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*Happy
Birthday!*



Sue Brueggemeier	6/1
Sharon Melsby	6/1
Tom Newman	6/10
Bill Brandenburg	6/13
Nina Byrne	6/24



HELLO
my name is

Don't forget to grab
your nametag each
Sunday before worship!



Sunday, June 2nd

11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
12:00 pm Fellowship

Sunday, June 9th

11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
12:00 pm Fellowship

Sunday, June 16th

11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
12:00 pm Fellowship

Sunday, June 23rd

11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
12:00 pm Fellowship

Sunday, June 30th

11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
12:00 pm Fellowship



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



SABBATICAL PLANNING

As many of you are aware, I will be taking a 3-month sabbatical this fall for the purposes of rest, renewal, and continuing education.

The Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod's "2019 Compensation Guide for Clergy" states:

This time away from the congregation is to renew a pastor's energies and vision. It is an excellent investment in the congregation's future. In a sabbatical, the congregation gets many of the benefits of a fresh start without the additional expenses of a new call process and lost momentum frequently experienced in calling a new pastor. It also provides the benefits of a longer-term pastorate in the parish, since studies show that a sabbatical often extends a pastor's stay within a parish. Usually this time away is after a pastor has been in the parish for four years or longer. By advance budgeting, monies are set aside each year to cover the expenses. During a sabbatical leave, the congregation pays full salary and benefits to the pastor on sabbatical, plus the expense of pastoral supply during the period. ... You may not realize it, but the vacation and sabbatical packages are powerful symbols of love and respect for a pastor and these offerings are well noted during the process of calling a new pastor. They are also powerful symbols of health and vitality for a congregation. Both congregation and pastor benefit by the use of renewal and recreation time.

Since this is the first sabbatical here at Central, no funds have been set aside for covering sabbatical expenses for either myself or the congregation. As a result, the Synod has stepped in to support us by giving us a \$5,000 grant from the Synod's Share Fund (an endowment fund at the Synod level) to cover those costs. Most of those funds will go toward providing pastoral coverage for worship and pastoral needs during my absence. The remainder will go toward helping defray the costs of the training and travel I will be doing during that time. (Theresa and I have been setting money aside since last year to make up the gap.) As far as future sabbaticals may be concerned, we have added a line item to our congregational budget going forward to begin saving to help provide future sabbaticals when appropriate.

So, what's happening with THIS sabbatical? The church is going through a time of transition and change. Knowing what to expect in the future is harder to do than ever. Your council is hard at work trying to vision what the future of Central might look like. They will be asking for your help. In fact, that will begin well before the sabbatical. In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter from the council outlining the conversational process we will engage in together. They

will share with you exactly what they would like to hear from you and give you some options for providing your thoughts.

To paraphrase a popular slogan these days: “Change is the only constant.” We all recognize this, in our own lives and in the life of our congregation. Change is inevitable and necessary to move forward. Part of my sabbatical will be spent learning the latest trends and techniques for helping congregations plan for the future. Upon my return, we will work together to imagine how Central might continue to be a beacon of light and hope for our community through its proclamation of the Gospel.

TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR SPIRITUAL MAINTENANCE

Along the way, Theresa and I will be stopping in to visit several national parks. (She has her “senior lifetime pass” and is eager to use it.) Part of those visits will be for relaxation and discovering the joys of RV life. Another part, though, will be to reflect on our Christian call to care for the earth and to explore how that is happening in the national treasures that are our national parks. In recent years, many parks have struggled from lack of funding for their mission or abuse of their lands. In some cases, local congregations have gotten involved in helping maintain, protect, or repair park lands. Our ELCA has a social statement on caring for creation that talks about the importance of stewarding the creation God has provided for us. I’m hoping that our visits to the parks and conversations with those working and serving there might lead to some written devotions or reflections based on our experiences there. We’ve even talked of creating a YouTube channel so that you can follow along as we visit parks, see what we see, and hear what we hear. (That’s a new idea suggesting by Phoebe Morad, Executive Director at LutheransRestoringCreation.org. I met her at the Congregational Vitality Conference in Las Vegas in February. She mentioned there were “lots” of written devotionals about caring for creation and suggested a more visually oriented one would be welcome. Theresa and I are still working with the concept. 😊)

