

**2017
MAY/JUNE CARILLON**



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**OFFICE HOURS:
M, W, Th, F- 9:00-Noon
Tuesday - Closed**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
(no Coffee Social in June)
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.**

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Tending the Seeds of Hope

As the days are getting longer and the sun is shining brighter, my husband Ryan and I have eagerly been anticipating the summer gardening season. Our front picture window is now home to dozens upon dozens of seeds nestled in soil. We've been studying up on best-practices and tending to our little seeds daily with water, sunshine, excitement, and hope. We are in the early stages of gardening – drawing the plans, tending to the tiny details, trusting in all the possibility that we cannot fully see.



Our work in the garden reminds us of the work we do as the Church: we sow the seeds of hope that have been given to us, trusting that God is able to make new life spring up out of the most unlikely of places. We seek to nurture not only the mature plants in the garden, but the new seedlings springing up out of the soil, and the seeds that have yet to break through. The Church is a living body, and just like a garden, it's meant to grow, change and bear fruit. As you see the changes of spring around you, and as you perhaps tend to your own garden, consider the ways that God calls us to tend to our own spiritual well-being, the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and those in our community who do not yet know the deep love of God.



Throughout this newsletter you'll find opportunities to do all of these things, whether it's getting your hands dirty at our all-church workday on May 20th, inviting a friend to the summertime Beach Service (starting June 11th), taking your own faith walk deeper through the Creative Prayer Practices class, or nurturing friendships at a family fellowship night or the family camping trip. The harvest is plentiful, and there is work to be done! Let's be the Church!

With grace, peace, and seeds full of hope,
Pastor Elise

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Children's Church



NURSERY CARE

Children ages 4 and younger are invited to join Joni Elliott any time on Sunday mornings from 9:00 thru the 10:30 worship service.

ELEMENTARY

(Readiness Kindergarten - 5th grade)
Sunday school teacher Pat and Pat Rogers will lead students in Bible Study along with playing games, creating crafts, or making a treat. Students meet in Room 7.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP

Wendy DeRouin and Lee Anderson will guide these students through their transition from child to teen with games, discussions and mission projects. This class meets in Room 8 at 9:15 every Sunday morning and is for students grades 6 - 8.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Holly Hamilton invites those of you in grades 9 thru 12 for a fun morning of Christian education and an open discussion about teen topics every Sunday morning at 9:15 in the office Conference Room.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Attention children ages 4 through 2nd grade: After the children's message, you will be guided to the chapel where an adult leader will lead you in praying, singing and learning Bible stories. You will return to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn (or before communion on Communion Sundays). We look forward to seeing you there.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join the Women's Group in Room #9 on Sunday mornings at 9:15.



LOVING FINGERS QUILTERS

The Loving Fingers Quilters continue to meet in Room #9 on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They make quilts for Escanaba and Marquette Hospice and members of our church or anyone we know who would find a little comfort in a quilt.

HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund during this difficult economic time. The funds are for Central members who are facing urgent financial challenges and are in need of assistance. All help is strictly confidential. See Pastor Elise for assistance.

MAY FINANCE STEWARDS

07 Laura Kluka, Bev Ladin
14 Cheryl Swanson, Arleen Martin
21 Janet Snowden, Lois Lavelle
28 Laura Kluka, Bev Ladin

MAY GREETERS

07 Rocky Blixt, Kerry Madalinski
14 Arleen Martin, Volunteer
21 Bob Hamlin, Volunteer
28 Diane Bennett, Harry Badge

MAY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Our next meeting date is **May 18th**, with Trustees, Finance, and SPRC committees meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Council meeting at 7:15 p.m.
June meetings will be Thursday, **June 15th**.

MAY USHERS

07 Lee/Verna Anderson
Bob Hamlin, Beth Peterson
14 Harry Badge, Erik Barnhart
Gregg/Mimi Bruff
21 Ed/Christine Oswald
Pat/Pat Rogers
28 Bev Ladin, Anna Morse
Arleen Martin, Melissa Kressin

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night bible study begins at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Our final gathering this year was April 26, 2017.
We will resume meeting in the fall.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Before the hustle and bustle of graduation day, the Central congregation would like to take the time to honor our graduates during worship. Therefore on Sunday, **May 21st**, we will do that! If you are graduating high school, or you have earned your college degree, please contact the church office by **May 14th** so that we can celebrate your achievement. If you have a graduation photo that could be added to slides for that Sunday, please e-mail them to the pastor at pastor@escanabacentral.org

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

The final Lunch with the Pastor for this school year will be **Monday, May 15**. Thanks to Sue Gaudette, Holly Hamilton and their helpers for the delicious meals and camaraderie! See you next fall.



