the interest only on our mortgage starting in May in case our contributions decreased significantly. We were pleased to find that this did not happen, and we resumed paying our full mortgage in July.

We didn't have our normal repair costs in the spring, but those have resumed with necessary air-conditioning, pest control, lawn and plumbing work. In August we had plumbing repairs of about \$7,500. Our building continues to need Nancy and Larry Anglin's tender loving care.

Because of the roof replacement, the raw data on our financials is confusing. We received many of the insurance payments in 2019, but the expenses came in 2020. If we take those transactions and the government's PPP out of the equation, we have a year-to-date surplus of almost \$30,000. We ask all parishioners to continue to support our church as we look forward to the time when we can safely commune together in the wonderful house of worship God has given us.

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CONGREGATIONS

Witness at the border

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Energy flows to a congregation when it's involved in an invaluable ministry among God's people. That's the case for *Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey*, El Paso, Texas. Situated near the border with Juárez, Mexico, the congregation has found purpose in accompanying Latin American migrants and offering visitors border immersion experiences, said Rose Mary Sánchez-Guzmán, its pastor.

Their Lutheran faith inspires their work. "[The migration crisis] is what I believe Christ is putting in front of us," she said. "This is urgent."

"Spiritually, it has changed
our congregation."

For two Tuesdays each month, *Cristo Rey* opens its doors to receive migrants. The congregation feeds them and provides them with overnight shelter and an opportunity to call their families so they can buy a bus or plane ticket to get to their court date on time. By Friday, most visitors are gone. In the interim period, the congregation works to educate its community about immigration issues and migrant rights. "Asylum seekers are legal in [this] country ... they have the right to ask for asylum," Sánchez-Guzmán said. "They are legal until the court decides [otherwise] for them."

Immersion program participants meet undocumented migrants, U.S. Border Patrol officers, immigration lawyers and others involved in border culture. Through the chain-link fence on the border, they listen as their Mexican neighbors share their joys and challenges.

"Spiritually, it has changed our congregation," she said, adding that although *Cristo Rey* is small and its members aren't wealthy, they've generously opened their hearts to their migrant neighbors. *The congregation receives an annual grant, funded by Mission Support from the Rocky Mountain Synod and the churchwide organization, to bolster outreach.*

Cristo Rey also finds support as a member of the ELCA Welcoming Congregations Network, an initiative of the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). There are 112 ELCA congregations involved.

"Jesus told us to help," said Sánchez-Guzmán of *Cristo Rey*. "He didn't say just help people with documents. He just says feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

To find a video story about *Cristo Rey*, visit [ELCA.org/SOFIA](https://www.elca.org/SOFIA).



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