



# Central Lutheran Church

## the Messenger newsletter

### Central Lutheran Church

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### COMING EVENTS

Sundays

9:30 am Worship service

Tuesdays

7 am Early AM Study

Wednesdays

Noon Divine Drama

5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (5/7, 5/14)

7 pm Choir rehearsal (5/7, 5/14)

Saturday 5/3 at 9 am Men's  
Breakfast @ Kava's on Muldoon

Saturday 5/10 at 8:30 am  
Breakfast &  
Church Clean Up Day



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# Easter Season

God's Beloved People:

I'm still smiling about this... A huge shout out to everyone who helped make the season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday a rousing success:

Deacon Linda Bender and the Altar Guild: For Linda's partnership and collegiality for the Maundy Thursday Service and her willingness to lead in the Foot washing, while I did the Hand-washing. To the Altar Guild who made sure everything that was needed was set up for this service

Pastor Bill Maury-Holmes: For Pr. Bill's leadership for the Good Friday Service Central shares in with Alaska Native Lutheran Church, and for his invitation to include me and Deacon Linda as readers.

Debbie Pankow and Tai Wai Li and our guest musicians, for their stellar direction and musical offerings during Maundy Thursday and Easter Services.

All the Eucharistic ministers, assisting ministers, Altar Guild members, ushers, and video streaming tech, who helped out during all the special services.

High-school and middle-school youth, for coming to Church early on Easter to fill and hide eggs for the next generation of Central youth. You made the day more colorful and fun!

Kathy Freeman and Karen Voris for all their diligent work in bulletin preparation, scheduling worship assistants, and all their work "behind-the-scenes" so these services could be the best they could be.

All these, and many more great and holy people of Central proved to me once again, that Central is a proactive, engaged, and "step-up-to-the-plate" congregation, and that makes my pastor's heart smile!

Thank you for all you do, from the bottom of my heart! It is so much appreciated. In the Resurrection power of Easter, let us continue to forge ahead in faithful ministry, discipleship, service, fellowship, and building financial strength into the summer and during the Interview Process.

Please pray for Bishop Tim as he reviews profiles of candidates to refer to the Call Committee for interviews. Please pray that God will prepare and send candidates who will be possible matches for Central's mission and ministry. Please pray for discernment and wisdom for the Call Committee as they interview and consider candidates for Call. Christ is Risen!

In partnership, Pastor Mark



Mark Galbraith  
Intentional Interim Pastor



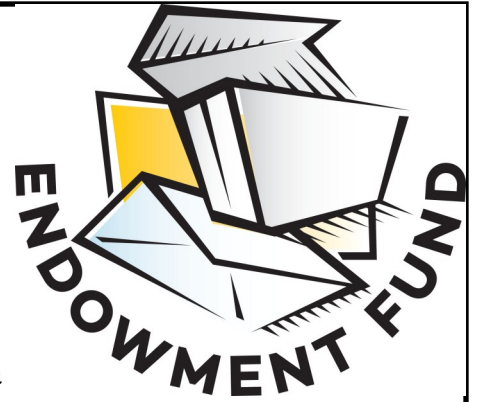
Craig Our Crusader Knight



Easter Sunday kids' bell choir 2025

## What Is Central Lutheran Church's Endowment Fund?

A number of years ago members of Central set up an endowment fund. Some of the money was given at death through a will or life insurance policy and other money was just donated to the fund. One large gift at death was designated for members attending Lutheran colleges. In 2024 Central asked the court to modify the terms of the will to allow these funds to be used for other, non-budgeted, expenses of the church. This petition was granted in November. The current terms of the Endowment Fund allow Central to allocate 5% of the balance on September 30 of the preceding year for these expenses. This can be for major repairs such as the elevator or organ, other items that are not covered in the annual budget or mission projects. Education will remain a primary if there are students attending Lutheran universities. You are encouraged to include Central's Endowment Fund in your annual giving, estate planning or as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. Recently the fund has received contributions through an estate and also from members. The endowment fund is a way of helping to sustain Central in the years to come.



