

THE SENTINEL

February 2021

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



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. - Acts 2:1-4

Central family,

When the apostles were gathered in the upper room on that day of Pentecost, they were caught off guard. They suddenly and unexpectedly found themselves doing a new thing among their usual ritual. Previously, they had gathered together to pray and share a meal, just as they had done with their teacher, friend and brother, Jesus. The ritual or weekly gathering continued until that day when the Spirit rushed upon them as a gust of wind and knocked them off their feet. In that moment, they were amazed by the presence of the Spirit – filling and emboldening them with a sense of familiarity and liberation. They were able to speak in a way that was unique to them and yet was divinely God's own breath. I'm sure this was not what they expected as a God-encounter.

Well, here's our Pentecost moment, Central Lutheran, People of Christ. We continue to 'gather' as community of disciples (albeit in our own homes), and we await the pandemic to pass us by like the plague over ancient Egypt. We have prayed for normal to return. But it is clear that the pandemic won't leave us yet, and we are not going to be the same disciples again. In our own homes, we are not the same families as this time last year. We are entering this season of Lent feeling like we never truly left the last season of Lent. But if this is our reality, how do we move forward out of the feeling of despair? We let the Spirit overwhelm us like the disciples.

It is time to shift our expectations to join the spirit of surprise and faithful liberation of the disciples. We know that we cannot go back to pre-pandemic days. We cannot change that. We cannot change the losses we've encountered and have grieved (and continue to grieve), like the disciples lost Jesus. But we can move forward with what we do have as a resurrected people. Now is the time to shift from yearning for a return to pre-pandemic 'normal' to now accepting the gifts we do have with gratitude and hope for the future. We can give great thanks for God still being present in our homes, speaking words of promise and hope that is unbound by attendance numbers, hope that is not constrained by a building, hope that binds us with love.

While we look forward to the day we can safely gather in person, we have accepted the fact that our online presence is permanent. Our online community has grown by nearly double what it was a year ago, and God's message of resurrection is reaching nearly 400 viewers! That is only part of our new identity as we grow through the process of change. So until then, please, get vaccinated, wear your mask, wash your hands, keep safely distant from one another – all as a great expression of your care for the other – and get ready for God to do a new thing.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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- 1st Eric Green, Cheryl Lott
- 3rd Charlotte Danielson
- 5th Tanya Johnson
- 6th Mildred Freeman
- 7th Monica Hauser
- 8th Greg Boatright, Bobby Galloway, Andrew Nixon
- 11th Benjamin Hart
- 13th Shirley Larson
- 15th Debra Haefling
- 16th Jeff Jones
- 17th Christina Boatright, Thaddeus Thigpen
- 19th Niles Walters
- 20th Meg Garcia
- 21st Greg Eilmann
- 24th Wesley Cannatti, Jennifer Jutton
- 25th Nathan Wrobbel, Todd Zimmermann



David & Mary Whisler 02/01 40 years

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Happy Groundhog Day!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

The Eskimo has fifty-two names for snow because it is important to them; there ought to be as many for love.

Margaret Atwood

The first quarter 2021 Christ in Our Home is available in the narthex, the parlor, and on the table outside the office.

If you would like to have a copy mailed to you please telephone David in the office at 214-327-2222 or send an email to central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com

A few large print copies are available.

Christ in Our Home

January, February, March
2021



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 Lampson, Pastor

Music Director: Harold Knight

Office Administrator: David LeVasseur



Dear Central Lutheran Family:

February is already here! Can this be true? I pray that 2021 has been good for all of you so far!

Contributions were down considerably in December. January wasn't much better, I'm afraid. With us still not worshipping in person, the convenience of putting your monthly contributions in the offering plate is just not there! But there are still a number of ways to contribute: Mailing in your check, the Givelify app, Vanco, PayPal.

Volunteers are still greatly needed! We usually select a Nominating Committee during the annual Chili Cookoff. The winner of this and the Dessert Bakeoff winner are usually how we get this. But it's different this year because we don't have a chili cookoff. So please prayerfully consider volunteering for this. Volunteer to join our church council!

