

2020
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-July-August)
(NO SUNRISE SERVICE this summer)
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

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HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

Already and Not Yet

My dear friends,

As I write to you from my living room, we are working on putting together our *eighth* online worship service. Number 8! It's hard to believe that we've had this many weeks to work on this "online church" setup. When the pandemic first hit, we rushed to figure out new ways to continue worshipping together, yet apart. We have all been learning, growing, grieving, and hoping along this unanticipated journey. As the weeks have gone on, Ryan and I have found these new, once-foreign things starting to feel more normal and routine: evening devotions every weeknight on Facebook Live, putting on our Sunday best on Thursday nights to film worship after Elliott goes to bed, getting well acquainted with video editing software, large file transfers, and Zoom video conferencing. We've also found ourselves baking far more than we did before... anyone else?!

As these quarantine rhythms have started to feel more routine and normal, I can sometimes catch myself feeling as if things might always be this way. I have had moments where I've lost sight of the day when we will emerge from isolation and begin to find our way into our new normal together. As a dear friend and colleague put it, "we aren't able to be back together... yet. **Let's not lose the 'yet.'**" When we lose the "yet," we start to lose sight of hope, healing, and restoration. When we lose the "yet," we forget that God is doing more than what we're able to see in this present moment. That "yet" is an important word, a loaded word: a word of hope, joy, and anticipation. It's a word of truth.

As of the time of this writing, in-person gatherings are suspended through May 15th, and that date could change once again. I do not know exactly when we will gather together in person. When we do gather, we will likely have to take precautions that we didn't have to pre-pandemic. But even if we don't know the details, we do know that isolation is not the whole story. Being apart is not the end. God is not done with us yet! I trust and look forward to the day when we can see one another face-to-face. I now hear those words of 1st Corinthians 13:12 in a new light: "For now we see in a reflection as in a mirror [or computer screen!]; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

And even while we're waiting for what is not yet, God has **already** given us the best gifts, gifts that will not fade: "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13).

We are "already and not yet" people – God's good gifts that have **already** been given to us, and the hope and healing that is **yet** to come. I eagerly await when we see one another face to face! In the meantime, hold on to God's good gifts of faith, hope, and love. Known that I miss you, I love each of you, and am praying for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need to talk, to pray, or just feel a little less alone. You are loved!

Let's be the Church,

Pastor Elise



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Online Worship
10:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast

ELEMENTARY

(Readiness Kindergarten - 5th grade)

Sunday school teachers 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, March 11**. A huge thank you to Sue Gaudette, Holly Hamilton and helpers for the delicious meals and camaraderie! See you next fall.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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

07 Volunteer, Volunteer
14 Volunteer, Volunteer
21 Volunteer, Volunteer
28 Volunteer, Volunteer

JUNE FINANCE STEWARDS

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

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.

JUNE MINISTRY MEETINGS

There is no May meeting. The next date is Thursday, **June 18th** if possible.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday night bible study traditionally meets at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

We will resume meeting in the fall.

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. **There are NO socials in June, July or August.** Any questions call Barb Kubont at 906-212-2019.

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.

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.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be honoring our graduates in our online worship service on **Sunday, May 17th**! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, we would like to honor them. Please send their name, photograph, where they're graduating from, and a note on future plans to Pastor Elise by Wednesday, May 13th. We want to celebrate the resilient class of 2020 as best we possibly can. Congratulations!

JUNE USHERS

07 Arleen Martin, Rocky Blixt
Pat Rogers, Melissa Kressin
14 Lee Anderson, Beth Peterson
Bob Hamlin, Wendy DeRouin
21 Anna Morse, Harry Badge
Erik Barnhart, Bev Ladin
28 Gregg/Mimi Bruff
Laura Kluka, Kaylan Thorbahn

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.