

Central Thoughts

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Important Dates

- Sept 6 Choir Practice Begins
- Sept 6 Blessing of workers
- Sept 7 Labor Day-Office Closed
- Sept 8 Executive Board & Church Council
- Sept 13 God's Work—Our Hands
- Sept 13 Parking Lot Dinner
- Sept 18 Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 20 Blessing of Students and Teachers
- Sept 20 Sunday School and Adult Forum Begin
- Sept 22 Confirmation Begins (at Trinity)
- Sept 24 Fellowship Luncheon
- Sept 27 Parking Lot Dinner
- Sept 30 Mid-Week Bible Study begins



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September Thoughts by Pastor Swain

"They came to Capernaum. When Jesus was safe at home, he asked them, 'What were you discussing on the road?' The silence was deafening-they had been arguing with one another over who among them was the greatest. He sat down and summoned the Twelve. 'So you want first place? Then take last place. Be the servant of all.' Mark 9:33-35 (Eugene Peterson, The Message)

As we move into September we once again begin our educational programs. But I want to call them more than that. They are our faith journey opportunities. Our chance to hear once more the living word speak to us about what it means to live as the people of the risen one.

In the encounter mentioned above Jesus' disciples find themselves in a bit of hot water. They have been arguing about who was the greatest. I find it no coincidence that as they are on their way, these followers of the Way, Jesus, have things turn around. Jesus has been about being the least and the servant.

Jesus says "You want to be first, be last." It is a reminder to us all that so often we get so caught up in who is first, that we forget Jesus said he came for the least and that the way to greatness is to be a servant to others.

As we move through this fall there will opportunities for us to hear and see the Living Word speaking to us about what it means to be the servants of all. We will have Adult Forums, Mid-week Bible studies, Sunday morning Christian Education hour and a variety of other



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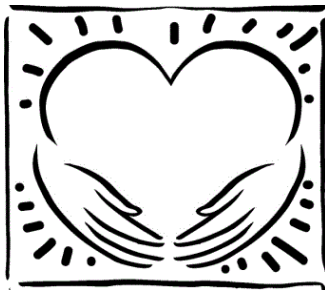
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ways to learn from our Lord.

Our Lord reminds us that being great is not about having a good name, the right ethnic heritage, the right financial package, or even the right religious heritage. Jesus reminds us that being great means that as he came and gave himself for us, we give ourselves for each other.

Central is here to be a servant to Everett and to the world. May we continue to hear our Lord's voice calling us to greatness in his kingdom, serving those whom God has created.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike



MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM BEING FORMED

Trinity Lutheran College, Trinity Lutheran Church and Central Lutheran Church are in the process of forming a mutual ministry team. We are looking for one to two people from each of our bodies to form a team that will look at how we three church bodies can work together in ministry with the downtown Everett community. This group will look at existing ministries and then offer suggestions as to how the future might look as we work together.

If this interests you, or if you know of someone that would be interested, please let the office know. We hope to have this team going in September.



FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

On Sunday, September 20th, two opportunities will begin. One will be our Sunday morning education hour for our young people. The other is the Adult Forum. The schedule for the forum is listed in this newsletter.

The Mid-week Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 30th, and go for four weeks. There will be a session in the afternoon at 1 pm and a session in the evening at 7pm. This study will focus on the letter of 1st John and ask these four questions 1) Who Is Jesus-Really? 2) Who Are We-Really? 3) How Can We Love-Really? 4) How Can We Live-Really? Sign-up sheets will be in the upcoming Sunday bulletins.

In addition to these group gatherings, there are a couple web sites that might be helpful. Enter the Bible is a site sponsored by Luther Seminary and is a great place to do some studying of the different books of the Bible. The address for this site is www.enterthebible.org.

Another different sort of site is Keep Questioning. This site was created by Dr. Dan Peterson, an ELCA pastor and professor at Seattle University. Dr. Peterson created this site to encourage questions about religion, theology and spirituality. The address for this site is www.keepquestioning.org.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

August has been a little slow for the Call Committee due to various vacations of members and candidates. But we are now back at work checking references and conducting second interviews with some of the candidates. Please keep the Call Committee and candi-

Called to Ministry



Congratulations to our former intern, Katie Emery, and her husband, Will Johnson, who will both be ordained this month. The ordinations will be at Luther Seminary, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Katie's will be the evening of September 11th, and Will's the next morning, September 12th. You are all invited to attend! Katie has received a call to Terry Community Presbyterian Church and Hope American Lutheran Church in Fallon, Montana. Will's call is to Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, Montana. They will be living at the parsonage in Terry.