*Submitted by Kathy Dale*

**Chugach Community Solar** is coming to Anchorage and this presents an exciting opportunity for Central and maybe for you. Chugach Electric Association is putting the finishing touches on a project of 1560 solar panels located near the Dimond Center and they are currently accepting applications for Chugach members to "rent" these panels at a rate of about \$110 per year. The Chugach member would then essentially get credit for the energy the panel produces and the value of the energy would be deducted from their bill. It is expected that this would probably mean paying more for energy now, but it would provide a way to support diverse, sustainable power in Anchorage.

Central Lutheran currently pays Chugach in excess of \$20,000 per year for electricity. Members can help defray this component of the church budget by donating (on top of your usual offering) to enable to the church to rent panels. This would be a way to help the church and help the environment. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity for church or for your own electric bill, please talk with Lisa Bulkow, Larry Helgeson, or Hank Koegel. We will be available in the fellowship hall balcony after church on April 27 and May 4, You can also go to *Submitted by* and click on "News & Community" to learn more. The deadline to sign up for this phase of the project is May 15 so we have to act by that time.



*Submitted by Lisa Bulkow*

## Council Report

Greetings from, of all places, Alaska. Sometimes it takes a visitor from “outside” to make one appreciate the wonders here at home. Though my travels have taken me around the world, I often find that the best places are in my own backyard. For the first time in the 48 years I have lived in Alaska, I had the chance to see one of God’s most timeless creations, the Mendenhall Glacier, while showing a friend from outside the wonders in Juneau. I only wish I could have seen it in all its glory before it started to recede so dramatically.

Our April Council Meeting was very productive, the big news being that the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) has been completed, and, pending the stamp of approval from Bishop Tim Oslovich, is now ready to post. Our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Call Committee (Chairman Carol Norquist, John Bulkow, Craig Carlson, Mike Graham, Skyler Harris, Jill Martin, Karen Voris and Merri Lynn Weatherson) who spent many hours drafting this document. An interesting change in demographics shows the shift from 5% of the congregation being over the age of 65 when the last MSP was drafted to 25% now.

It is time to gear up for the Saturday Market, which will open on May 17. Always needed are members to staff our Central Hospitality Booth from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Also needed are lots and lots of cookies offer with a cup of Lutheran coffee,



tea or hot chocolate. I believe there will be signup sheets available soon, so please consider sharing a cookie and a smile with the many who come to shop the market.

John Bulkow reported on a resolution passed at the 2025 Alaska Synod Assembly to recognize May 5th as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women’s Day, and suggested that we wear red to church on Sunday, May 4th.

There is a lot more to report on, most of which can be found in our bulletins or in the weekly emails Kathy sends out.

Until next time, may God bless and keep you all.  
Yours in Christ,

Birte Eliassen, Council President

### Jan Adasiak



passed away April 15, 2025, at the age of 80. Jan's memorial service and reception will be here at Central Lutheran at 4 pm on Friday, May 30. Rev. Mark Galbraith will lead the service and Rev. Lisa Smith Fiegel will preach.

### Shirley Iverson



passed away January 9, 2025, at the age of 86. Shirley's memorial service and reception will be here at Central Lutheran at 2 pm on Thursday, May 15. Rev. Mark Galbraith will lead the service and preach.

## A Brief Synopsis of the 2025 Alaska Synod Assembly

On April 25 to 27, the 2025 Alaska Synod Assembly was held at Joy Lutheran Church, Eagle River. It was a time of prayer, song, stories of faith, and fellowship drawing our far-flung congregations together. The business conducted included four resolutions, a budget plan, and a touch of controversy.

