

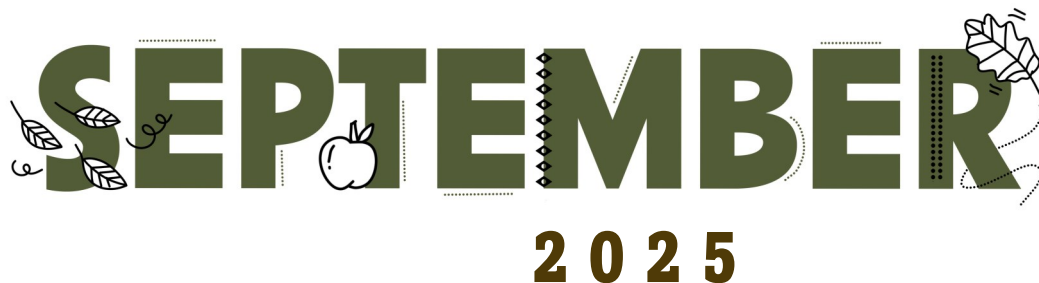


Central Lutheran Church

the Messenger newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Sundays

9:30 am Worship services

11 am Adult Ed class (start 9/14)

Tuesdays

7 am Early Risers Study (start 9/16)

Noon Lectionary Text Study (start 9/9)

Wednesdays

5:45 pm Bell Choir

7 pm Chancel Choir

Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm

Anchorage Farmers Market

Sunday 9/7 following worship

Reception for Pastor Zach and God's Work, Our Hands Sunday projects

Sunday School monthly potluck

dinner for ALL AGES 4:30 pm 9/21



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Grace and peace to you, my siblings in Christ from God, the Creator and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

My heart is glad to be able to say that to all of you as your pastor. I am excited for how the Holy Spirit is at work here at Central. I thank God for you, I look forward to Central's next chapter, and I am grateful to be invited along for the journey.

I am pretty much moved into the office. Books are on shelves, meetings have begun, the fall calendar is taking shape, and I think I found Pastor Jeff's stash of old Kindles and "Don't mess with Texas" stickers. (Let me know if you want one of either.)

I know I was able to meet many people at Central in the past through different ministries or worship opportunities, but it would be great to meet more folks or spend a little time catching up. So if you would like to get coffee or just stop by the office for a chat or would like me to visit you, please let me know. While we're working out the best lines of communication, you can always reach me through the church phone number, 907-277-1622.

As I am getting my feet underneath me, but I'm hopeful that things will find their places and I will find my routine and rhythm quickly. Many things at Central are very familiar to me, but some things are new to me. When I was a vicar here at Central, my blessing was to find myself surrounded by caring people who were willing to invest a little of themselves into nurturing me into a church leader. If I could ask you for a favor, please continue to support me and nurture me as the pastor. There's still a whole lot to learn, and I have the best guides to teach me.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Zach



Worship & Study

- † Sundays 9:30 am worship service
- † The Early Risers study will meet Tuesdays at 7 am via Zoom.us starting September 16. We're reading [A Prayer for the Crown-Shy](#) by Becky Chambers.
- † Confirmation class for 6th - 8th grade youth will be Sundays, 4 - 5:30 pm, October 19
- † Weekly Noon lectionary text study starts anew on Tuesdays, September 9.
- † Adult education class Sundays at 11 am starts September 14. Topic TBA
- † Multi-generational Sunday School is for ALL AGES - a monthly potluck dinner on third Sundays, next on September 21, at 4:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Eat, visit, sing, learn, and perhaps crafts, games, skits / story telling.
- † Ladies - *Gather* Bible study meets monthly, September will be Monday 9/15 at 3 pm (special time)
- † Gentlemen - monthly breakfast and study meets at 9 am on 1st Saturdays, next on September 6
- † Central Seniors and friends - coffee klatsche every Wednesday at 8:30 am at Kaladi Brothers Coffee on Brayton Drive
- † Sarah Southside Circle meets on first Tuesdays, next on September 2 and October 7, for coffee at 10:30 am at Bells on Specking Road. All are welcome!