Congratulations to our former intern CJ Boettcher & Kandice! CJ was ordained at his home church in Wisconsin earlier this summer. Here's a little note from him:

I am so grateful for the ways in which you, the people of Central Lutheran Church, have encouraged me and helped me to grow. Kandice and I were deeply blessed by your love and support in what was a difficult and challenging year for all of us. You have played no small role in helping me to become the pastor that I will be in just a few short weeks.

I have received a call to Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN. It is an old Swedish congregation formed back in 1879. The congregation has about 300 members and averages about 60-65 worshipers per Sunday. The town itself numbers somewhere above 400. It is a good congregation with enthusiastic and supportive people.

Kandice and I are very excited to be moving and I am anxious to get down to the business of ministry. Also, we have a FIVE bedroom parsonage. Visitors are always welcome at the Boettcher B and B.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, September 18.

THANK YOU!!

Nearly 40 Central members and guests enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship at Swans Trail Farms, hosted by Ben & Carol Krause. A free-will offering of \$346 will help to offset Call Committee Expenses, as they interview pastoral candidates for Central. A big "thank you" to the Krause's, and to all who contributed, both money and pot-luck items.



Pastors Katie Emery & Will Johnson
Hope American Lutheran Church
PO Box 97
Fallon, MT 59326

Pastor CJ & Kandice Boettcher
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
PO Box 128
Upsala, MN 56384

Meagan & Chris Semore (after Sept. 9th)
22314 E. Via del Verde
Queen Creek, AZ 85142



Lutheran Indian Ministries

Christ's Kingdom—Every Native American Nation.

A Ministry of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Lutheran Indian Ministries shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native American Nations. God's grace compels us to help build the capacity of Native Americans to impact their commu-

nities for the sake of Christ's Kingdom. We seek to identify, recruit, equip and empower Native people to become spiritual leaders among their own people.

Lutheran Indian Ministries envisions a day when all nations walk together in Christian fellowship. This is the driving force behind our Native ministry. We want Native people to know they have forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ. We seek to share this life-changing Gospel message in a way that addresses and heals their particular needs and hurts. We want these children of God to gain self-worth, knowing God created each one uniquely for His purpose. We want Natives to thrive in stable and healthy families and communities with empowered leaders devoted to Christ. We seek to embrace the uniqueness of each tribe's heritage. We want to share and learn from one another.

Finally, we anticipate gathering on the Last Day when we shall see "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." ... proclaiming "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9--10).

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1150 to our Puget Sound Maritime Ministry. This has been an emotional year for us as we lost two great champions of this ministry, Pastor Everett Savage and Pastor Roald Kverndal. Both had a great heart for the hard-working seafarers who are so far from home. Chaplain Paul Tan continues the ship visitation ministry, working closely with the Episcopal chaplaincy.

Separations from family are long, and the work is grueling. We seldom stop to think about the array of goods we all enjoy and consider that most of it was transported by these crewmen.

Pastor Savage was occasionally asked, almost with suspicion, "Why are you so good to us?" His reply was always, "Because we have a God who is so good to us." We will treasure his memory and the many lessons he taught.

Thank you for helping carry on this ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Sue Wanwig

Chair, NW WA Synod Maritime Ministry

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Dear Friends at Central,

Just a note to say thanks for your recent Mission of the Month gift to our work in Brazil. These folks were thankful too, for your helping to keep this plane going.

In Him,

Tim & Luce Johnson



Return to Fall Schedule



Several activities will be starting soon:

- Choir begins at 8:45 on Sept. 6th
- Sunday School and Adult Forum both start September 20th at 9:00 a.m.
- Confirmation begins on September 22nd at 4:30 pm at Trinity.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS



Are you interested in learning how to be a better defensive driver, and also get a reduced rate on your insurance? If we have enough interest the Red Cross will offer us a defensive driving course. This class would be about 3 hours in length. There will be an interest sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Blessing of Workers

On September 6th, we will have a **Blessing of Workers** during the morning worship service. This will go along with our celebration of Labor Day.



