THE SENTINEL November 2020

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





November 3rd



November 11th







November 26th



- 3rd Thomas Hetzer, Katherine Paschetag
- 4th David Brown, Joshua Brown
- 5th Larry McCain
- 9th Alden Barse
- 12th Samuell Mendenhall, David Pearson
- 16th Gracie Farley
- 17th Bryce Staffeld
- 18th Jonathan Evans
- 20th Judy Koble
- 22nd Yuvonne Muirhead
- 23rd Nathaniel Bruick
- 24th Tina Smith
- 27th Ann Graham
- 29th John Jones
- 30th April Matthews



Dan & Marlyn Krampitz	11/04	25 years
Steve & Jenny Pickett	11/11	25 years
David & Amy Brown	11/19	32 years
Tina Smith &		
Donna Eaton Smith	11/22	07 years
Rick & Beth Garcia	11/28	33 years

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FOR EVERYTHING GOD CREATED IS GOOD,

AND NOTHING IS TO BE **REJECTED IF IT IS RECEIVED WITH** THANKSGIVING,

BECAUSE IT IS CONSECRATED BY THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER. - 1 Timothy 4:4-5



Central Lutheran Church 1000 Easton Road, Dallas, TX 75218

Sunday School Worship Service **Communion Every Sunday**

9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Kristina Lampson-Truhan, Pastor Music Director: Harold Knight Office Administrator: David LeVasseur

from the Pastor. . .

Greetings, sisters and brothers!

Our stories shape our lives and our spirituality. The story of my baptism goes like this: my father was Methodist, my mother very Roman Catholic. Baptism for my dad was typically seen as immersion (dipping the person deep into a pool of water) and took place at a later age (what would be Confirmation age for us). Baptism for my mom was seen as something done just after birth and with just a sprinkling of water, which is similar to our most common Lutheran practice. So, when it came to me, my baptism was my very first lesson in ecclesial compromise and diverse theological expression: as a newborn, I was immersed in the water. While baptism by immersion was not common in the Catholic church at the time, that baptism was still valid. God still worked. The action of immersion, using copious water, was pastorally meaningful to my dad, as a lot of water meant watching God's generous blessings pour over me and encompass me. I later grew to appreciate their shared values and compromise in liturgical symbolism as an exercise in trusting God's promises above anything else.

In our baptismal covenant with God, God makes a promise to *claim us* as family, united in a transformative love for all of time. We share that Christian baptismal life across denominations, continents, ethnicities, and centuries. Each worshipping community values special practices which make them quite unique, but at the heart and core of the ritual is an unfailing God and the entirety of the reason for the ritual in the first place!

Siblings in Christ, we have been presented with the chance to explore a new ministry opportunity with Bethany Lutheran Church. I know the first questions many of you will have are: how much of our Central Lutheran Church identity will we lose and what compromises will need to be made? I cannot make promises that your favorite [fill in the blank] will not change. But I can promise you that, just as I grew in appreciation of diverse, meaningful symbols of my baptism, we will also be given the opportunity to explore the Spirit leading us to renewed and possibly expanded patterns of faith. Lutherans are rooted in reforming, just as God is rooted in re-creating and transforming our hearts. We get to share our story and hear new stories and grow in appreciation, awe, and wonder of God's mystery and presence through it all.

I have been part of numerous merging congregations and I have seen it done well and have witnessed the heartaches. Many of you have shared with me your delight as you yourself were warmly welcomed into the Central family for the first time. I can tell you that congregations that explore mergers from a posture of God inviting them into abundant, expansive hospitality tend to be the flourishing parishes. Congregations that can maintain a sense of curiosity and playfulness tend to thrive and grow. We can have a deep and positive impact on the ministry at 1000 Easton Rd by continuing our strong heritage of hospitality. Together we can ask questions and explore what it means to be diverse witnesses to what God has done in our lives. I encourage you to join the Zoom coffee hours following worship to meet some of the Bethany folks – they have been worshipping and fellowshipping beside us throughout this time of pandemic diaspora. The story of God and God's work for the sake of the world continues to be written. And we ask for God's strength and guidance as we hold the pen with great hope and anticipation, preparing to write our next chapter.