August has been a busy month! Starting with a message from the Call Committee that they had selected a candidate to become our next pastor, a special joint session was called to hear the announcement. It wonderful to hear that the candidate was Vicar Zach Manzella, and he was approved by a unanimous vote of the Council. Next then was to schedule a special Congregational Meeting to vote on Vicar Zach and the Compensation Package. Though a first-call pastor usually does not step into the role of senior pastor, Vicar Zach brings with him a wealth of life experience, which will certainly be beneficial as he starts his ministry with Central.



self and let him know how much he is appreciated.

At our August 17 Council Meeting, Judith Muller was welcomed to the Council. Judith will fill the spot vacated by the passing of Carol Norquist until a permanent replacement can be elected at the January Annual Congregational Meeting to complete the last two years of Carol's three-year term.

I am sad to report that we are again in the unfortunate situation of needing to address safety and security measures concerning both our building and our parking lot. Due to violations which have been occurring all too frequently in the evenings, we may find it necessary to hire a security firm to watch over things at night. The council will look into this matter at our next meeting.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the unusually beautiful summer we have been blessed with. Now it is time to get back to work, for there is always work to do. There are many activities ahead which need and encourage membership participation. Whether by donating toiletries or clothing to our Helping Hands Closet, an hour or two or a plate of cookies to help with our Saturday Market Hospitality or beautify our grounds, food for LSSA or Clare House, or just to put another dollar in the offering plate to help finance our ongoing outreach to spread God's word throughout our community, there are many ways to become or stay involved. Any effort, big or small, is always appreciated. Until next time, may God bless and keep you all. Yours in Christ, Birte Eliassen, Council President



August 16 marked the end of Custodian Rey Nelvis's twenty years of service to Central Lutheran Church. We celebrated his retirement with a small good-by party while he was at work. Rey and Evelyn were presented with a gold pan (thank you Bonnie Kragt) engraved with his name, years of service, and our logo. At the same time, we welcomed Larry White



Bear, who answered our ad and has now been hired as our custodian. Larry likes to work during the day, so if you see someone polishing the woodwork or sweeping in the corners behind the plants in the Sanctuary, it is probably him. Please take a moment to introduce your-

What was missing from our May and June newsletters? This!



Sophia McCormick graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Social Work and a minor in Spanish



Ava McCormick graduated Gonzaga University with a degree in Biology and a minor in Philosophy.

The twins are living together in Bozeman, Montana. They miss Alaska but are enjoying Montana, their jobs and being together.



Zander Maurer graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. He's staying on at CU for a Master's. Maddy Maurer has just started grad school there in Environmental Sustainability.

Do YOU have a grad in your family to celebrate here in 2025? We're happy to share the happy news :-)



The front entry garden has been updated to include more bushes and a lovely hosta, to minimize upkeep needs and maximize the welcome. Thank you to Barbara Baker, Sharon Jones, Karen Emmel, Hilary Emmel and friend Kodiak, Jim Richardson and Dennis Ricker for all their work!

Thank you to Cindy Olsen for bringing armloads of books for our Little Free Library this week. We collected lots of donations of kids books this summer, and those were finally depleted as of last week. Reminder, books for all ages, magazines, and the like are all welcome.



Golden Connections Fall Events

On September 9th, Golden Connections will join with the Hispanic Seniors to "Celebrate Cultural Connections". For this event we will meet on Tuesday, September 9, at the Senior Center from 2-4 pm. It will be an afternoon of activities, music, snacks, prizes and getting to know each other. Wednesday, September 17, at St Mark Lutheran Church we will share a storytelling workshop with Shane Mitchell of TBA theater. The event starts at 11:30 with another delicious Beans Catering lunch, ending at 1 pm. All Golden Connections events are open to those 55+ at no cost. RSVP to www.lssalaska.org/gc or 907-272-0643

Golden Connections

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND TRADITIONS



Join us for an unforgettable afternoon with FOOD, MUSIC and PRIZES as we showcase & celebrate cultural connections

SPONSORED BY:

Lutheran Social Services of Alaska



September 9th, 2025 / Anchorage Senior Center / 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1300 E 19th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

To Register: 907-272-0643 - WWW.LSSALASKA.ORG/GC

Golden Connections

FOLK TALES

W/ SHANE MITCHELL, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF TBA.