Blessing of Students and Teachers

It's that time of year again! September marks the start of another school year and many of us find ourselves helping the students in our lives prepare for success in the upcoming months of learning. Teachers and other school workers also mark this time in the fall as a start of a new chapter. Please join us in **Blessing our Students and Teachers** on Sunday, September 20th, by bringing backpacks, work bags, briefcases, etc. to be blessed so that we may head into our new school year with God's blessing guiding us.



CHOIR REHEARSALS begin Sunday, Sept. 6th at 8:45 a.m. Anyone who enjoys singing is encouraged to join. Don't worry if you don't read music; Peggy Kurtz can make recordings of your part to assist you.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin soon. Day and time yet to be determined. Talk to Peggy if you are interested.



MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY BEGINS "1 JOHN"

What? This study will focus on the letter of 1st John and ask these four questions:

- 1) Who Is Jesus-Really?
- 2) Who Are We-Really?
- 3) How Can We Love-Really?
- 4) How Can We Live-Really?

Who? You! No experience is required. Just come ready to hear the living word speak through the written word.

When? Starting September 30th for 4 weeks
Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm
Wednesday evenings at 7 pm

How? Reserve a spot by filling out a registration form found in your Sunday bulletin, by phoning the church office at 425-252-8291, or just show up. You will not be

CLCW September Circles

Rachel Circle
September 14 at 1:30 pm
Friendship Room

Elizabeth Circle
September 15 at 7:00 pm
Hostess Kristi Lee,
901 Grand Ave., Everett

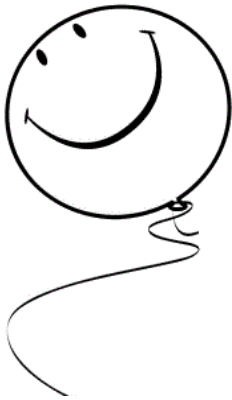
Priscilla Circle
September 15 at 1:00 pm
Hostess Lone Harbor
5030 Delaware, Everett

Fellowship Potluck Luncheon

This month's Potluck Fellowship Luncheon will be Thursday, Sept. 24, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for a sign up sheet on the entryway table soon. The program will be a DVD of a male quartet singing sacred music favorites. Please join us!

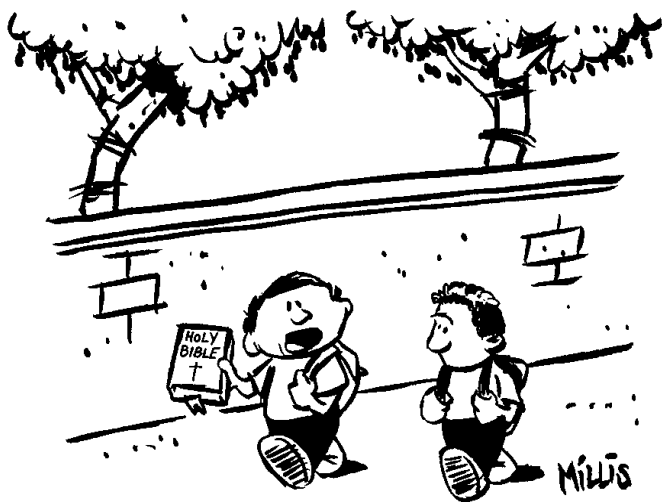


Does your spirit need a lift?



On **Saturday, September 19th**, Bethany Lutheran in Seattle is presenting a day of inspirational speakers exploring the gift of laughter. Speakers are Donna Oiland, a Christian speaker, author and encourager, and JeanAnn O'Brien, a certified Laugh Leader with the World Laughter Tour. The gathering will run from 9:30-3:00 and will include lunch. Special

dietary needs can be accommodated. Cost: \$15 for the day. Please RSVP at 206-532-4454



"Pastor says all the answers are in here. I guess he never had to take one of Mrs. Dykstra's geometry exams."

Remember Our Homebound in Your Prayers

The following persons are unable to worship with us on a regular basis. Please include them in your prayers.
@ Washington Oakes: Freda Johnston; @ Forest View: Wally Hammen; @ home or adult home residences: Sharon Bunney; Dorothy Isaksen, Phyllis Norlie, Sarajane Petersen, Linda Slater, Sheryn Todd. Please contact the church office if you would like to be included or add a name to this list.



