

2018  
MAY/JUNE CARILLON



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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)  
SUNRISE SERVICE 8:30 A.M. (starting 6/10/18)  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

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There's a phenomenon that I've noticed here in this corner of God's Country. When the snow is just about melted, when green shoots of irises and tulips begin to spring up from the ground, when the sunlight warms us well into the evening hours, people start *emerging*. In just the last few days, I've met neighbors I didn't know I had, seen dogs out for walks that I didn't know existed, and my own pup Charlie has discovered several more cats to bark at from her window perch. I'm sure that most of these neighbors – and their creatures – were there all along. But now, as springtime approaches, it feels like a whole new world is emerging before me.

I am so excited about all the things that are emerging in this season of ministry. Many items are emerging out of closets and basements and households as we prepare for our rummage sale to support the Loving Fingers Quilting Ministry and our mission team that's headed to Detroit this summer (details inside!). Conversations about faith, meaning, and the messy things in life have emerged as we've read books, studied Scripture, and shared conversation with one another. Soon, our children and youth will emerge from a year of Sunday School, ready to move from one grade to the next. Others are anticipating graduations and other life milestones this summer – emerging from one stage of life into the next.

New beginnings often bring much excitement and anticipation – and they can also bring the anxiety of uncharted territory. As the weather changes and we enter a new season, let's remember that God is in the business of making all things new. God is in the business of turning winter into spring, dead ends into entrance ramps, death into life. God is on the move, and the Holy Spirit is inviting us to emerge from old habits and into something new. May the changing seasons remind us of God's never-ending work, transforming each of us. Join us for the journey!

Let's be the Church,

*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



## ELEMENTARY

(Readiness Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

The final Lunch with the Pastor for this school year was **Wednesday, April 25th**. A huge thank you to Sue Gaudette, Holly Hamilton and helpers for the delicious meals and camaraderie! See you next fall.

## CUMC HAPPENINGS

Rummage Sale - **May 4th and 5th**  
 Photo Directory - **May 18th and 19th**  
 Spring Clean-up Day - **May 19th**  
 Summer Mission Trip - **July 8th-14th**

## 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. 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.

## JUNE GREETERS

03 Lynn Kositzke, Lois Lavelle  
 10  
 17  
 24

## MAY FINANCE STEWARDS

06 Laura Kluka, Arleen Martin  
 13 Janet Snowden, Bev Ladin  
 20 Lois Lavelle, Connie Duchaine  
 27 Cheryl Swanson, Arleen Martin

## MAY GREETERS

06 Jackie Johnson, Volunteer  
 13 Bev Ladin, Volunteer  
 20 Bob Hamlin, Volunteer  
 27 Volunteer, Volunteer

## MAY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Our next meeting date is **May 17th**, 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 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## MAY USHERS

06 Gregg/Mimi Bruff  
 Ed/Christine Oswald  
 13 Richard/Ethel Blixt  
 Pat/Pat Rogers  
 20 Arleen Martin, Melissa Kressin  
 Kaylan Thorbahn, Janet Snowden  
 27 Lee/Verna Anderson  
 Wendy DeRouin, Bob Hamlin

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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 will be **May 2, 2018** as we watch the movie "Wonder."

**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 20th**, 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](mailto:pastor@escanabacentral.org)

THE LAST DAY FOR SUNDAY  
 SCHOOL CLASSES IS MAY 20, 2018  
**Thank You Teachers  
 for your time and effort!**



## POTLUCK CELEBRATION!

We will have a "celebratory" potluck following our service on Sunday, **May 20th**, in honor of our graduates, in thanksgiving for our Sunday School teachers and as a conclusion for Sunday School classes.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

A Sunday school teacher was testing the children in her class one morning to see if they understood the concept of “getting into Heaven.” She said, “If I sold my house and my car, held a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?”

“NO!” the children answered.

“If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?”

Again, the answer was, “NO!”

“Well, then, if I was kind to animals, gave candy to the children and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?”

Again, they all answered, “NO!”

“Well”, the teacher continued, “how do I get into Heaven?”

A 5-year-old boy shouted out, “YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!”



## YARD CLEANUP

We are in need of rakes, gloves, shovels, gardening tools and **PEOPLE** for our cleanup on Saturday, **May 19th**

at 9:00am as we give our church grounds some spit & polish. Join the fun!

Refreshments provided!

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- 17 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
- 24 Cheryl Swanson, Connie Duchaine

## 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 Lynn Kositske, Janet Snowden and the Wednesday Night Bible Study group for the treats in April. **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.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 30 - June 3, 2018

Grand Traverse Resort  
Traverse City, Michigan

Keep all those attending in your prayers during this time.