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17TH 11:30AM-1PM

3230 Lake Otis Pkwy, Anchorage, AK 99508

To Register: 907-272-0643 - WWW.LSSALASKA.ORG/GC

Lutheran Social  Services of Alaska



Saturdays

9 am - 2 pm

May 17 - October 11

at 15th & Cordova

Free parking

Alaska grown local foods



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RHUBARB FEST

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11 AM - 12:30 PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

@ IN OUR BACKYARD, 15TH & CORDOVA ST IN ANCHORAGE

STOP BY AND HARVEST RHUBARB AT IOBY ON THURSDAY 9/11 FROM 5:00- 6:30 PM OR GRAB A BAG OF FROZEN CHOPPED RHUBARB THAT WAS HARVESTED IN AUGUST. BRING YOUR RHUBARB TREATS WITH RECIPE TO SHARE ON SUNDAY 9/14. PICK UP MORE RHUBARB!

Central Lutheran is praying for...

September ELCA Alaska prayer partner: Kingigin Lutheran Church, Wales

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

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, Donna Luiten,
Roger Bulkow (John's father), David Bjorkquist (Brian's father), Carol Norquist, Kaare Elde

Central's Cold Weather Shelter for Children and Families

My family is starting to notice that there is a bit of a nip in the air in the mornings. We also know that there are many homeless families with children who may still be camping outdoors or sleeping in their cars. I would like to thank those who helped at the Family Cold Weather Shelter last winter and invite others who might be able to join us this coming winter.

As many of you know, Central participates with other Anchorage churches in providing a cold weather shelter for families during the winter months, October through the following April. The shelter began about fifteen years ago when we housed families in our church on Wednesday nights, but families had to pack up their belongings and find their way to a different church each night, which was very difficult for many of them.

Three years ago, Christian Health Associates received a grant to provide temporary housing for eight families. The funds support rental and upkeep of a duplex, as well as a case manager and a housing coordinator. The grant provides for household supplies, most food, and other personal care items. It also supports an outside source for laundry services and a cleaning service that comes weekly.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers, many of whom have been with the program from its beginning, when Larry Graham organized Central's participation. We want to thank these volunteers for their help last year: Steve Lambert, Mike Graham, Brian Bjorkquist, Bonnie Kragt, John and Lisa Bulkow, John Stabb, Jon Goltz, Dahna Graham, Eva Wissmann, Mary Mayer, Diane Evans (a friend), Jim and Judith Muller, and Tara Orley and Deni Callahan (both from Amazing Grace Lutheran Church).

Our responsibility each Wednesday night is to provide three volunteers who can spend the night in the

facility. Each volunteer stays awake for a three-hour shift and can usually sleep about six hours while the others take their shifts.

Volunteers are asked to help only one Wednesday night each month, from October through April. That would be a total of seven nights over the winter months. Since many of us have travel plans or family commitments, we are able to allow for considerable flexibility in our schedules. We are asked to have at least one volunteer at the shelter from 6 pm until 8 am. But the fire department requires three volunteers from 10 pm until 7 am. Some volunteers choose to have dinner with their families and arrive at the shelter later in the evening, while others have to leave earlier in the morning to get to work on time.

While they are at the shelter, volunteers may want to visit with the parents or the children, but we also find it is a good time to get to know each other better.

If anyone has questions about the shelter responsibilities, please feel free to contact me by phone or email at the numbers below, or you can chat with any of the volunteers above.

Judith Muller
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**Women of the ELCA:
National**



The **Women of the ELCA** cannot wait to share news about the upcoming Triennial Gathering, July 16-19, 2026 in Des Moines, Iowa!