The Resolutions:

1. A resolution of thanks to Joy Lutheran Church for hosting the Assembly.
2. A resolution to confer the title of Bishop Emerita upon the Rev. Shelley Wickstrom.
3. A memorial asking the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools annually on or near September 30<sup>th</sup>, take steps to increase awareness, and move toward providing needed documents and healing for survivors and their descendants.
4. A memorial asking the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Day annually on May 5<sup>th</sup> and take steps to increase awareness and advocacy on the issue.

All passed with overwhelming support. (Lisa threatened to hurt me when I jokingly suggested I might vote against thanking Joy Lutheran.) (Note from Lisa – that last part is totally not true.)

The Budget Plan:

The Synod is also struggling with a decline in income. As a temporary measure, the Synod voted to fill the gap by letting Bishop Tim move to a hybrid position. He will work half-time as Bishop and half-time filling the Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) position Pastor Lisa Smith Fiegel recently stepped away from. Since the DEM position is paid by the national church, this will bridge Synod funding until we can work out a better solution.

The Controversy:

The assembly heard briefly from a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Juneau. There are clearly still raw feelings about how things ended up in the controversy downgrading their mission serving unhoused and marginalized people. The congregation remains split, Karen Perkins has been removed from the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, and there is a lawsuit before the Alaska Superior Court. Please pray for everyone involved to find peace and healing.

First Nations Version:

As part of one of the Faith Stories, each congregation was given a copy of First Nations Version - An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament. The FNV was developed with input from over 25 North American tribes. It uses vibrant imagery and is a refreshing way to take a new look at our text. It will be available in the church office if you are interested. As the FNV puts Romans 16:24: May the kindness of our Honored Chief Creator Sets Free (Jesus) rest on all of you.

*Submitted by John Bulkow*

### *Central Lutheran is praying for...*

May ELCA Alaska prayer partner: Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Anchorage

*Central members or close family of our members who've passed in the last year:*

Judith Moore, Linda Padden, Rev. Luther Abrahamson, George Rhyneer, Kay Zernia, Lila Ward (Lorna Nelson's mother), Carol West-Dahl (Lori Dahl's mom), Rev. Myrin Bentz, Marie Brown, Bill Kostecki (brother in law of Eva Wissmann), Larry Menkens (father of Stacey Menkens), Calvin Whitmire (Paul Harris's stepdad), Ed Mjolsnes, Alice Pierce (Nathaniel Pierce's mother), Glenda Hanson (Anita Soiseth's mother), Michael Laselle (nephew of Robin Harris), Ed Luiten, Jan Adasiak

# Golden Connections

## Events



Deacon Linda invites folks ages 55+ to join in any of these events:

**MAY  
21ST**

**WHAT: TEA PARTY  
WHERE: BOTANICAL GARDENS  
TAKE HOME BASKETS FOR ALL!!!**

Wednesday 11:30AM  
4601 Campbell Airstrip Road, Anchorage, AK 99507

**REGISTER @ [WWW.LSSALASKA.ORG/GC](http://WWW.LSSALASKA.ORG/GC)  
OR CALL 907.272.0643**

# Golden Connections

## Events

**JUNE  
18TH**

**WHAT: WELCOME SUMMER!  
WHERE: LSSA  
SUMMER FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Wednesday 11:30AM  
1303 W 33rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99503

**PRE-REGISTER REQUIRED!**

**JULY  
16TH**

**WHAT: SUMMER PICNIC  
WHERE: KINCAID PARK  
JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL PICNIC: FOOD, GAMES AND FUN**

Wednesday 12:30PM  
9401 Raspberry Rd, Anchorage, AK 99502

**PRE-REGISTER REQUIRED!**





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## Doubts and Joys

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

James 1: 2-4

I have to admit that I found this verse through a Google search as I was reflecting on this past month with In Our Backyard. There have been many times that my faith has been tested, my faith in this project, my faith in that we are doing something that is helpful, and my faith that God is guiding us. Maybe the doubt also had to do with all the turmoil in the political state of our country and the almost overbearing weight of the pain in the world.....

