



The Summer Spirit of Central

News about the mission of Central Lutheran Church — Downtown Minneapolis

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Innovation, creativity mark planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School



Greer Cherney, Sean Nolan and Pastor Kristen Jacobson view a model of a giant Baobab tree on June 16 that Sean will construct in the Community Room for this summer's Vacation Bible School.

This summer Central is joining with many other congregations around the church in offering a new Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience from

Augsburg Fortress Publishers: Baobab Blast. The great baobab tree in the expansive African savannah is the setting for this year's VBS. Participants will actually gather under a large, three-dimensional Baobab tree replica in the Community Room, created by Central member Sean Nolan.

"We've created a learning and community-building experience for people of all ages," said Greer Cherney, Central's Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator. "A tremendous amount of innovation and creativity from some very talented members of our community have going into the planning and preparations.

The experience will take place on five Wednesday evenings, beginning June 30, and continuing on July 14, July 28, August 11 and August 25. The evening sessions will start with dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by an opening session led by the 2010 VBS Band (Simon Husbands, Charlie Durate, Karl Jacobson and Chris Stanley). For children the evening will include five "rotations" featuring crafts, science projects, games and storytelling. For adults, its off to the Elbow Room next door where Pastors Rick and Kristen will lead the learning and discussion. The evening closes with more music and worship with the band, concluding at 7:00. It is hoped that all VBS participants will then stay for the Wednesday evening outdoor worship service on the South Patio.

The cost for VBS 2010 is a minimal, one-time fee of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall today or at www.centralmpls.org.

"In living color and sound we are opening God's promises for all ages and all levels of learning," said Pastor Kristen. "This is a hands on, plugged in, colorful safari of experiencing God's grace!"

Coming Sunday, July 4

Dixieland Worship and an old-fashioned Ice Cream and Hot Dog Social!
Worship with Stomp N' Dixie. Hot dogs; chips, ice cream, popcorn, veggies on the Plaza.
Free of charge! We're inviting the neighborhood! Come, join in the fellowship and help welcome many visitors to Central. There'll even be a "bounce house" for kids!
Invite your family and friends! All are most welcome!

Our Family Album

Snapshots of Our Life Together in Mission

Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries



On Sunday, June 13, we celebrated the ordination anniversaries of Pastor Rick Nelson (30 years) and Pastor D. Foy Christopherson (20 years). Both were ordained in the month of June. Large photos were displayed during the worship service of Pastor Rick and Pastor C on the very days they were ordained. After church the congrega-

tion gathered in Fellowship Hall for a reception honoring the two colleagues in ministry. Thanks to Mary and George Holtan and Muriel Olson for coordinating this festive and memorable event!

Thank you!

Thanks so much for the wonderful time of surprise and celebration marking my 30th year of ordination! The time together, good laughs, great cake, beautiful flowers, written expressions of thanksgiving and best wishes—even the life-size photos of my young self and my “GQ” pastor colleague—made the day special and great fun. Annette and I look forward to all that God yet has in store for us all together.

Pastor Rick

Joe Bjordal



Shalom Circle Honors Charter Members

The Shalom Circle met on June 15 for their end-of-the-year potluck and honored former members who helped start the Circle twenty years ago—when Suzanne



Ferkey and Pastor Paul Hanson met to discuss the need for a Bible study and social group for professional women. Shalom Circle currently has 21 members, many of whom are retired. They meet for Bible study and dessert monthly. Charter members attending the gathering are (seated left to right) Suzanne Ferkey, Millie Starr (standing left to right) Phyllis Whitney, Annie Romstad, LaVerne Peter, Geri Nelson and Mary Page.

Anne Stechman

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 21 — Psalm 64; Job 18:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 **Tuesday, June 22** — Psalm 64; Job 19:1-22; Ephesians 2:11-22
Wednesday, June 23 — Psalm 64; Ezekiel 32:1-10; Luke 9:37-43a **Thursday, June 24** — Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22—10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Friday, June 25 — Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43 **Saturday, June 26** — Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-17
Sunday, June 27 — 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-15; Luke 9:51-62

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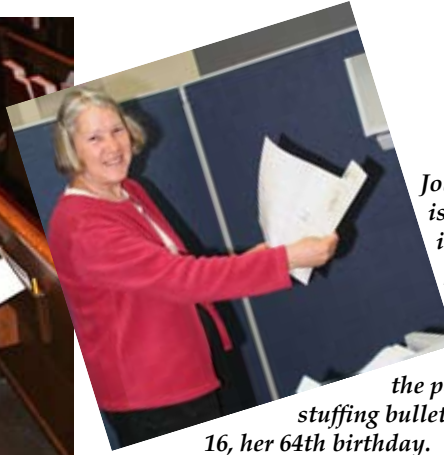
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CentralLights

The Summer Central People Series

Shining the spotlight on some of our shining lights—
lay ministers who serve faithfully, often behind the scenes



Joanne Micensky is pictured working at the two functions she carries out at Central these days—filling the pew racks and stuffing bulletins—on June 16, her 64th birthday.

Joanne Micensky

Member of Central since 1970

Joanne came to be a member of Central through her involvement in the young adult group, “The Koinonians,” which she joined in 1968. Partly with her help (through telephone campaigns), the group grew to over 500 members in the 70s. She fondly recalls many of the group gatherings and trips, which included picnics, volleyball, even tubing on the Apple River.

