

THE SENTINEL April 2021

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



Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to ask you something deeply personal. How is your prayer life? I invite you into an honest reflection of that. Go ahead, there are no wrong answers. If you're like me, you go through seasons. Sometimes I feel like I'm on fire and that God is as close to me as my very own breath. I wonder how I have come up with the words that seem so fitting. Other times it seems I'm in a desert, and my ability to speak the words have been zapped. I can only come to God with an ineloquent grunt or sigh. Or, at my worst, I tune out God's presence, forgetting or taking for granted all that God has done for me and through me, despite my absence. Sometimes the prayer load itself seems totally overwhelming.

In these last few weeks, it seems I've been praying with a lot of you, and your prayer life is thoroughly exhausted. Mine is too. There's a lot of pain and loss I know you're feeling. Please know that you do not carry these burdens alone. This is why we pray together as a community – to lift one another in prayer and to focus on God together. But we also pray for and with one another to offer peace and comfort, and to say there's for certain someone on the other end who cares and loves you. Brothers and sisters, please continue to lift one another in prayer. As the old Bell telephone commercial would say, "reach out and touch someone". When we do, we show up as the embodied Christ to someone.

I say all of this knowing full well that no matter what words I say or do, they are not magic. God knows my pithy or abundant spirit, as well as every one of my hopes and fears. Sometimes I don't believe the words are my own, but they are the work of the Holy Spirit moving through me. The easter season of resurrection reminds me of that – that we are not flying solo. That prayers do not go unanswered. That we are not alone. The tomb may be empty, but God has filled that void of death with hope and a promise for us. This is a promise for you, specifically in mind.

My prayer for you is simple this Easter season – may you experience true resurrection in your prayer life. Jesus went up the mountain to pray alone; he wept in the garden because his prayers were so heavy. He asked his friends to show up for him when he failed to feel fulfilled. May your prayer life be fulfilled knowing we show up and pray with and for you daily. You are God's beloved.

Alleluia, Christ has risen!

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- 1st Isabelle Barse
- 2nd Janice Hare
- 5th Mick Atkins, Mary Glenn, Michelle Simon
- 7th Kristin Meggers
- 8th Eva Evans
- 10th Emma Fisk
- 12th Cathy Jones, Diane McCain, John Swenson
- 13th Estrella Thomas
- 17th Muriel Peiffer, Liam Stewart
- 20th Carolyn Bethke, William Evans, Mark Johnson, Mark Moody
- 22nd Amy Durham, Takoda Walters
- 23rd Rick Garcia
- 24th Joel Glenn
- 26th Joseph Nixon
- 29th Barbara Quill
- 30th Carol Lamberson, Kevin Monaghan

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Joel & Mary Glenn	4/08	25 years
David & Gay Inkrote	4/15	27 years
Phillip & Jennifer Cannatti	4/18	23 years
John & Mary Swenson	4/22	71 years



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

***Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that***

- Martin Luther King

The second 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.



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



Prayers and Peace to All:

The CLC Council and Pastor Kristina have been working hard! It has been a full year since this 2-week virus began. I know that everyone here has known someone who has had the virus and possibly has known someone who has died from the virus! May God Bless you all, and wrap you in God's Love.

The CLC Council hears your fears and understands your yearning to be together. A Survey Monkey questionnaire was sent out to everyone by email, and the results show the majority of us are ready to come back. Some are still not ready. That being said, we will not be meeting in the Sanctuary yet. Pastor Kristina and the Executive Committee approved that for Easter Sunday we will be meeting outside in the parking lot. If you are not comfortable being outside you have the option to sit in your car. The service will be broadcast on the radio, and speakers will be set up outside. Please continue to wear a mask and social distance. Pastor Kristina will also be outside close to the parking lot.

So, please pray for perfect weather! And continue to pray for the end of this virus. Thank God more and more people are getting the vaccine. The numbers are down! The situation is improving! Praying to be in the sanctuary as soon as we can!

Much Love and Hugs,

Mary Glenn

CLC Council President

Lydia Circle is continuing to meet monthly on Zoom and just started a new study: Jesus: A Study on the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John by David Steele [available in paperback or Kindle versions from Concordia Publishing (cph.org) or on Kindle through Amazon]. We meet the third Monday at 7:00pm. Contact Lisa Barse if you want the Zoom link to join us. (lq_barse@yahoo.com). We do plan to reschedule a cookie exchange when that is possible and will also plan for our fashion show benefiting WRCOH when we are able.

