



The Spirit of Central

News about the mission of Central Lutheran Church
Downtown Minneapolis

*Summer Weekly Update
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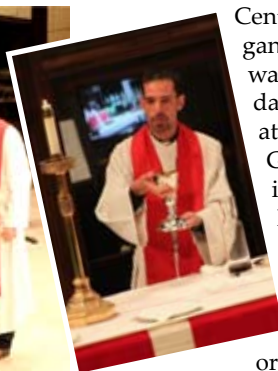
Help welcome back Pastor Rick and Mark!

Central's senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Rick Nelson, returns from sabbatical and to the pulpit this weekend. Following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, members of the Congregation Council will host a special fellowship time on the North Plaza, welcoming back Pastor Rick and Annette Nelson and Cantor Mark Sedio, who returned from sabbatical last Sunday. It's our final summer fellowship time on the Plaza. Come and enjoy some special treats, welcome these leaders back into the life and mission of Central and enjoy some live piano music by our own Jean Matheson!

Set apart for the ministry of Word and Sacrament



Jamie Lee Laudert



Central member Wolfgang "Will" Laudert was ordained on Sunday, August 28 here at Central by the Rev. Glenn Nyckelmoe, interim bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Following ordination, with the

laying on of hands by many clergy, Will presided "at the table" during Holy Communion. He has now begun

his new ministry at West Union Lutheran Church in Carver, Minnesota, where he will be formally installed on September 11. Please remember Will in your prayers!

New program year launches on September 11



Central's new program year gets off to a rousing start on Sunday, September 11 as we return to a schedule with two worship services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.) and present a ministry fair in between. Representatives of Central's many ministry teams will be on hand to offer a variety of opportunities to serve the congregation and the city. The Central Choir will return from its summer hiatus and sing at both services. September 11 will also be "rally

day" for the educational programs, with registration for children and youth. Special fall treats are being prepared and there will be an open house in the Restoration Center. This will truly be a day to reconnect and restart!

Add your voice to our song!

September is the perfect time to join one of Central's choirs!

All four of Central's choirs are seeing new members this fall. The **Central Choir** rehearses each Wednesday evening and sings September through May for the Sunday 11:00 worship service, occasionally the 8:30 service and also presents large-scale works with orchestra two or three times each year — *first rehearsal Wednesday, September 7.*

Männerchor (men's choir) and **Cantorei** (Renaissance/baroque ensemble) both perform once a month or so. Our newest choir is the **Central Choristers**, our children's choir, which rehearses on Thursday afternoons. **learn more at [/www.centralmpls.org/choirs.php](http://www.centralmpls.org/choirs.php).**

— events/opportunities —

Worship

Saturday — 5:30 p.m.
Sunday — 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday — 11:00 a.m.

anniversary of “September 11” featuring a 100-voice choir from downtown congregations with readings and prayers from Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Universalist traditions. —8:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary, Hennepin Avenue at North 16th Street. A free, public concert.

The Coming Week

Central Meetings, Events and Community Service

Monday, September 5

Labor Day—Campus Closed

Tuesday, September 6

General Staff Meeting, 10:15 a.m.
Grace Circle, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7

Clothes Closet Opens, 10:00 a.m.
Executive Committee, 12:00 Noon
OWLS Planning Team, 1:00 p.m.
C3 Team, 5:30 p.m.

Central Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 8

Fiscal and Property Committee, 7:00 a.m.
Open AA Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Augsburg Nursing Women’s Group,
10:30 a.m.
OWLS Depart for Monthly Trip, 11:00 a.m.
Clothes Closet Opens, 1:00 p.m.
A Different Kind of Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Vibrant Congregations Project, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10

Congregation Council Retreat, 8:00 a.m.
(Luther Seminary)
Sunday Education Team Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

A Different Kind of Book Club

Thursday, September 8

This new book club resumes its monthly meetings to discuss *Cutting for Stoneby* by Abraham Verghese—a fictional story set in Ethiopia around 1954. It’s an unforgettable story of love, betrayal, medicine and the politics of the time. Shirley Flachman will be with us to give us an insight into a different Ethiopia she and Leonard experienced as missionaries three years ago. Any questions can be directed to Eve Overby (eveoverby@msn.com) or Joyce Anderson (cander4704@aol.com). —2:00 p.m. in Fireside Lounge

Next Weekend

Songs of Hope

Commemorative Concert

Saturday, September 10

The Downtown Minneapolis interfaith community presents a concert commemorating the tenth

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

Sunday, September 11

All incoming and returning Confirmation students and parents are asked to attend to receive information and outline of the program, hear about the fall and more. This is the beginning of your Confirmation commitment. —11:00 a.m. in the Confirmation Room.

Autumn Fest

Sunday, September 11

Central’s new program year gets underway with the return to two worship services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.), a Ministry Opportunity Fair, open houses in ministry areas and more. —See announcement on front page!

Looking Ahead

Special Congregation Forum

Sunday, September 18

The Campus Master Plan Task Force will present an update on its work, including the adopted “core assumptions” that will guide the planning process going forward and an introduction of the architectural firm selected to assist in the “scenario phase,” Architectural Alliance. —10:15 a.m. in the Community Room

Rainleader Construction Begins

Watch for Parking Entrance Detour

Construction on the long-delayed rainleader project—redirecting rainwater run off from the sanctuary roof from the public storm sewer system to a new underground drainage system—has begun. Early on in the project it will be necessary to close the main entrance to Central’s parking facility, at Third Avenue and 14th Street—directly across from the Convention Center. When that happens, traffic will be detoured by signs to the entrance (gate) on the East side of the parking lot, at 4th Avenue and 15th Street. Those with handicap parking permits can enter at 4th Avenue and 14th Street (Central’s private street south of the church) and park in the regular areas along the curb. Thanks for accepting a small inconvenience in order to make possible a significant effort to help protect the mighty Mississippi River and show the City that Central truly does care for God’s creation!

Water Tip

Each weekend during this “Year of Water,” the Central Cares for Creation Team is offering a brief bit of information or tip about water.

Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

Source: <http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>