



The Spirit of Central

News about the mission of Central Lutheran Church
Downtown Minneapolis

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Of confirmation, Mozart, miracle giving and the birthday of the church Pentecost weekend promises to be spirit-filled!

Summer schedule begins Sunday, May 19 with one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place . . . suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind . . . tongues, as of fire, appeared among them . . . all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages . . ."

FROM ACTS 2:1-4 (NRSV)

Pentecost, considered the birth of the Christian Church, is celebrated as a time of birth, rebirth and renewal—a time to give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and to be strengthened to carry out God's mission of love and care for a world in need. Such will be the case next Sunday at Central as many components will be woven together to create a milestone day in the life and mission of our congregation.

Missa brevis in B flat

The Central Choir and soloists will perform *Missa brevis in B flat* ("short mass" in latin) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) within the liturgical context of the worship service. The work was

premiered December 21, 1777 in Salzburg, Austria. The soloists—section leaders of the choir—are Susan Troselius (soprano), Rochelle Milbrath (alto), Roy Heilman (tenor) and Tommy Glass (bass). The vocalists will be accompanied by a chamber ensemble consisting of musicians of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and Central members David and Sarah Coltz. The orchestra is made possible by gifts given to the Music Department in memory of longtime Central member Gloria Hahn, who died in June of last year.

Affirmation of baptism

Next Sunday will also be a milestone day in the spiritual journeys of three young Centralites as Thomas Egan, Mei Li Liss and Daniel Peterson are confirmed during the Pentecost worship service.

"The confirmation milestone is foundational to the theological understanding and formation of young people," said Greer Cherney Johnson, youth and family ministry coordinator. This is a special time when youth are able to move forward in their faith

journeys and explore their personal faith."

(Special thanks to Barb VanDrasek and Jeffrey Schulz—both of whom hold degrees from Luther Seminary—who stepped forward to teach confirmation following the transition in clergy leadership!)

Miracle giving

An intensive, month-long prayer effort by many comes to a conclusion next weekend—designated Miracle Weekend by the Congregation Council. In a letter mailed to Central households on May 10, Pastor Steve Ganzkow-Wold and Congregation President Patrick Egan explained that Miracle Weekend is "a time to celebrate our life together and the ministries of this congregation with a special one-time financial offering."

The offering is intended to be above and beyond regular giving for the specific purpose of reducing or eliminating a significant shortfall in the operating budget of the current fiscal year, which ends May 31. As explained in the letter, the deficit—currently \$113,769—is the result of various factors including unexpected, one-time costs related to the transition in clergy leadership. The shortfall must be repaid—either now with Miracle Weekend gifts or in the coming fiscal year by diverting funds from ministry.

"It is by honestly and openly addressing this issue and offering an opportunity to members and friends to respond in gratitude to what God is doing at and through Central, that we can move forward with building a stronger financial foundation for the many ministries of this church that touch and transform the lives of our members, the community and the world," said Pastor Steve and Patrick in the letter. A special offering envelope was included with the letter.

Cake on the plaza and a few surprises

Pentecost Sunday will conclude with a celebration on the North Plaza with cake in honor of our confirmands and the birthday of the church! And, watch for a few surprises. Think Holy Spirit. Think fire!



Joe Bjordal

Central's own young violin virtuosos David and Sarah Coltz (pictured here performing at the Easter Brunch) will join musicians of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra to accompany Mozart's *Missa brevis in B flat* next Sunday, May 19 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The Saturday worship service (5:30 p.m.) continues throughout the summer. It's a 45-minute service of Holy Communion, a great alternative to Sunday worship and a great way to start a night on the town in downtown Minneapolis!

youth and family ministries

Thank you teachers, shepherds and helpers for a great year of Sunday School!

May 12 marks the conclusion of another year of Sunday School. What a year it was! Following the *Spark* curriculum and learning model from

Augsburg Fortress Publishers, the children learned about God's saving acts throughout history through "rotational" experiences that included stories, art, drama and even science. The effort is carried out by a group of adults who serve as shepherds (assigned to the same group of children throughout the year and staying with them as they rotate), teachers and a group of helpers—led by longtime Sunday School organizers Edith Adams and Jane Eshleman

the goal of having a new youth and family ministry coordinator in time for the start of the new program year this fall.

opportunities

Pizza and cookie dough sale ends Sunday

May 12 will be the last Sunday to participate in the youth group's sale of frozen pizza and cookie dough—a fundraiser for the summer youth mission trip to New Jersey (to continue clean up after Hurricane Sandy). Come to the South Commons after worship services this Sunday to sample some of "the finished product" and place your order. The frozen dough orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 19.