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

We will be continuing our support for these kits and collecting/purchasing items for baby bundles and personal care kits in 2021 – but not just yet. Although we traditionally do that collection this time of year, our area collection was moved to November last year (because of Covid) and we recently learned will likely be in November this year. We will continue to coordinate our efforts with area Lutheran congregations and will let you know when we will be collecting items and monetary donations later this year. This extension also gives us an opportunity to discuss if we want to participate in making quilts or do additional kits like school supplies or sewing kits – we have time to do more or something different if we want to expand our program! Contact Alesia Pearson with any questions or if you want to head up efforts for one of the types of kits, alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net

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	
Jerry Crawford	Clayton Daniels	Jackie Dove
Sheila Dustin	Charlotte Erlandson	Kim Faulkner
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
Theresa & Kurt Peter	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.

Please join us! You are welcome Here!

Palm Sunday – All glory, laud, and honor to Christ. Jesus begins his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The road he followed was strewn with coats and other fine cloth and palm branches. Jesus reminds us to proclaim the only one whose throne really matters as he turns to the Holy City to begin the work of our salvation. Raise your palm frond in great jubilation and exclaim “Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!” during our Palm Sunday worship at 10:30am on Facebook Live, March 28, 2020.

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

Holy Week

“after three days he will rise again” – Mark 10:34

Thursday, April 1st, begins our celebration of Holy Week, the last most sacred and solemn time in our liturgical calendar. These days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil will be commemorated as the “Triduum”, meaning Three Days, but these will be regarded as one ongoing movement, with no real dismissal between each day, as we journey from Jesus’ death into his resurrection.

Maundy Thursday – Jesus gave the command (from Latin “mandatum” or mandate) to love one another. This is the day we celebrate remembrance of baptismal promises in being washed clean. It is also the night in which he (Jesus) was betrayed, or the final dinner gathering where Jesus instructed his followers to remember his life, death and resurrection in feeding and caring for one another. In this day, we will remember Jesus’ command to take care of one another by washing our hands as a symbol of care for our neighbors, thereby, protecting them from unintended spreading of germs. Have a bowl of water and a small towel nearby for the hand washing. The communion wafers provided will be used as we celebrate Holy Communion, also part of this service is on Facebook Live at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 1st.

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday – With its dark, blessed name, it is both the pinnacle day of suffering and lamentation and simultaneously a day of expectant, hope-filled waiting. We journey with Jesus along his way, beginning with his prayer in the garden, through his trial, death and burial. Follow along with the Good Friday insert throughout the day for devotions. We will honor our Tenebrae tradition of the diminishing light. **Every hour, at the top of the hour, beginning at 6am and continuing through 8pm we will offer a brief prayer, hymn or hymn verse and scripture reading on Facebook live Friday April 2nd.**

Easter Vigil – In Jewish tradition, the celebration begins at sundown the night before. We draw the conclusion of the Triduum service not with death, but resurrection. Jesus’ death took place during the holy celebration of Passover. In this night, we remember that Jesus was the light that came into the world to save us from our depths of despair and to illumine God’s salvation. During our **Facebook Live service on Saturday, April 3rd at 7:30pm** we will light the candle provided to remember the light of truth and love burns brightly for you and it can never be extinguished.

Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18

Celebrate Easter Sunday with Us, Outdoors or Streaming on FACEBOOK!

“Join us for LIVE IN PERSON worship at 10:30 in the parking lot behind the church.

Weather permitting, of course.

Cars will be parked for social distancing.

You can remain in your car and participate in the service via your car radio.

You can bring lawn chairs and sit beside your car, wearing a mask.”

Join us for live streaming of the service: [Facebook.com/CentralLutheranDallas](https://www.facebook.com/CentralLutheranDallas).

Bulletins can be downloaded at [centrollutheran.org/bulletins](https://www.centrollutheran.org/bulletins).



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God's work. Our hands.

Stepping back in time...

Central Lutheran Church had its start in July, 1922, at a meeting of five people at the downtown YMCA. The service was led by the newly graduated Rev J.M. Rhome, just out of seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was sent to Dallas as a missionary to establish a new Lutheran congregation. Many of us remember Henry Grann, who passed away in 2006, who, as a four year old, was the youngest chartering member, a fact for which he was very proud.