CREATIVE PRAYER PRACTICES

Are you looking for fresh ways to connect with God and enrich your own spiritual life? Pastor Elise will lead a class in June and July on creative prayer practices, Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30. Each week we'll try on a new way of praying, from art, to walking, to the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina* ("praying the Scriptures"). Each class is stand-alone and doesn't require any preparation, so you can join us any week you are available! **Class begins Wednesday, June 14th**. For more information, contact Pastor Elise.

JUNE GREETERS

- 04 Marge Jewell, Barb Kubont
- 11 Janet Snowden, Gregg Bruff
- 18 Anita Kositzky, Volunteer
- 25 Bev Ladin, Harry Badge

JUNE FINANCE STEWARDS

- 04 Cheryl Swanson, Christine Oswald
- 11 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
- 18 Janet Snowden, Bev Ladin
- 25 Laura Kluka, Christine Oswald

SPRING CLEANING

We are in need of rakes, shovels, gloves, gardening tools and **PEOPLE** for our cleanup on Saturday, **May 20th** at 9:00am as we give our church grounds some spit & polish.

Refreshments provided!



COFFEE TIME

Each Sunday Central members serve coffee and provide a treat from 10:00-10:30am. It's a time to talk and share with friends. Thank you to Christine Oswald, Lynn Kositsky and Barb Kubont for the treats in April and May. **There are NO coffee socials in June, July or August.** If you have any questions call Barb Kubont at 789-0421.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember those in need of your prayers for healing, gaining strength, and courage during an illness or injury and all Central's shut-ins and those in nursing homes. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care during this time of illness and concern and know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.



JUNE USHER SCHEDULE

- 04 Richard/Ethel Blixt
Kaylan Thorbahn, Janet Snowden
- 11 Lee/Verna Anderson
Bob Hamlin, Beth Peterson
- 18 Gregg/Mimi Bruff
Erik Barnhart, Harry Badge
- 25 Ed/Christine Oswald
Pat/Pat Rogers



MAY PASTY SALE

The May Pasty Sale is set for **Friday, May 19, 2017**. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday mornings, we will make dough, cut potatoes, onion, etc. And then bake on Friday. Volunteers are needed on both days to clean-up. Join us for this fun work-bee!

Call in orders by May 15th to our office at 786-0643 or to Arleen at 233-9194. We offer regular & rutabaga pasties for \$4.00 each. This is the last Pasty Sale until October.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 1-4, 2017

Grand Traverse Resort
Traverse City, Michigan

Central's representatives will include Michaela Barnhart and Pastor Elise. Keep all those attending in your prayers during this time.

HOLY LAND TOUR 2017!

Pastor Elise and Pastor Ryan invite you to join them on a tour of the Holy Land, **November 7-16, 2017**. The educational theme of the trip is "Jesus: His life, His times, His land, His Hebrew faith." We will visit Galilee, Nazareth, Jericho, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem among others! Fliers are available in the Gathering Space, and an informational meeting will be held after church on Sunday, May 21st in the Lounge. For more info, talk to Pastor Elise.

RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 am airs the 10:30 worship service each Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, call the office for an open date. Cost for this is \$100 per week. You can donate all or part of it.

PEOPLE OF LIGHT

On Memorial Day, it is important to pause in gratitude to all those upon whose shoulders we stand. We should remember with great appreciation those who died making helpful, positive contributions—whether large or small—throughout human history. As Christians we should be especially grateful to those whose faith, service and love have enabled us to know the Gospel and its vast implications for the entire earth.

Without our Christian teachers, pastors, missionaries and the ordinary servants of Christ, we should not have the Good News which is like a great light shining in the world's darkness. They have made sure Christ's precious Light has not gone out or been diminished.

Memorial Day is a day for us to think about the people of the Light and to express to God our appreciation for them.