Young Adult BBQ

Pastor C will host Central's developing Youth Adult Group for a BBQ on **Saturday, May 18** from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Beverages and meat/vegetable grilling options provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP: Greer Cherney Johnson at gcherney@centralmpls.org.

Summer Family Camp

Central families are invited to gather at Camp WAPO **June 7-9** for the annual Summer Family Camp. Come and enjoy swimming, campfires, games, canoeing, meals and great fellowship. We will have Sunday morning worship before departing for home. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome. If you have questions, contact Greer. Registration forms available at the Church Office. Payment is due at time of registration—\$250 maximum per family.

Vacation Bible School

All ages are invited to participate in this summer's Vacation Bible School **June 24-28**. We'll gather each evening (Monday to Friday) for dinner at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall. There will be opening and closing music and prayer in the Sanctuary. In between there will be small group options for children and adults. The cost is \$100 per family for the full week or \$30.00 per family per night or \$20.00 per individual per night. Watch for more information next weekend, when registration begins!



Some of Central's children joined Pastor Steve in praying over a quilt on May 5—as part of a service that blessed over 200 quilts to be distributed in developing countries by Lutheran World Relief.

"Thank you teachers, shepherds and helpers for your dedication to our Sunday School ministry," said Greer Cherney Johnson, youth and family ministries coordinator. "You are a blessing and have made Christian education at Central a joy. Thank you for leading our young ones in faith. You are a priceless gift to our Central Lutheran Church family and we appreciate your hard work and love for God's children. Thank you! Much love."

Search will begin this summer for new youth and family ministry coordinator

Greer Cherney Johnson came to Central as full-time youth and family ministry coordinator in 2009. Later, feeling God's call to ordained ministry, she enrolled at Luther Seminary and continued to serve Central's youth and families on a part-time basis. Greer will be leaving her position at Central—following the youth mission trip this July, that she and husband Doug will lead—to enter her year of seminary internship.

The Congregation Council has recently endorsed expanding the position to full-time again to serve the needs of this growing ministry. The Personnel Committee will launch a search this summer with



Vacation Bible School
June 24-28 • 5:00p.m.-7:30p.m. • Central Lutheran Church

Half sold out already!

Second annual Cabaret aims to nurture community at Central!

June 1 - 6:30 p.m. (following the 5:30 worship service) Tickets on sale this weekend!

The Saturday worship musicians will again step out of the chancel and onto the cabaret stage for an eclectic evening of show tunes, torch songs, Gospel, Country, Jazz and more. The performers include George Berglund, Jerry Chaumard, Thom Dreeze, Ron Fiscus, Alyssa Hansen, Pat Hansen, George Holtan, Christopher Haug, Nick Johnson, Wendy Lukaszewski, Rochelle Milbrath, Derek Rasmussen, Jim Sample, Clarence Smith, Tom Stapel, Karl Starr, Susan Troselius, Kristine Wehrkamp and musical director Carolyn

Diamond. This year's cabaret features a full meal of Croque Monsieur sandwiches, salad, chips, dessert, wine and coffee. **Tickets (\$10.00) are available for purchase following worship services this weekend or online (with a small service fee) at www.centralcabaret.brownpapertickets.com. This event will sell out, so buy your tickets early!**





My Central: Bob Tufford

—tenth in a series of interviews provided by the Shared Ministry Team—leading up to Appreciation Weekend in June—celebrating people who have been part of our faith community for 30 years or more

by Diane Nimmer
Shared Ministry Team



Joe Bjordal

The Central Lutheran Church connection dates back to the 1950s and 60s for Bob Tufford. He attended Augsburg College and later law school at the University of Minnesota. He was living near downtown while attending college, and as a lifelong Lutheran, he was interested in attending a Lutheran church in the area. He started coming to Central with other classmates and Central has been part of his life ever since that time.