Remember Our Military Members in Your Prayers

Jacob Shimmin—U.S. Navy



Remember Our College Students in Your Prayers

Emily Anderson — Seattle Pacific University
Maggie Anderson—Western Governors University
Kayla Barnes—Everett Community College
Ben Eastin — University of Washington
Chris Eastin — Everett Community College
Katie Eastin — Scripps College
Rachel Jacobson — Lewis & Clark College
Mark Lee —University of Washington
Jeff Parris—Trinity Lutheran College
Brooke Rogers—University of Pennsylvania
Anna VanderWeyst — Pacific University
Paige Warfield—Washington State University



Sno-Isle Cluster Prayer Request List For September

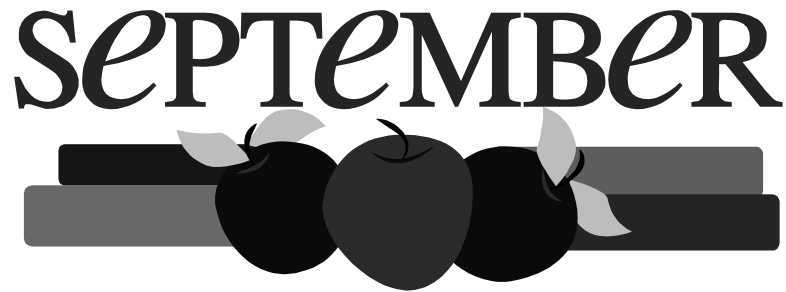
We pray for our neighboring congregations in the Sno-Isle Cluster and their Pastors.

September 6— Faith, Everett; Interim Pastor Michael Ross

September 13— Good Shepherd, Snohomish; Pastor Tom Rohde

September 20— Holy Cross, Lake Stevens; Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett

September 27— Lutheran Counseling Network; Michael Clifford, Rosemary Raynaud

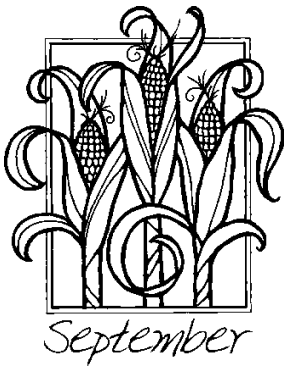
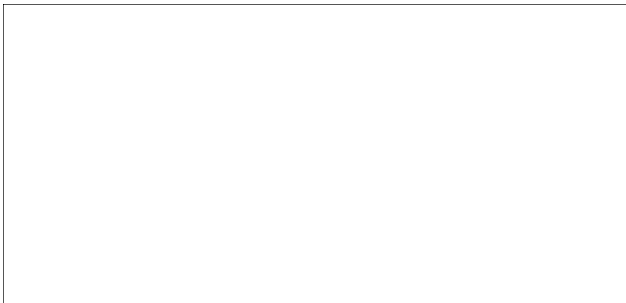


	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Greeters	Rod & Kathy Nelson	Marilee Richards	Trygve & Lyla Anderson	Bill & Janet Loesche
Ushers	Dave Finstad Ivan Eastin Katie Eastin Ben Eastin	Dave Finstad Rod Nelson Chuck Trosvig	Clayton Olsen Gordon Birkliid Frank Stearns Kathy Stearns	Barbara Lichneckert Debbie Ritchie
Assisting Ministers	Jeffery Parris	Leah Anderson	Barbara Lichneckert	Pastor Mike
Lectors	Trygve Anderson	Clayton Olsen	Bob Lee	Karen Moore
Communion Assistants	Marlene Ringen Lori Wentz 2 Volunteers	Marlene Ringen Lori Wentz 2 Volunteers	Marlene Ringen Lori Wentz 2 Volunteers	Marlene Ringen Lori Wentz 2 Volunteers
Nursery Attendant	Kayla Barnes	Kayla Barnes	Kayla Barnes	Kayla Barnes
Counters	Peter VanderWeyst Betty Johnson	Naomi Davis Don Krassin	Dave Finstad Debbie Cates	Kathy Anderson Brian Moreland
Altar Guild	Marlene Ringen, Lori Wentz			
Van Drivers	Steve Olsen	Lyla Anderson	Laurie VanderWeyst	Dave Watts

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*"For you, O God, are my fortress, the God who
shows me steadfast love." Psalm 59:17*