With great love and autumn blessings,

+Pr. Kristina



On behalf of all members of Central Lutheran Church, we want to thank Harold Jones, Ted Steinke, Ann Monson and Sarah Jutton for agreeing to be on the Nominating Committee. As you know, the Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying those members who will help form the Church Council for the next year. Each year we vote-in one half of our church council, and this year the Nominating Committee will be responsible for filling the following positions: Vice President, Activities, Administration, Evangelism, Mission and Outreach, Stewardship, and Treasurer. Each position offers a unique opportunity to share your gifts for the benefit of Central Lutheran Church. We hope that you will help expand the group of individuals leading this church by including yourself, with your insight and your gifts, in shaping the direction of Central Lutheran as we prepare to celebrate our 100th Anniversary and move into the next exciting century. Whether you've done it before or have never been on the Council, it's time to help your Church Family and Friends.

God Bless.

-from your Church Council.

Church communications

Are you receiving Thursday Thoughts emails and other church information? Check your address folder in your email and make sure these addresses are in your list of addresses to help be sure you get our emails: central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com; <a href="mailto:ma

Important letters/communications are also mailed to those who receive the Sentinel by mail. We are organizing a phone list so those who receive mail can be given phone calls for more timely and thorough communication. If you'd prefer the Sentinel printed by mail instead of by email or would prefer phone calls for other communications, please contact David in the church office: 214-327-2222.

Please continue to pray for those in need:

Members homebound, in hospital or in senior care facilities: Theresa Brown, Barbara Hunt, Bill Paschetag, Marlys Wing, Faye Zimmermann.

Members with prayer needs: Pat Buie, Paul Chambers, Judy Christiansen, Jan Hare, Harold Knight, Jerry Krause, Carol Lamberson, Mark Moody, Stan Nagel, Shana Price, Stephanie Price, Patsy & Lionel Schoen, Tina Smith, John & Mary Swenson.

Members' Family and Friends:

Scott Albrect Jeff Barton David Batman Desiree & Dani Jeffrey Betz Willie Bishop Katsie Brock Josh Bryce **Tom Calello** Leah Campbell **Diane Castillo** Carol Cantesano Holly Christianson Sean Corkery Jerry Crawford **Clayton Daniels** Jackie Dove Sheila Dustin Kim Faulkner

Patsy Gist Aliene Goff Paul Gourley Dawn Gray Dottie Sue Gregory Wanda Groothuis Peggy Hanson Shirley Harrison Bruce Hesse Issac Gayle Jacobs Jace Josephson Jessica and niece Corinne Josh Jennifer Kikta Don & Jane Klauser Uriah McGee Marian Morgan

Char Paul **Dolores Peluso** Joanne Prokop Tom & Joan Quiett Dr. Lawrence J. Rasero, Jr **Bekah Roebuck** Grace Rothman **Donna & Gregory Rutz Bonnie Knight Sato** Lisa Sato Katie Smith Heath Staffold **Ruth Steiner Jill Studley** Roy Taylor Carton & Jeanine Wendel Didi Wendel 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.





Christ in Our Home

The new quarterly issue of *Christ in Our Home* is available for pickup from tables in the narthex, as well as outside the church office and in the parlor. This booklet contains a brief uplifting message that pertains to your daily living. Give it a try. It will become a habit when you see how it touches your life. Call the church office if you would like to have a copy mailed. A few large-print copies are available.





White Rock Center of Hope continues to be a primary Community outreach and ministry for us. We had great response this summer when we held a specific drive to collect peanut butter and other food to help the pantry. We have left the food collection box out and weekly take food items there – keep it coming!

Several of our members have resumed volunteering again now that the resale shop has reopened on Mon, Wed, and Fridays (9am-4pm). They do still need some volunteer help there. If you are available and are comfortable helping in

the shop (while wearing a mask) either half days or full days, they could use your help! They also need volunteers for sorting clothing and food items, too!

Call Tracee (214) 324-2020 to volunteer in the shop.

Current food needs include: canned meats – including chili, Chef Boyardee, tuna, etc.

Canned vegetables and fruits, canned tomato products, Mac & Cheese & other pasta, soups, peanut butter, and other shelf items like hamburger helper, suddenly salad, rice, dried beans...

So far this year, over 6,000 people in our community have been helped with almost 207,000 pounds of food distributed, over 27,800 clothing items distributed, and 406 people provided with financial assistance.

Cookies are Coming!