Registration is now open! Visit the gathering website at <http://www.welcatg.org> to learn about speakers, (the website will be updated regularly) hotels, and more! Plus, we are looking for sponsors, vendors and exhibitors!

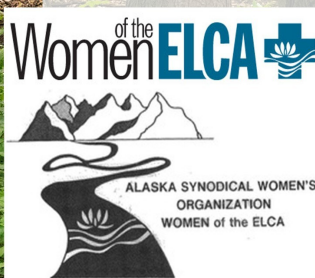
**Women of the ELCA:
Central Lutheran, Alaska Synod, and beyond**

When maps fail. . .

Traveling with God

An ELCA Alaskan women's retreat and convention
organized by the ELCA Alaska Synodical Women's Organization (ASWO)

Friday 5:30 - 9 pm and Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
September 12-13, 2025,
at Central Lutheran Church in Anchorage



The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8

Worship:

Sundays 9:30 am worship service.

Save-the-dates:

Join friends in our Sanctuary to view the live stream of the Installation of ELCA Presiding Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry at 11 am Saturday, October 4.
Service of Ordination and Installation of Pastor Zach Manzella will be 4 pm Sunday afternoon, October 12.

Study:

Confirmation class for 6th - 8th grade youth will be Sundays, 4 - 5:30 pm, with snacks, starting October 19 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran for six classes through November 23. In spring we'll have another six classes at Gloria Dei and three more after Easter at Hope or Central.

Ladies, our monthly **Gather Bible study** meets at 2 pm on 2nd Mondays, next on August 11. Bring a *Gather* magazine or share ours.

Gentlemen - **Breakfast & Bible Study** meets first Saturdays, next on September 6 and October 4, at 9 am at Kava's on Muldoon.

Everyone, the **weekly Noon lectionary text study** starts anew on Tuesdays at Noon beginning September 9. Join Pastor Zach to look in depth at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. Bring lunch if you'd like; we'll have coffee and hot water ready.

Everyone, the **Early Risers Study** will meet Tuesdays at 7 am via Zoom.us starting September 16. We're reading *A Prayer for the Crown-Shy* by Becky Chambers.

Adult education class will meet Sundays at 11 am starting September 14. Topic TBA

Multi-generational Sunday

School is coming in a new format. ALL AGES are invited to a monthly potluck dinner on third Sundays at 4:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. We'll eat and visit with each other, share some music, and focus on a Bible story each month with some combination of crafts, games, skits or story telling, and group discussion. We want you -- kids, parents, grandparents, great-grands, and friends -- bring everybody! Bring a dish to share and all will be fed and then home in time for bath and bed.

Fellowship:

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

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Sarah Southside Circle meets first Tuesdays for fellowship, next on Tuesday, September 2 and October 7, for coffee at 10:30 am at Bells on Specking Road. All are welcome!

Book Group will gather at 4:30 pm on Monday, September 15 to discuss *Women in White Coats: How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine* by Olivia Campbell. All readers 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 Foist for details. All skill levels welcome—invite a friend!

Pet Blessing on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi will be 11 am to 2 pm, Saturday, October 4

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Sunday, September 7, we'll celebrate **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday** with a selection of service projects following our worship service:

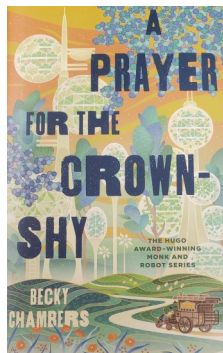
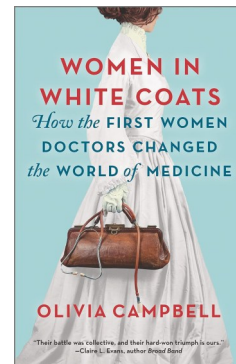
- bring toiletries for care kits, like hotel or travel size toiletries, feminine hygiene products, packs of new wash cloths, combs, and razors,
- bring food for the LSSA Food Pantry
- pick up litter along 15th Avenue from Cordova St to E St for our Adopt-a-Road (we have a couple of grabber tools, trash bags, and bright safety vests)
- fill care kit bags
- fill LSSA senior bags