The first building was located at Carroll and Victor Streets. Although the original name of the church was St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the name was changed to Central Lutheran to better reflect its location in the growing city. Two brothers, Mary Swenson's father, Mike Grann, and Henry's father, Tom Grann, were two of the primary master carpenters and craftsmen who built that first building. There were a few additions and remodels along the way before moving to our current location on Easton Rd in 1960.

There were many "firsts" in that new congregation and building:

Margaret Hansen married Robert Frost in 1923 for the first wedding there.

Margaret's sister, **Hattie Hansen, was the first organist.**

Lutheran Brotherhood was organized in 1925 with **Luther League** starting soon after.

By **1929** they already needed the **first addition** to the building for more Sunday School rooms (and it was built in a way to be a future parsonage) and enlarged the chapel in 1933 – which was also the first year they held **Vacation Bible School.**

Continuing the mission of our original formation, Central Lutheran worked to establish or assist with establishing several sister congregations including Oak Cliff Lutheran in 1948, King of Glory Lutheran in 1957, and Ascension Lutheran in 1964 – helping to spread Lutheran congregations to the growing Dallas area.

We continue our history of outreach in many ways including live services on Facebook, support of White Rock Center of Hope and working with our neighboring congregations Bethany Lutheran and First United to serve the East Dallas community. We are excited about celebrating our 100-year anniversary in July 2022 and are working to plan some special events – stay tuned!

OPERATION SALVAGE DONATIONS TO BE DONATED

As you know, it was not possible to have Operation Salvage in 2020, and it does not look promising for 2021 as well.

We are left holding your generous donations in The Shed behind the kitchen. And it is full to overflowing.

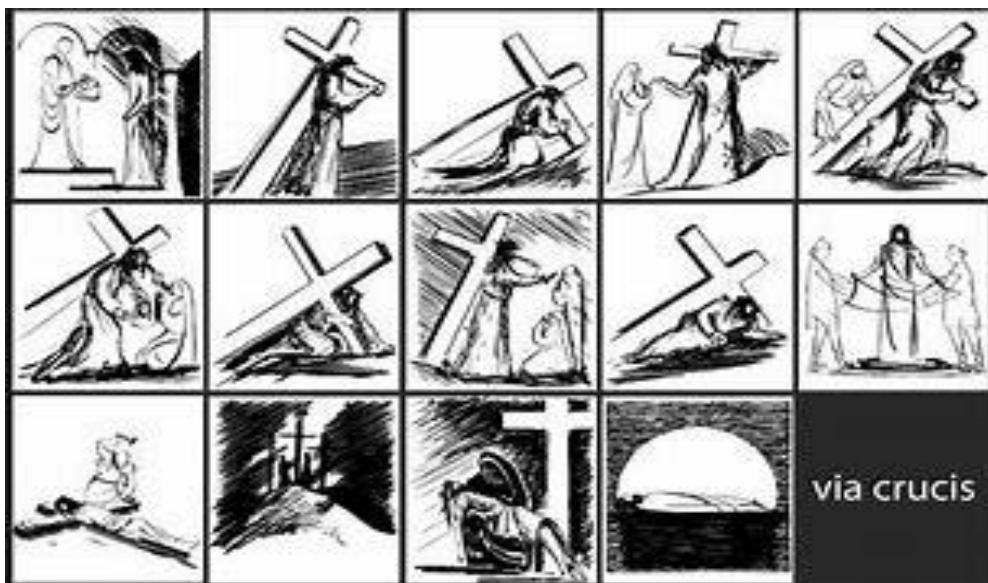
Therefore, we will be increasing our stewardship from Central by donating these items to White Rock Center of Hope and to Souls' Harbor, another charitable organization which often accepts items remaining at the end of our Operation Salvage event.

Thanks to everyone who donated. Your gifts will still be put to good use and we look forward to our own Operation Salvage in the not-too-distant future. Just think how much we will have stored up to donate by then!! Biggest Operation Salvage ever!!!

POSTCARD OUTREACH COMING

Do you remember postcards in the pews and in the rack on the wall of the Narthex? There were lovely photos and scripture verses on them. They were available to send to someone you had not seen in church recently. Someone having a birthday. Someone who had been ill. Michael Phillips designed them and he and David Hopson created the art for the postcards.

We will be sending packets of postcards to each of you sometime after Easter for your personal use in reaching out to friends from church. Or to send to folks you think could use a nice hello. Feel free to use them as you like.