However, the month of April has brought many joys for In Our Backyard. The most exciting news is that one of our guests was able to move into permanent housing on April 1st! MH is a 76 year old Vietnam Veteran who found himself homeless right near the start of the pandemic. He had been employed since the age of fourteen. One thing we both have in common is that our first official job was scooping ice cream during the summer months! MH had an unexpected hospital stay in 2020. By the time he was discharged from the hospital, his apartment building was empty and boarded up. He slept on the streets for a time until it got too cold. Then he slept on the courthouse steps telling the officers that he would rather go to jail than die in the cold on the streets. Police officers took him to the hospital to get checked out. After that he was sent to various congregate winter shelters. Unfortunately, those shelters kept getting closed, leaving the residents with nowhere to go. For five years MH drifted between congregate and non-congregate shelters. He had different case workers interact with him, but

since he had to keep moving to different locations, there was no follow up. He lost his SNAP benefits, Veterans benefits, and Medicaid, mainly because his mail was sent to different addresses. When MH moved into a different shelter, his mail was either lost or he received it too late and missed deadlines. MH came to In Our Backyard when he was staying at the Cold Weather Shelter on 56th street. A Catholic Social Service (CSS) case manager referred him to In Our Backyard.

He stayed with us for about three months. During that time, he was able to connect with a case manager on a consistent basis, get connected to a case manager from Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF), get his benefits reinstated and get housing support. With IOBY's connections with the Fairview Community Council, we were able to find him an apartment in a fourplex in Fairview near the Senior Center. The Veteran's office provided furniture, and we were able to provide a kitchen start up kit through a donation from a local neighbor. Since moving to his new apartment, we have visited him about once a week and he is very happy.

We were also able to welcome two new guests to IOBY. Both gentlemen are waiting for housing vouchers to come through and for their benefits to be reinstated. With the support of case managers that meet our guests at the site, those important tasks are in the final steps of completion. Volunteers have also been able to take guests to medical appointments that had been long overdue. A guest who has been with us for four and a half months now has a full time job and is actively apartment hunting. He has a housing voucher that allows him to move in as soon as he can find an approved place.

Doubts happen whenever we have had to exit a guest from the program. When a guest is consistently breaking rules, even with compassionate accountability talks, it is inevitable that they will be exited. Questions arise as to what we could have done differently to support the guest, how we could have

screened better, what other resources could we have offered to the guest? Reflections are an important part of any program, but ultimately, if a guest is harming himself or others and refuses to change the behavior, they will be removed from the program and given the opportunity to be housed in a program with more resources. For myself, and others on our Board, this is not an easy task. We have all given time, energy, and prayers helping the guest achieve their goals. The prayers will continue even though that person is taking a different path.

Joy is in the works as new buds are starting to burst open. We have exciting landscaping and gardening plans, a new 12x16 community building planned, and will soon be burying the waste water line and installing a waterline to the site. Thank you to the local Lions club who has been investing time and energy to secure a major Lions Club grant to support these projects.

In Our Backyard was also invited to participate in Anchorage's Coordinated Response to Homelessness

and to present at a meeting on the Mayor's plan for Micro Units for Recovery Residences. Word is getting out that Central Lutheran and In Our Backyard are actively working to address homelessness in our community.

I recently gave a short update on In Our Backyard at the Alaska Synod Assembly. We were awarded a TEAM grant this past year from the Synod. Thanks to Carol Norquist for submitting the grant application and to retired Bishop Shelley Wickstrom for supporting it.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support.