Bell Choir and **Chancel Choir** rehearsals begin this Wednesday evening. Come make a joyful noise with us! New and returning voices and musicians welcome, whether you can be there every week or just occasionally. Our long-time choir director Tai Wai Li has announced his retirement—stay tuned for a party to celebrate his ministry with us—and we'll be led by interim directors Deacon Linda Bender and Kevin Griswold. Debbie Pankow will continue to direct the bell choir.

Year-round, we collect shelf-stable foods for **LSSA Food Pantry**. Our September focus will be canned meats and beans.

Donations welcomed:

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



Our **Helping Hands Clothing Closet** continues to welcome visitors six to seven 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.

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 Christi Foist, Willie Martin, Lisa Bulkow, Sue Tonkins, Steve Lambert and donors including Farm 779 and Arctic Harvest for providing chicken-bean tortilla soup and a vegetarian option, mangoes, helado popsicles, milk, tortilla chips, cheese and salsas.

News:

THANK YOU to Graham Marshall and John Marshall for repairs to our well-used picnic benches. THANK YOU to Dennis Ricker and Jared Ricker for mowing our many grass areas twice in August. THANK YOU to new Helping Hands Clothing Closet volunteer Merri Lynn Weathersen, joining Hank Koegel, Judith Muller and Becky Schaeffer along with folks from Christ

Church Episcopal. THANK YOU to Wes Tonkins for starting up the building heat for fall. THANK YOU to Larry Helgeson for the water faucet protection house in our play yard. THANK YOU to Barbara Baker and Dennis Ricker for more garden work last week.

There is a new Prayer Letter from the **Kuwa Mission** in Liberia available on their website <https://www.kuwaamission.org/>

JOIN - Justice Organizing Interfaith Network, formerly known as AFACF

Central Lutheran Church's Local Organizing Ministry, a part of JOIN, continues to work on quality of life issues regarding the church, the neighborhood, and the greater community. The primary tool used to identity issues by the LOM is having one-on-one conversation with members of the congregation. The LOM will be contacting congregational members throughout the fall to have half an hour one-on-one conversations. Thank you for taking the time to be part of this information gathering so that our church, our neighborhood, and our community can be stronger and better places to live for everyone.

Birthdays

Wish a happy birthday to:

Tor Strand 9/1
John Stabb 9/2
Jennifer Jones 9/2
Marianne Pfeil-Lang 9/3
Dr. Shelly Taylor 9/7
Mona Saupe 9/7
Scott Graham 9/8
Hannah Ward 9/8
Quin Forbes 9/9
Chandler Compton 9/9

Noah Goltz 9/10
Michael DeMetz 9/10
Tim Andrew 9/11
Ashley Cummings 9/12
Amy Nicolet 9/12
Rebecca Schaeffer 9/12
Rev. Lisa Hackler 9/15
Kjell Nordgaard 9/15
Kara Nicolet 9/17
Zoe Holtzman 9/19
Judy Lynch 9/19

Carolyn Coe 9/21
Sara Cummings 9/23
Cindy Olson 9/23
Joyce Lucas 9/24
Quincy Voris 9/25
Rowan Bulkow 9/26
Jillian Martin 9/27
Madeline Maurer 9/28
Frances Jones 9/30



Anniversaries

Wish a happy anniversary to:

Charlie & Carolyn Coe 9/1
Barney & Kyra Holtzman 9/2
Ralph & Judy Bagley 9/4
Lucinda & David Wright 9/5

Jeff Sauve & Annette Iverson 9/6
James & Karen Emmel 9/6
Gordon Nelson & Rebecca Schaeffer 9/7
Steven & Ellen Zernia 9/15
Ashley & Nico Raynor 9/27

Central Lutheran Church has had a long-time partnership with the Kuwaa Mission, a non-profit group of folks walking with the Kuwaa people in a remote area of Liberia. The Kuwaa Mission, started in 2008, has helped to get supplies to build fresh-water wells, medical clinics and school facilities to that remote area.