Ted Beechler recently retired as Executive Director at WRCOH after 20 years of service there. His compassion, service and dedication will be missed! He has been a great leader there. Tracee Bond, who has helped at the center over 10 years, most recently as the Resale Store Manager, has been named as the Interim Executive Director while a new director is found. In their recent newsletter, Tracee shared her commitment to the vision of Donagene Christian to "Feed my sheep" and further shared, "... As each of us are faced with challenges, old and new, let us help one another to be better, wiser, and more appreciative of what we have and continue to let our hearts be open to those who need us... Let's be the "Hope" that is our namesake, and let us continue to make a difference in the community we serve..."

Also from their newsletter: This past year, an average of 65 volunteers a month served more than 21,000 hours, distributing 410,000 pounds of food and \$87,200 in financial assistance to over 12,100 individuals in 4,400 households; 370 families a month were provided a week's worth of food, 331 households avoided potential homelessness and utility disconnection.

We continue our support - In January & February, we took 3 loads of donated coats to help with the winter cold; our box for food donations is outside the door by the choir room entrance: **current needs include** canned meat products (chili, chicken, ham, chef boy-ar-dee), boxed shelf items (hamburger/tuna helper, mac& cheese, etc.), canned green beans, canned corn, canned fruit and jelly.

Contact Tracee at 214-328-2978 if you would like to volunteer.



Easter Sunday Survey results:

Thanks to all who participated in the survey and discussion for Easter Sunday plans!

Of the 38 voted responses, a majority (32 votes or 88.89%) replied they “might” or “for sure” will be there with 16.67% indicating they’re not yet comfortable in person. There were a few who provided comments without providing a vote because they will be out of town, other plans, etc. on Easter. All the comments and feedback is greatly appreciated! We continue to keep the health and safety of our congregation a priority as we test the waters and work toward returning to in-person worship with an eye on the number of active Covid cases in our community and CDC & health officials’ recommendations.

100 YEARS

Our anniversary planning committee is close to finalizing options/ choices for a logo for our 100 year anniversary celebration next year. Watch for an opportunity in the coming days for your chance to vote on the logo for us to use.

Interested in being a part of the planning and preparations? Have some suggestions for activities to hold as part of the celebration? Contact Alesia Pearson: alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net or 214-215-7670



STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2020-21



Outlaw Ranch's Connecting Cultures at Camp program brought together longtime camp families with new camp families from Pueblo de Dios, an ELCA congregation in Sioux Falls, S.D.



CONNECTING CULTURES AT CAMP

When Matt Rusch, director of Outlaw Ranch, first proposed a family camp connecting cultures, he started from scratch. "We just jumped into this," he said. "[There was] no model. We [thought], 'We know God is in the mix, so somehow it will work out.'"

The idea was to make family camp look like the church in South Dakota, which is both multilingual and racially diverse, he said.

Outlaw Ranch partnered with Pueblo de Dios, a congregation in Sioux Falls, and invited Spanish-speaking families to join with English-speaking families for the camp's weeklong Connecting Cultures program. **Outlaw Ranch is a member of Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota, which receives funding from the ELCA South Dakota Synod made available because of Mission Support.**

In addition to enjoying faith-based programming, families in Connecting Cultures could hike, ride horses and take trips to nearby Mount Rushmore and travel to Custer High School for fireworks exhibitions. That in itself was a blessing, said Maria Cabello, pastor of Pueblo de Dios.

"[Our] people feel very happy and very joyful with Outlaw Ranch ... and [they] feel very happy with God. Hispanic people don't have a week vacation [often]," she said. "It [was] very exciting to renew our spirit and renew our souls at Outlaw Ranch."

Connecting Cultures also helped some gain confidence. "Especially the kids," Cabello

said. "[Some] speak only Spanish. They feel like a little fish in the ocean. But because others were speaking Spanish, they feel more included at camp."

Instead of being embarrassed to try to use the Spanish they learned in high school years earlier, English-speaking adults utilized bilingual counselors to converse freely with Latino families. And Spanish-speaking adults who had never gone camping learned the ropes from English-speaking veterans who'd been camping for decades.

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"Camp is a wonderful equalizer," Rusch said. "There's not one of the groups who's on unequal footing here, not anyone is not out of their element. ... We all study the same Bible; we worship the same God. We try to address those things instead of the differences at the beginning."

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