Loaves & Fishes,  
Julie

Did you read the In Our Backyard 2024 Annual Report? Find it at <https://inourbackyard-ak.org/view-our-2024-annual-report/>

## Birthdays

*Wish a happy birthday to:*



Katrina Nordgaard	5/1	Jocelyn Bauer	5/10	Jerry Birch	5/21
Todd Bryant	5/2	Bryant Lofgren	5/10	Gordon Nelson	5/21
Sara Bryan	5/2	Daphne Coady-McMahon	5/12	Marilyn Blumer	5/22
Zack Luff	5/3	Josefine Coady-McMahon	5/12	David Blumer	5/22
Jonathan Soiseth	5/3	Lynn Soiseth	5/14	Karina Stevenson	5/22
Ingrid Thomas	5/3	Larry Helgeson	5/14	Logan Brown	5/23
Royce Williams	5/5	Nancy Clark	5/15	Judy Helgeson	5/23
Marlene Rapp	5/5	Danielle Birch	5/16	Meredith Kiesel	5/25
Ariel Graham	5/5	Judy Bagley	5/17	Ashley Raynor	5/25
Dennis Lynch	5/6	Stacey Nieder	5/20	Ryder Terrill	5/26
Anne Adasiak-Andrew	5/7	Dixie Foley	5/20	Leah Boltz	5/27
Ian Clark	5/8	Nancy Jo Williams	5/21	Amber Terrill	5/27
		Lisa B. Nelson	5/21	Elaine Pedersen	5/30

## Anniversaries

*Wish a happy anniversary to:*

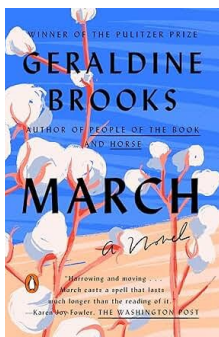
Judy & Denny Lynch	5/9	Kathy & Frank Earhart	5/27
Shayla & John Marshall	5/21	Diane Preziosi & Nelson Priddy	5/27
Vickie & Ken Helm	5/25	Carol & Brent Norquist	5/29

## Worship:

Sundays 9:30 am worship service

## Study:

**Book Group** is reading March by Geraldine Brooks. Discuss with friends on Monday, May 12, at 4:30 pm at Central.



**Confirmation classes** meet with three interfaith visits:

**Friday May 2**, 5:45 pm at Congregation Beth Shalom at 7525 E. Northern Lights;

**Sunday, May 18**, 9:10 am at Anchorage Zen Community at 711 Barrow (downtown between 7th & 8th, do not believe google maps on this one);

**Friday, May 23**, at 12:45 pm at Islamic Community Center of Anchorage at 8005 Spring St.

The **Early AM Study** continues with weekly meetings via zoom (meeting ID 963 8911 9335 and contact the office if you need the password) at 7 am to study with Deacon Linda Bender.

The **Divine Drama** meets Wednesdays, Noon-1:30 pm, in the Cordova Room and via zoom link above

Craig Carlson leads an **adult ed class** each Sunday after worship. His focus will be "After Augustine – Before Luther: The Mid-life Crisis of Christianity" and the class will continue through May 11.

Ladies, our monthly **Gather Bible study** meets at 2 pm on 2nd Mondays, next on May 12. Bring a **Gather** magazine or share ours.

Gentlemen - **Breakfast & Bible Study** meets first Saturdays, next on May 3, at 9 am at Kava's.

## Fellowship:

Central Seniors and friends - **coffee klatsche** every Wednesday at 8:30 am at Kaladi Brothers Coffee on Brayton Drive.

**Sarah Southside Circle** meets first Tuesdays for fellowship, next on Tuesday, May 6, for coffee at 10:30 am at Bells on Specking Road. All are welcome!

Join our multi-generational group of **pickleball** players. We play most Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall, often 4:45-6:15 pm. Text Christi at 646.710.0805 for details. All skill levels welcome—invite a friend—need not be a member!

## News

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## Local Organizing Ministry updates:

We'll meet next at 3 pm on Monday, May 12th.

Breakfast of Hope hosted by AFACT/VIA/JOIN will be held at Central on Tuesday, May 6th. Come and enjoy an update on Community Organizing with a delightful breakfast prepared by Pam Tesche.

On Tuesday, May 13th, there will be a meeting at the Fairview Recreation Center (10th and Karluk) for all interested parties to hear updates from the Anchorage Parks folks and Fairview Elementary School on progress toward increased service for neighborhood children as promised. Join us from 7 to 8 pm that evening to celebrate.