I look forward to being your council president. I want you all to know I need your help and support. I will do my best, but I can't do this without your help and guidance.

God Bless you all!

Mary Glenn





For several years, our youth and congregation have participated in this annual event, on Superbowl Sunday, to collect funds and food items to take to White Rock Center of Hope. We aren't able to participate in the same way this year – but we can still help!

During the month of February, please bring non-perishable food items to drop off in the donation box by the choir room entrance. These will be taken to White Rock Center of Hope. Contact TJ Goins if you need to have food picked up from your porch to be taken to the church or WRCOH.

Blessing Bags

We have given out all our Blessing Bags and need to replenish our supplies! Donations can be delivered to the church by the choir room or contact TJ Goins for help with picking them up directly from you. You can also provide a donation to the church specifying blessing bags and we'll do the shopping for you. For those not familiar with these, we prepare gallon-size ziplock bags with some basic snacks, water, and socks or toothbrush & toothpaste to have available to hand out to those we may come across in need. A blessing to provide for basic needs during challenging times.

Suggested items to donate:

Bottled water or Gatorade	granola bars
Peanut butter crackers	snack bags/chip bags
Fruit/applesauce cups	Vienna sausages
Single serve tuna	socks
travel-size toothpaste/toothbrush	gallon zip-lock bags

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Check out sales for opportunities to purchase supplies for baby and personal care kits. We anticipate collecting items in February & March.

Baby kits: receiving blanket (2), cloth diaper (4), hand towel (1), t-shirt (2), pajamas or gown (2), socks (2 pair), sweater/jacket with hood or separate hat; bath-size bar of soap (2), 2 diaper pins

Personal Care kits: light weight bath-size towel (1), sturdy comb (1), adult-size toothbrush (1), bath-size bar of soap (2), fingernail clippers (1). Use ribbon or yarn to tie up the bundle

Please continue to pray for those in need:

Members homebound, in hospital or in senior care facilities: Theresa Brown, Mary Haynie, Barbara Hunt, Bill Paschetag, Muriel Peiffer.

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

Members' Family and Friends:

Scott Albrect	Jeff Barton	David Batman
Jeffrey Betz	Willie Bishop	Katsie Brock
Josh Bryce	Tom Calello	Diane Castillo
Carol Cantesano	Holly Christianson	Susan Corkery
Jerry Crawford	Clayton Daniels	Jackie Dove
Sheila Dustin	Charlotte Erlandson	Kim Faulkner
Bruce Ferko	Patsy Gist	Paul Gourley
Dottie Sue Gregory	Wanda Groothuis	Shirley Harrison
Bruce Hesse	Gayle Jacobs	Jace Josephson
Jennifer Kikta	Uriah McGee	Marian Morgan
Byron Myrick	Norma Ruth Myrick	Char Paul
Dolores Peluso	Joanne Prokop	Tom & Joan Quiett
Dr. Lawrence Rasero Jr.	Tony Reyes	Bekah Roebuck
Grace Rothman	Donna & Gregory Rutz	Bonnie Knight Sato
Lisa Sato	Wendell & Betty Smith	Katie Smith
Heath Staffeld	Ruth Steiner	Jill Studley
Roy Taylor	Carton Wendel	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, Derek 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.

Upcoming Events



Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues at 10:00 am with a study of Max Lucado's *John*.

Bonhoeffer's Life Together Study begins Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30 pm via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84734498235?pwd=TUIXUEhGTHBIV1hGQnBmQTFCOW5SUT09>

Ashes to Go begins at 7am and concludes with a 7pm prayer service February 17 on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralLutheranDallas>

Lenten evening prayer begins Wednesday, February 24, at 7:30, via Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralLutheranDallas>

The CLC Choir will have a parking lot sing-along event coming soon – more details to follow!