THE LAST DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES IS MAY 21, 2017
Thank You Teachers
for your time and effort!

FOOD PANTRY

The number of people who need the aid of the food assistance programs has increased locally due to rising food costs, fuel costs, loss of jobs, and home heating prices. Prayerfully consider bringing food donations weekly to help supply the Salvation Army Food Bank. Monetary donations can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed/brought to the office.

ROSES & THORNS

If you have a concern or compliment to pass along to the (SPRC), Staff Parish Relations Committee, please fill out a card and let us know your thoughts. Cards can be found in the church pews. Your opinions are important to us and we will address each concern and/or compliment.



FAMILY CAMPING

It's never too early to start thinking about our Annual Family Camping Weekend.

An announcement will be made as soon as we choose where we will be camping. Tentative dates are **July 21-23, 2017**. Watch the bulletin and/or newsletter for a confirmed date and place.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers for Sunday Worship should call the church at 786-0643 or sign the sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$18 and gives our altar a fresh look.



REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER

Whoever you are, wherever you are, on this Mother's Day, remember your mother. Without her and your father, you would only have been a dream and a hope, never a reality. No wonder God gave us the commandment: "Honor your father and your mother ..." (Exodus 20:12). God gave us life through them.



SUMMER SERVICES

Sunday, **June 11th**, Central will resume our early bird service called "New Day" beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Aronson Island beach. This morning worship centers around less formal, more acoustic worship. Central's singers and musicians will provide music. Bring a blanket, a chair and a cup of coffee and join us as we greet the day!

Our traditional worship service with special music and smiling faces will remain at 10:30 a.m. We will continue to air our radio broadcast weekly at 10:30 a.m. on WDBC 680 am on your dial.

THANK YOU

To our partners in ministry at CUMC, thank you on behalf of the students and staff at Bay College who enjoyed the great meal provided us on Monday, March 27th. The students, staff and even those visiting the campus were truly blessed by your great cooking, and your willingness to serve. It is a blessing to work in partnership with your congregation, and we pray that your workers were also blessed knowing they are really meeting a need here on campus. One of the biggest blessings of this ministry is the unique and wonderful witness being made by the communities of faith because of the kinship we share through Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Bay Area Campus Ministry Director

On behalf of Camp Michigamme, I want to express our sincere thanks for your support of Camp recently through you Lent Soup and Vespers. It was an honor to have the opportunity to speak about Camp to those gathered over a delicious bowl of chili!

A special thanks to Pastor Elise and those who organized the night and made me feel welcome the moment I came in. And of course, thank you to all who were able to attend, share an evening of Camp Michigamme, and a vesper service during Holy Week.

I invite all to attend Camp Michigamme Day. It is open to all, family friendly, free, and will be held **June 17th**. It's open house, reunion, campership fundraiser all rolled into one!

With Great Appreciation,
Erica Thomas, Camp Director

CAMP MICHIGAMME SCHEDULE

May 19-21, June 2-4, June 9-11 Work Bee Week-ends. All ages welcome. FREE! No specific skills needed to attend. Meals and lodging will be provided at no cost.

June 17 - Camp Michigamme Day—9:30am-3:30pm. All are invited to join us for worship in Hampton Chapel followed by a scrumptious lunch. There will be an auction full of exciting items to bid on. Proceeds go toward serving 2017 campers. There will be a multitude of camp activities.

18 - 24 - Senior High Camp for Grades 10-12 You'll enjoy crazy games, bonfires, swimming, crafting, coffee house, dance night, high-energy worship and more.

25 - July 1 - Science Explorations - Grades 6-9 Discover science the fun way! Life sciences, rocketry, ham radio and more.

2/3 - Teddy Bear Camp - age 4 to Grade 2 with adult(s). (Children must be accompanied by adult, one child per adult highly recommended.) Experience a typical camp day and an overnight. Campfire, crafts, worship and great food. The theme is Songs and S'mores

6 - 8 - Michigamme Survivor - Grades 10 to Adult. Spend three days immersed in the wilderness, hiking, paddling, cooking over a fire, and sleeping in the shelter you built. This is for those seeking adventure and wanting to learn survival technique, backcountry best practices leaving no trace, and an intro to wilderness first aid. Each day involves an excursion by foot or boat with both team and individual challenges.