## Sewe:

Year-round, we collect **shelf-stable foods for LSSA** Food Pantry. Our May focus will be PB & J fixings.

## Our Helping Hands Clothing Closet

continues to welcome visitors about eight days monthly who are in need of socks, gloves, blankets, backpacks, outdoor gear, and clothing -- the fastest to go are smaller adult sizes. Donations may be new or used but usable, and are welcome during closet hours, office hours, or worship services.

Our **Little Free Library** welcomes your gift of used books and magazines, for all age groups.

Fourth Thursdays of the month, we provide the **evening meal to the residents of Clare House** women's and children's shelter. THANK YOU to April donors Wayne & Sandra Johnson, Becky Schaeffer, Judy Helgeson, Lisa Bulkow, Steve Lambert, Birte Eliassen, Sharon Jones, and driver Kathy Freeman.

Thank you to **Synod Assembly** meal donors Dahnna Graham, Annette Iverson, Sandy McKinney, Anita Soiseth, Sharon Jones and Lisa & John Bulkow.

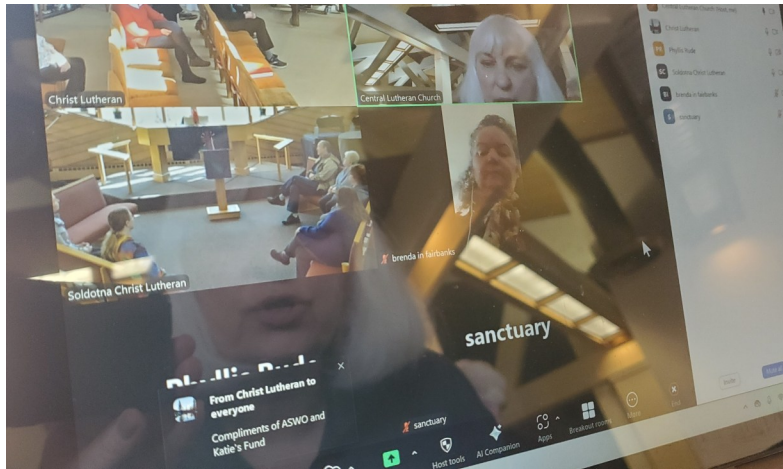
## News:



**Ed Luiten** passed away on April 15, 2025. Ed was born August 24, 1929, and has been a Central member since 1968. Wife Donna and adult sons Doug, Mark, and Chris and their families will share a full obituary and set a memorial date in the future.

**Women of the ELCA:  
Central Lutheran & Alaska Synod**

On March 29, Karen Voris and Kathy Freeman were joined at Central by five Central members and friends for the Alaska Synodical Women's Organization's **Spring Virtual Retreat**. Together via zoom with forty additional ladies gathered at Christ Lutheran Fairbanks, Christ Lutheran Soldotna, St Mark Lutheran, and a few folks in their own homes, we sang, studied a Bible passage, ate together, spoke with writers and the publisher of *Gather* magazine (a publication of the Women of the ELCA), and at each Church site also completed a service project. Here at Central, we created 55 care kits for neighbors in need of toiletries. These twice-yearly gatherings are open to all women of ELCA congregations and their friends.



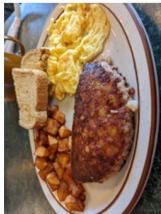

THIS FALL, we look forward holding an in-person retreat and convention within an Anchorage-area church, on Friday evening and Saturday daytime, **September 12-13**. The event will have a zoom component for those unable to be in Anchorage. These larger conventions often include a worship service, special guests, a service project, and then workshops and craft opportunities in addition to shared meals and study.



**Saturdays**  
**9 am - 2 pm**  
**May 17 - October 11**  
**at 15th & Cordova**  
**Free parking**  
**Alaska grown local foods**

# May 2025 – Central Lutheran Church

(Please note: This calendar lists church-related events only. Numerous community-related events take place in the building. To schedule space for an event, please contact the church office.)