Robert Charles Adams "Bob", 91, of Garland, TX, passed away Wednesday, January 13, 2021. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska on January 26, 1929. Bob graduated from Omaha North High School and received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He was married to Maureen Adams on January 25, 1953 and enjoyed more than 50 years of marriage. Together they moved from Omaha, to Arlington Heights, Illinois before settling in Dallas in 1969. Bob had a long career in management working for Western Electric (now AT&T) before his retirement. He was known throughout his career as Department Chief but also as "Friendly Bob". He served in the U.S. Army from 1950-1952 during the Korean War and continued to be a patriot throughout his life. Bob was an avid golfer and was a past president and board member at Eastern Hills Country Club. He had a great personality, a wry sense of humor and met friends everywhere he went. He will be missed by many. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Maureen Adams, and is survived by their children Robert Adams, and wife Mercedes; Larry Adams, and wife Nancy; Nancy Terrell, and husband Brian; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A virtual Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, January 19th at 2:00. To view the service please go online to www.facebook.com/CentralLutheranDallas In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Central Lutheran Church, 1000 Easton Road, Dallas, TX 75218.





Betty "Faye" Zimmermann was born on July 21, 1941 in Chattanooga, TN to Alfred and Maybell Rains. In 1963 she married her loving husband, Donald Gene Zimmermann, and soon after they moved to Mesquite, TX where they resided for many years.

Faye loved her family; she was involved in every aspect of their lives and was their greatest cheerleader. She was Mom not only to her children, but also to many of their friends.

She loved working in the beautiful flower garden that she and her husband tended for many years. Together they spent many hours on their patio enjoying the beauty and sharing it with their friends and neighbors. She also loved to travel, especially to warm and sunny places where she could soak up the sun.

She loved shopping and was especially good at finding bargains of which she was always so proud. In her later years she would walk daily at the rec center with friends and on Thursdays they would usually have lunch and perhaps do a little shopping.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and loyal friend. She will be remembered fondly by many close friends and family as "DB," the name given to her by her grandson.

Faye passed peacefully on January 16, 2021 in Mesquite, TX.

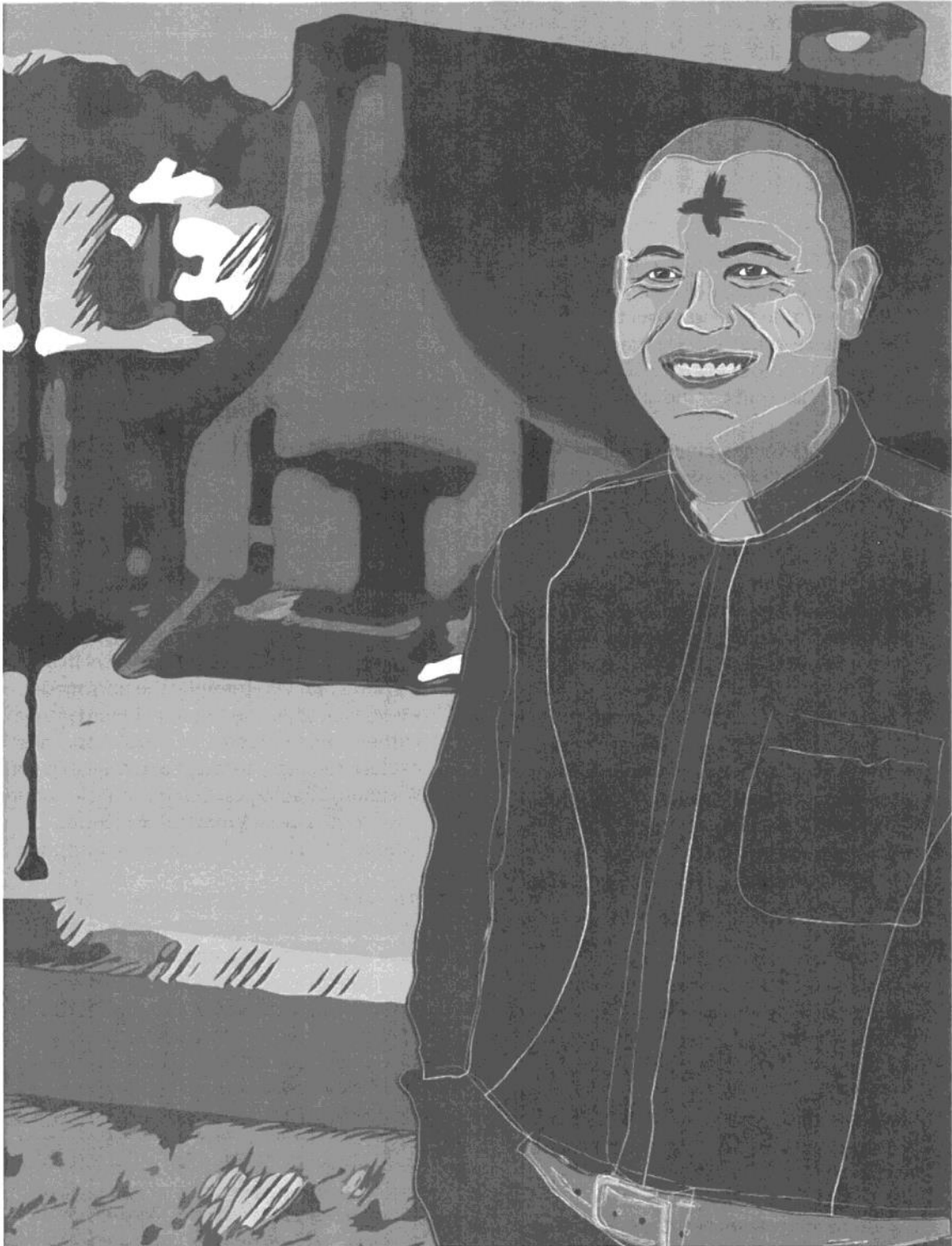
She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Mark Moody of Mesquite, TX, son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Connie Zimmermann of Allen, TX, grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Nicholas and Kathleen Moody of Plano, TX, sister-in-law, Charlene Zimmermann of Austin, TX, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Don, her parents, brothers Jack, James and Eugene Rains, sisters Barbara Cox, Jo Cox and Bobbie Mullins.