Bob grew up in the “farming” area just north of Minneapolis, which is now Brooklyn Park and Anoka. Hard to believe when we look at the metropolitan area today, but at that time, where he lived was really out in the country. He attended a one room school with only 3 students in his grade. He says that even though it was small, they got a great education and were very prepared for moving on to Anoka High School, via the city bus along with fellow classmate and boy-hood friend, Garrison Keillor.

After law school, Bob and his wife moved to Dallas. He returned in 1972, and after he divorced, he once again joined Central Lutheran in 1974. This time he had a different motivation, he wanted to be sure that his three children had a church home to attend with him.

Bob remained “a member in the seats” at Central for many years. Another marriage, a second

divorce and some adopted children created new changes. Through all of that Central remained a very important part of his life. He says his life has taken many twists and turns, but Central has always remained as an anchor and constant element for him.

It seemed to Bob that Pastor Steve Cornils was speaking directly to him on many occasions. Along with the worship service, the music and a place to reflect once a week, Central helped him move on with his life.

He met Marie, and after a long courtship, they were married at Central in 1991. They became a large family. Together, they have 9 children, and 19 grandchildren. Several of them have married at Central and a number of their grandchildren have been baptized here.

One of his sons actually got him more involved, and now we see Bob many Sundays, with a white carnation in his lapel, serving as one of our ushers. He has served as president of the Usher’s Society and the Men’s Fellowship. He and Marie continue to be involved in a number of programs and activities here at Central.

Bob really appreciates how Central is involved in the community. He is also glad that as a faith community we are willing to look at new ways to participate and grow. He knows that this is the only church he will attend. He and Marie have signed up to be part of the Columbarium. They are really here to stay!

Top Ten Myths about Planned Giving

No. 9: I give a lot now, so I don’t need to make a planned gift



Giving gifts to Central Lutheran Church during your lifetime is a wonderful way to be philanthropic. Financial support is always needed and you get the pleasure of seeing how your gift makes a difference. “Pay as you go” is a great philosophy. But if you have the resources, adding a planned gift to the other ways you support Central and the Foundation—along with volunteering, attending events and being a generous steward of God’s gifts in this life—provides a truly forward-thinking dimension and a testament to your faith. Become a Legacy Partner of the Foundation. For more information contact Lee Anne Lack, director of development, at llack@centralmpls.org or 612/767-9240.

Appreciation Weekend celebrates you!

On June 1 and 2 we will give thanks to all who call Central their family of faith—those who worship, serve on teams, give financially, donate to the Free Store, attend concerts and much, much more!

If you are attending Saturday worship and not attending the Cabaret, stay for hors d’oeuvres. If you attend Sunday, enjoy the service with music and liturgy celebrating the gifts of all followed by brunch on the plaza.

Watch for more details next weekend!



Norma Halter

Born - July 21, 1939 Died - May 8, 2013
•Joined Central in 1997

Funeral - Friday, May 17

Visitation - 10:00 a.m. Service - 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon Reception Follows

BLESSED BE THE MEMORY OF THIS CHILD OF GOD WHO LIVED AMONG US

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Datebook *Meetings, events, and opportunities just ahead.*

— more events at www.centralmpls.org

Monday, May 13

Budget Meeting
8:00 a.m.
Free Store
10:00 a.m.
Community Meal
11:30 a.m.
Children/Youth/Family Team
5:30 p.m. (OFFSITE)

Tuesday, May 14

Free Store
10:00 a.m.
Grace Circle
1:00 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Knitters Group
1:30 p.m.
Cabaret Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.
Heading Home Central Team
6:00 p.m.
New Member Ministry Team
6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

Maintenance & Custodial Support Team Project
9:00 a.m.
Free Store
10:00 a.m.
The Word in Our Midst
2:00 p.m.
Staffing Model Team
3:30 p.m.
Camp Amnicon Calling Night
6:00 p.m.
Central Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

Augsburg Nursing Women's Group at 10:30 a.m.
Free Store
11:00 a.m.
Camp Amnicon Calling Night
6:00 p.m.
WelcomeLife Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Garden Ministry Team
Planting Day
9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 18

Garden Ministry Team
Planting Day
9:00 a.m.
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.
Downtown Grief Coalition
9:30 a.m.