September 9th (“God’s Work, Our Hands”) will be my departure Sunday and I will be back in the pulpit on December 15th. Of course, there are some practical concerns in this process that can create some anxiety. Who’s going to be preaching each week? Who do I call if I need something? We will be sharing those details more specifically as the time gets closer. What I can say now is that the preaching and pastoral care parts have already been committed to by pastors you know. Pr. Betty Krafft will take the lead in serving during this time except for a couple weeks in October when she is on a trip with her mother. (Pr. Holly Gunby and Pr. Bob Chenault will cover those weeks.) The newsletters this fall

will have the preaching and contact numbers for the pastor “on duty” during any given week. They will serve you well. (Hopefully, not TOO well...don't replace me before I get back!) 😊

There will be opportunities for all of us to learn and grow during this period. It should provide us with ample tools to move forward together in mission for the sake of God's kingdom!

Peace,

Fr. David Kappus

Central Lutheran Church Women

We now have two successful weeks of lefse in the books – a total of 217 packages! Thank you to all who volunteer to peel, roll, bake and package. We couldn't do it without you! If you missed this opportunity, you'll have another coming in September.

Below are dates for future Fall bazaar preparations to put on your calendar:

Lefse - September 23rd – 27th @ 9 am

Meatballs – Tuesday, October 15th & Thursday, October 17th @ 4pm

Cookies – week of October 21st – 25th @ 9 am

Clothes Closet

We are currently in need of the following items:

- Baseball caps
- Dress shirts (larger sizes)
- Men's T-shirts
- Men's belts
- Men's jeans (sz 32 & 34)



Thank you for your continued support!

The Clothes Closet Crew



The Spokane Accordion Ensemble

"MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES"

Saturday June 1st, 2:00-3:00 pm

Central Lutheran Church

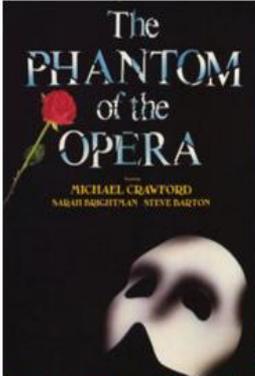
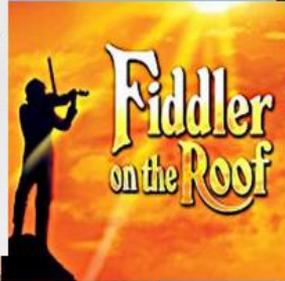
Free Concert

Thank you to Central Lutheran Church For Rehearsal

Space For The Ensemble



the muppets.



Other Songs Include:

Abba

Henry Mancini

Lion King

Magnificent Seven

My Heart Will Go On

Time To Say Goodbye

For more information contact Eileen Webber—509-290-6858

Favorite Hymns 2019

Thank you to all who submitted choices. Below is a list of hymns we will be using. The ones in black are going to be sung as the Offertory Hymn during the offering. The hymns in red will be sung as the communion hymn for the day.

Your Worship and Music Team

Hymn Name	#	Person(s)	
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	836	Charlotte Dubois	May 26
Jesus Loves Me	595	Joan Schmitt	(May 26)
Let All Things Now Living	881	Lucinda Saue	June 2
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	733	Kay Anderson	June 9
Just As I Am	592	Greg Saue	(June 9)
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	414	Sue Brueggemeier	June 16
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	773	Richard Sola/Colleen Gilbert	(June 16)
Shall We Gather at The River	423	Carol Nichols	June 23
Shine Jesus, Shine	671	Debbie Gehret	June 30
Mine Eye Have Seen the Glory	890	Dick Guthrie	July 7
For All the Saints	422	Stan Drumm	July 14
Abide With Me	629	Bev Ball/Melissa Drumm	(July 14)
Soon and Very Soon	439	Monica Swanson	July 21
Were You There	353	Art Cossairt	(July 21)
Lift High the Cross	660	Edna Karjalahti	July 28
Faith of Our Fathers	812	Larry Holstein	(July 28)
O Come O Come Emanuel	257	Lucia Bagwell	August 4
Beautiful Savior	838	Cindy Worila/Barb Guthrie/ Carol Holstein	August 11
We Are Called	720	Donn Gehret	August 18
Take My Life That I May Be	685	Sandy Fink	(August 18)
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	414	Sue Brueggemeier	August 25
It is Well With My Soul	785	Kathie Phillips/Gary Dahlke	

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