The Kuwaa Mission recently lost its treasurer with the unexpected passing of Carol Norquist. The books are kept on Quicken and donations tracked thru PayPal or checks or credit card payments. We are not a large NGO in terms of financial transactions per month and we only meet quarterly. We are a large NGO in terms of the number of Liberian people we help with education, health care and sanitation. Thus time commitment would not be great. However we do need someone familiar with these financial management tools or a quick learner. If you are interested and willing, or know someone who might be, please contact Stan Olsen at 907-231-3581 or stan1olsen@yahoo.com.

July—August 2025 Prayer Letter

Prayers ascending for the students and staff of the Dick and Doris Thompson Memorial Day Care Center and Elementary School! This month, we give thanks to God for the Day Care Center and elementary school in the Fassama Township, Belle District, Gbapolu County.



The Dick and Doris Thompson Memorial Day Care Center and Elementary School is named in honor of the Thompsons, whose ministry and Liberian home were located near Fassama in the 1970s. Reports from the community are that the school is one of the leading schools in Fassama in the Kuwaa Region of Liberia. The school began in 2023. In the first year, there were 29 students. We are so pleased to report that the student body of the school has grown to 90 students this school year. The student body is currently made up of 58 girls and 32 boys.

The Kuwaa mission, with the support of your prayers and financial contributions, makes a difference in the lives of the people of Fassama. The children are learning to read, to do mathematics, and other things which will help them and their community as they grow up. Reading and writing in English are good things. But the unique thing about this Fassama school is that it addresses one of the most difficult challenges we face today in Liberia and the rest of Africa – we are forgetting our mother tongue. The English language, the official, commercial, and social language of Liberia, is slowly and effectively forcing the Liberian languages into extinction. The disappearance of African languages has become alarming enough to claim the attention of reputable international media like the BBC and American Public Radio. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) estimates that about 40% of the world's languages are endangered. Most of these are African languages. Sadly, the Kuwaa or Belle language is among those heading toward extinction. All the factors leading to this extinction fit the Kuwaa situation. One factor that has had the most impactful negative effect on the heart language was the prohibition of the use of indigenous languages in school. While that had its plus side in making all Liberians be able to communicate with each other in a shared language, it helped immensely in relegating the heart language with all of its cultural values. Today, most of our children and grandchildren do not speak the Kuwaa language, even children in the villages.

Dick and Doris, after whom the Fassama school is named, were one of the two couples that the Lutheran Bible Translators assigned to the Kuwaa region in the 1970s to help translate the Bible into the Kuwaa language and produce Kuwaa literature that would

help preserve the Kuwaa language. The good news is that there is now a Kuwaa version of the New Testament, and progress is being made on the Old Testament translation. Despite this progress, however, we cannot be content with this accomplishment; we need people who can read the language.

This is why a class in the Kuwaa language at the Dick and Doris Thompson Memorial Elementary School is a thing that calls for celebration!

This move is so impactful that actions are being taken to extend the system across the district, even in public schools. The district and county education officers have shown their support for the idea by selecting pilot sites and including Kuwaa teacher training in the upcoming September 2025 educational training workshop. Please keep the Dick and Doris Thompson Memorial Day Care Center and Elementary School in your prayers. Financial Contributions can be sent to The Kuwaa Mission at the address below, with Dick and Doris Thompson School in the memo line of your check.

Prayer: Most gracious God, we thank you for the many gifts you bestow upon your people. We thank you especially for the gift of language. You attached value to every language. We have not followed your lead. Forgive us and bless our effort to recover what we have lost. Bless those who work with us to make this happen. We have prayed in Jesus' name, Amen!