Datebook announcements are compiled by Erica Doss.

Submit proposed announcements to edoss@centralmpls.org by 5:00 p.m. Mondays.

Every Week

Sunday School Classes

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Age 3 to 5th Grade in Room 222
Middle School (Confirmation) in Room 228
High School Youth Group in Youth Room
Parent Lounge open!

"The Word in Our Midst" Weekly Bible Study Every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

This weekly Bible study, held in Fireside Lounge, focuses on the scripture texts for the coming weekend.

Downtown Coalition for Grief Support Every Saturday morning

The Downtown Coalition for Grief Support is meeting at Central from May to September at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday morning in the Lower Narthex. The speaker for May 18 is Lorry Lundborg, who will share a personal story. Contact Joan Van Wirt at 612-333-3273 or visit www.mplsgriefsupport.com for more information.

This Weekend

Fair Trade items will be for sale in Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday, and in South Commons following the second service.

Blood Pressure Checks Sunday, May 12

Central's Health Ministry Team will offer blood pressure checks today. Members of this team will be in the library between services.

Sunday Forum: Community Table Sunday, May 12 at 9:45 a.m. in Community Rm

Putting your money where your mouth is never tasted better! Your food dollar can help local farmers build the alternative food system and bring local healthy food to your table. Community Table is working to build a sustainable local food system that connects consumers to producers. Can worker and farmer ownership through cooperatives make a difference? You'll have the opportunity to sign up for a CSA share (7 or 14 pounds) of local vegetables delivered weekly to Central this summer and fall!

Celebrate your Birthday Sunday Sunday, May 12

Come to Fellowship Hall and celebrate with those who have birthdays in May & June. Special treats provided!

Next Week

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Workshop Monday, May 13 (OFFSITE)

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a workshop about the basics of Social Security (presented by Scott Wardell, Thrivent Advisor) on Monday, May 13, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 7625 Chicago Avenue, in Richfield. Call Lisa at 952-400-0559 to reserve your place.

Prayer Shawl Knitters Group Tuesday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Do you knit? Do you want to learn how? By popular demand, the Prayer Shawl Knitters Group will meet the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Fireside Lounge. Bring your current work or come to learn to knit. Everyone is welcome! Contact Bobbie Spradley (651-687-9145; bobbiespradley@comcast.net) or Eve Overby (612-822-3543; eveoverby@msn.com) for more information.

Maintenance & Custodial Support Ministry Team Project

Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m.

The Maintenance & Custodial Support Ministry Team will gather for their monthly project this Wednesday, May 15, at 9:00 a.m. This month, the team will concentrate on the North and South Commons areas by washing windows, dusting behind the pews, and giving the entire area a good spring cleaning! This ministry team was inspired and is led by Central members Lois Steer and Larry Peterson. With all of the new and exciting events at Central, the team is much appreciated by Central's maintenance & custodial staff. If you would like to learn more about the team, or if you are interested in joining them, please contact Lois at 612-332-4769.

Next Weekend

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 19
Saturday Evening Worship at 5:30 p.m.
One Sunday service at 10:00 a.m.

Peace with Justice Forum Sunday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a forum, "The Foundation of Justice: A Prerequisite for Sustainable Peace", presented by Rev. Charles Amjad-Ali, the Martin Luther King Jr., Professor of Justice and Christian Community at Luther Seminary. Rev. Amjad-Ali, also the director of Luther's Islamic Studies program, will share different ways of looking at justice and peace. Lunch is available in Fellowship Hall for \$7.00, and parking is free in the Central parking lot (located on the South side of the building). **Note earlier start time!**

Looking Ahead

Project Homeless Connect Monday, May 20

If you would like to volunteer for Project Homeless Connect, please go to homelessconnectminneapolis.org for more information. The final training session is on May 14. First time volunteers must attend one session.

Upcoming Building Closure Tuesday & Wednesday, May 21 & 22

The building will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, May 21 & 22, as the staff will be offsite for their annual planning and calendar session.

Don't miss Appreciation Weekend!
A time to celebrate you!
June 1 and 2, 2013
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