Faye's family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Laurel Oaks Funeral home located at 12649 Lake June Rd. Mesquite, TX 75180.



STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2020-21



Lutheran Campus Ministry at West Virginia University, Morgantown, Va., led by Tony Setley, campus pastor, offers students a spiritual home and space to explore vocation.



A SPIRITUAL HOME FOR FUTURE LEADERS

Stuck in traffic at West Virginia University (WVU), when seemingly all of Morgantown's 28,000 students are trying to get to class, you'd be hard-pressed not to notice the fire engine red Lutheran Campus Ministry Chapel with its curved roof, just south of the main crosswalk.

"The building was very interesting; that was probably my first impression," sophomore Lilly Simmons said.

The architectural oddity might draw students for a brief chat with Tony Setley, campus pastor, but however they come, he said, "they are comfortable enough to ask questions, and that can always lead to something bigger."

Graduate student Nathan Blake recalled his first visit. "I was at a really rough place spiritually, and the time for normal Sunday services had already passed, and I was like, 'I need something, but I don't know what.' I remembered that 6 p.m. service time, and I wandered up the hill, snuck in the back [pew] and I just kept coming. It was exactly what I needed."

In and beyond worship, Setley encourages students to set the tone for campus ministry. Simmons said she's loved leading monthly social activities such as ax-throwing or miniature golf. The gatherings make a difference. "I can't overstate the importance of having a place where you can experience spirituality, but also having a group of people you can experience it with," Blake said.

In addition to serving as students' spiritual home, Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU plans this fall to offer a literal rent-free

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home for some people discerning calls to ministry. The student housing, called Luther House, is located behind the chapel in a building that was formerly the parsonage for St. Paul Lutheran Church of Morgantown. Luther House students will lead chapel and explore seminary through a partnership with Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. **Both the seminary and campus ministry are funded by Mission Support.**

"Hopefully out of that, students will have some of the financial burden taken off, but also to have that ability to discern and engage with their faith in a way that will give them more answers to the questions about what God is calling them to do in this world," Setley said.

To watch a video of this ministry, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA.

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