## JUNE USHER SCHEDULE

- 03 Anna Morse, Harry Badge  
Bev Ladin, Erik Barnhart
- 10 Gregg/Mimi Bruff  
Ed/Christine Oswald
- 17 Richard/Ethel Blixt  
Pat/Pat Rogers
- 24 Laura Kluka, Beth Peterson  
Kaylan Thorbahn, Janet Snowden



## MAY PASTY SALE

The Sale is set for **Friday, May 18, 2018**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday mornings. Volunteers are needed on both days to clean-up. Join us for this fun work-bee!

Call in orders by May 14th to the 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.

## SUMMER MISSION TRIP (7/8-14)

We're headed to Detroit this summer! Together with friends from First UMC, we're going on a missional pilgrimage to Cass Community Social Services, where we will seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus while seeing the face of Christ in those we meet. Cass Community is a United Methodist ministry that has found innovative ways to meet real needs in their community. This trip is open to everyone ages 10 and up who wants to work, serve, and learn in the name of Jesus. **Registration and \$150.00 is due May 27th.** Contact Pastor Elise for more information



## 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.



1. Waterloo, New York is actually the birth place of Memorial Day. Referencing the [town website](#), the United States Congress resolved to recognize Waterloo, New York as the origination of the holiday. This, however, was activated 100 years after the concept of Memorial Day began and there is still heavy debate among U.S. cities over where it truly started.
2. The observance, which began in the years following the Civil War, was originally known as Decoration Day. By the late 1860s, many Americans had begun hosting tributes to the war's fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers and flags. It gradually came to be known as Memorial Day over the years.
3. In 1950, Congress passed a resolution requesting that the President issue a proclamation calling on Americans to observe Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace. Memorial Day didn't actually become an official federal holiday until 1971.

## 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.

We will be camping at Wells State Park **July 19-22, 2018**. Reserve your campsite NOW as they fill up fast! Phone 906-863-9747 or [www.midnrreservations.com](http://www.midnrreservations.com). The Martins and Low Edwardsons have sites #146 and #147.

## 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.

## 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 19th. 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,  
Pastor Tony Morrison



## SUMMER SERVICES

Sunday, **June 10th**, Central will resume our "sunrise beach service" beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Aronson Island. 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.



## A GIFT FOR MOM

The three young children told their mother that she wasn't to lift a finger on Mother's Day. They were going to do all the cooking. So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board and eight serving dishes. Mom said it was the best Jell-O she had ever tasted!

## CAMP MICHIGAMME

Our sincere thanks for your support of Camp recently during your Lent Soup and Vespers. It is always an honor to have the opportunity to speak about Camp to those gathered over a delicious bowl of soup!

A special thanks to Pastor Elise and those who organized the night and made me feel welcome the moment I came in. And thank you to all who attended and shared a memory of Camp Michigamme.

All are invited to attend Camp Michigamme Day on **June 16th**. It's open house, reunion, and camp fundraiser rolled into one!

With great appreciation,  
Erica Thomas, Camp Director

## CAMP MICHIGAMME SCHEDULE

**May 18-20** - Work Bee Weekend. All ages welcome. FREE! No specific skills needed to attend. Meals and lodging will be provided at no cost.

**June 13-16** - Mission Experience for 6th Grade to Adult. Learn more about mission work while learning new skills and helping camp get ready for the summer season.

**June 16** - Camp Michigamme Day - 9:30am-3:30pm. Help us kick off the summer season with the celebration of Camp Michigamme Day! Join us for worship in Hampton Chapel followed by a scrumptious lunch. There will also be a multitude of camp activities going on for all, so pack up the family and join us!

**June 17-23** - Senior High Camp - Grades 10-12. An amazing week at an awesome place with great people! Enjoy love and acceptance as you enjoy crazy games, bonfires, swimming, crafting, coffee house, dance night, high-energy worship and more.

**June 24-30** - Science Exploration - Grades 6-9. Discover how exciting and fun science is through experiments and explorations. Build your own rocket, learn how a ham radio operates, and soak in just how awesome God's creation is through life sciences. Throw in all the traditional camp activities and you'll have a blast like never before.

**July 1/2** - Teddy Bear Camp - age 4 to Grade 2 with adult. An exciting intro to Camp for children and adult companions. (At least one adult and a 1:1 ratio is recommended.) Experience a typical camp day and an overnight. Campfire, crafts, worship and great food are part of the adventure.