Your contributions to the Kuwaa Mission are tax-deductible. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our tax ID number is 27-5458111. Donations can be given in two ways: A check to The Kuwaa Mission, 6620 E. 11th Ave. Anchorage, AK 99504, or via PayPal at www.kuwaamission.org.



Lutheran Social Services of Alaska



LSSA is open five days weekly to assist clients with a Food Bank, medical transportation in the Anchorage area, getting rural residents back home, direct assistance with ID's and more, referrals to other resources, the Listening Post and Golden Connections, and partnerships like Helping Us Give School Supplies and the Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing distribution.

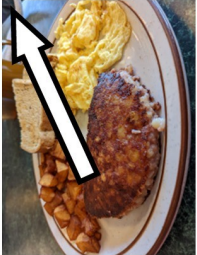


Their *Harvest of Hope* fundraising auction event is Friday, September 12 at 6 pm at the Anchorage Senior Center.

Alan Budahl, Executive Director
LSSA - Lutheran Social Services of Alaska
1303 W. 33rd Ave. Anchorage, AK 99503
907-272-0643 www.lssalaska.org

*Our mission is to provide HOPE by responding
to human need through services that SUSTAIN and TRANSFORM lives.*

September 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.)

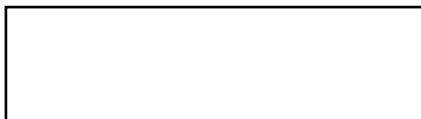
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day holiday</i> <i>Church office closed</i>	2 10:30 am Sarah Southside Circle @ Bells on Specking Road 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 3 pm Local Organizing Ministry (AFACT) 4:15-5:45 pm Pickleball	3 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	4	5 	6 9 am Men's Breakfast @ Kava's on Muldoon 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market hospitality
7 <i>God's Work,</i> <i>Our Hands Sunday</i> 8:15 am Worship Comm. 9:30 am WORSHIP with Pastor Zach Manzella then Reception and God's Work, Our Hands projects	8 1 pm Carol Norquist Celebration of Life and Reception 	9 Noon - 1 pm Text Study 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 2 - 4 pm LSSA Golden Connections "Celebrate Cultural Connections" @ Anch. Senior Center 4:45-6:15 pm Pickleball	10 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	11	12 6 pm LSSA Harvest of Hope Auction @ Anchorage Senior Center	13 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market hospitality
14 9:30 am WORSHIP with Pastor Zach Manzella 11 am Adult Ed class 11 am - 12:30 pm In Our Backyard Rhubarb Fest	15 3 pm Ladies' Gather Bible Study 4:30 pm Book Group discusses <u>Women in White</u> <u>Coats: How the First</u> <u>Women Doctors Changed</u> <u>the World of Medicine</u> by Olivia Campbell	16 7 am Early Risers Study Noon - 1 pm Text Study 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 4:45-6:15 pm Pickleball	17 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch 11:30 am LSSA Golden Connections Lunch & Story-telling workshop @ St Mark Lutheran Church 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	18 Noon Finance Committee 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open	19 2:30 pm Caring Ministers Meeting @ Dahna's	20 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market hospitality 11 am - 2 pm Foot & Wound Clinic open Noon - 2 pm Listening Post open 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open
21 8 am Church Council 9:30 am WORSHIP with Pastor Zach Manzella 11 am Adult Ed class 4:30 pm Multi-generational Sunday School dinner	22 <div><i>Tomorrow, Tuesday 9/23</i> <i>10 am - 4 pm Project</i> <i>Homeless Connect</i> <i>@ Egan Center</i></div>	23 7 am Early Risers Study Noon - 1 pm Text Study 1 - 3 pm Helping Hands Clothing Closet open 3 pm Local Organizing Ministry (AFACT) 4:45-6:15 pm Pickleball	24 8:30 am Coffee Klatsch 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	25 by 3 pm Volunteers deliver evening meal to Clare House shelter	26	27 9 am - 2 pm Anchorage Farmers Market hospitality 7:30 pm Anchorage Festival of Music "Basically Bach" concert in our Sanctuary
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