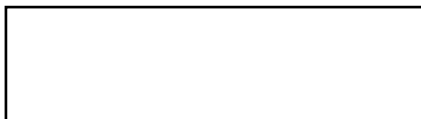
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	2 5:45 pm Confirmation class at Congregation Beth Shalom 7525 E. Northern Lights	3 9 am Men's Breakfast @ Kava's 
4 9:30 am <b>WORSHIP with Rev. Mark Galbraith</b> 10:45 am Adult Ed with Craig Carlson	5 1:30 pm Staff meeting	6 7 am Early AM Study 7:30 am AFACT / JOIN Breakfast of Hope 10:30 am Sarah Southside Circle @ Bells on Specking Road 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 4:15-5:45 pm Pickleball	7 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch Noon-1:30 pm Divine Drama 5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 <div>Karen out of the office 4/26-5/16</div>	9	10 8:30 am Breakfast & 9 am Clean Up Day 
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am <b>WORSHIP with Rev. Mark Galbraith</b> 10:45 am Adult Ed with Craig Carlson	12 1:30 pm Staff meeting 2 pm Women's Gather Bible Study 3 pm Local Organizing Ministry meeting 4:30 pm Book Group discusses March by Geraldine Brooks	13 7 am Early AM Study 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 4:45-6:15 pm Pickleball 7 pm your Local Organizing Ministry invites you to a public meeting at Fairview Recreation Center	14 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch 10 am Kitchen Cleaning Noon-1:30 pm Divine Drama 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 Noon Finance Committee 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 2 pm <b>Memorial Service &amp; Reception for Shirley Iverson</b>	16	17 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market 11 am - 2 pm Foot & Wound Clinic open Noon - 2 pm Listening Post open 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 4:30 pm Anchorage Brass Band Concert
18 8 am Church Council 9:10 am Confirmation class at Anchorage Zen Community 711 Barrow (downtown between 7th & 8th) 9:30 am <b>WORSHIP with Rev. Mark Galbraith</b>	19 1:30 pm Staff meeting	20 7 am Early AM Study 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 4:45-6:15 pm Pickleball	21 <i>GSSB last day of school</i> 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch 11:30 am LSSA Golden Connections Tea Party @ Anch Botanical Garden Noon-1:30 pm Divine Drama 6:30 pm Lisa B Nelson party (off site / RSVP needed)	22 by 3 pm Volunteers deliver evening meal to Clare House shelter	23 12:45 pm Confirmation class at Islamic Community Center of Anchorage 8005 Spring St. 2:30 pm Caring Ministers Meeting @ Dahna's	24 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market
25 9:30 am <b>WORSHIP with Rev. Mark Galbraith</b> 6:30 pm Alaska Children's Choir Memorial Day concert	26 <i>Memorial Day holiday, office closed</i>	27 7 am Early AM Study 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 4:45-6:15 pm Pickleball	28 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch Noon-1:30 pm Divine Drama	29	30 4 pm <b>Memorial Service &amp; Reception for Jan Adasiak</b>	31 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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**Central Lutheran Church is here for you.** We want to include you in our prayers, arrange for pastoral visits and announce information to the congregation, when appropriate. Please notify the church office (277-1622) as soon as possible when:

- A member of your family or a friend dies;
- Hospital or home visitation would be a blessing;
- You or someone you know wants to plan a baptism or wedding;
- You or someone you know is ill or grieving;
- You move or change your telephone numbers or email.

***Please contact the church office if your address has changed or you no longer wish to be on our mailing list. Thank you!***

**Central Lutheran Prayer Chain** will sincerely pray for your needs, joys and sorrows. Our prayer chain always welcomes new links. If you would like to contact the prayer chain with a prayer request or become a part of the chain, please contact Karen Emmel or the Church office.