For more than a decade, she assisted former Christian Education director Beth Brekke “behind the scenes” preparing supplies that were used in the Sunday School classrooms. She also assisted with Vacation Bible School. And, she is no stranger to Central’s 53-year-old dishwasher! She served in various capacities in the kitchen for events such as the old Annual Meeting dinners, at funerals and at other gatherings.

Asked why she invests in Central, her response is brief, simple and profound: “God put me here to serve.” Asked what she sees at Central these days that excites her and gives her hope for the future, she cites two developments: improved communications (and no, we did not pay her to say that) and the growing number of children who participate in worship. “I love seeing all those children join our pastors on the chancel steps for the children’s message each Sunday. It’s just thrilling,” says Joanne.

Briefly noted . . .

A new network—Friends of Central—launches today

A new and significant effort by the Communications and Public Relations Ministry Team will be formally launched just before the Annual Meeting today. Friends of Central will seek to identify and communicate with people across the church—most likely thousands of them—who feel some connection to Central Lutheran Church. **As part of the launch of Friends of Central, current members who suggest names of potential “friends” will be entered into a contest for a \$200 gift certificate to Vincent, a famed downtown Minneapolis restaurant! The contest continues until Sunday, July 4.**

Central’s Camp Noah cancelled; funds to support other camps

A team from Central—of 16 people—had prepared to lead a Camp Noah at a Haitian congregation in Saint Paul this week. Camp Noah is a ministry of Lutheran Social Services that offers a “Vacation Bible School-like” experience for children who are victims of trauma. Unfortunately the camp was cancelled at the last minute. Central’s gift of \$5,000 to Camp Noah, part of which was to be used to fund the Saint Paul Camp, will now be used to sponsor four other such camps this summer in areas of flood-ravaged Wisconsin.

Lumber needed

Check your garage! Central is in need of new or used boards for storage shelving: 1 x 6, 1 x 8, 1 x 10, or 1 x 12 pieces at least 24 inches long. Or ¾ inch plywood scraps at least 6 x 24 inches
Drop off at church, attention Pastor C. Questions? Ask Pastor C.

Events and Opportunities

Today

Annual Meeting, 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

All members of Central are encouraged to participate in the Annual Meeting of Central Lutheran on following worship today. The agenda includes: ♦Election of officers and members of the Congregation Council; Synod Assembly Voting Members; the Nominating Committee and a member of the Audit Committee; ♦Consideration and approval of the 2010-2011 budget; and ♦Calling of Pastor Judith Stone and Mark Sedio, Associate in Ministry.

The 2009-2010 Annual Report is available in Fellowship Hall today.

This Week

Central Meetings, Events and Community Service

Monday, June 21 —

Community Worship, 10:00 a.m.

(Fellowship Hall "FH")

Clothes Closet, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Restoration Center "RC")

Community Meal, 11:30 a.m. (FH)

Tuesday, June 22 —

Library Work Meeting, 1:00 p.m. (Library)

Community Outreach Ministry Team, 6:00 p.m. (RC)

Wednesday, June 23

Heritage Ministry Team, 9:00 a.m.
(Heritage Room)

Clothes Closet, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (RC)

Silver Bells Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m.
(Choir Room)

VBS Band Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m.
(Community Room)

CLCW Investment Club, 6:30 p.m.
(Rooms 222 and 226)

Summer Dot Com Worship, 7:00 p.m.
(South Commons Patio)

Thursday, June 24 —

Open AA Meeting, 9:00 a.m. (RC)

Women's Summer Faith Lunch, Noon
(Fireside Lounge "FL")

Clothes Closet, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (RC)

Gardening Corps, 7:00 p.m. (Outdoors)

Next Sunday

St. Paul Saints Baseball Family Event 11:30 a.m.

Join other Central families and friends for a fun day at the ballpark! All ages are welcome! Bring food, snacks and drinks to enjoy at the tail-

gate party before the game. Tickets: \$12.00. *Only 5 tickets remain. See Greer today!*

Fellowship and Carillon Concert on the North Plaza

As some Centralites head to the ball game, our Sunday fellowship time will take on a bit of a "tailgate party" flavor, with peanuts, popcorn and Cracker Jacks. All are invited to wear a symbol of your favorite team.

Don't miss a rare opportunity to hear one of the world's finest youth choirs—right here at Central!



Oulainen Youth Choir in Concert Monday, June 21 — 7:30 p.m.

Founded in Finland in 1972, this choir of 30 girls under the direction of Tapani Tirilä, has toured the globe and won numerous international awards. This will be a rare opportunity to hear one of the world's most famous youth choirs. Central is pleased to host the final concert of the choir's 32nd annual international tour. The girls will be overnight guests of several Central members following the concert. *A free, public event!*

In the photo: the Oulainen Youth Choir performs at the Presidential Palace, Helsinki in April.

And, we welcome carillonneur Ian MacKiney, who will perform on Central's Paccard Carillon immediately following worship. Special seating will be set up on the plaza and lawn under the bell tower.

And, speaking of bells, our own "Silver Bells" will provide some "entrance music" in South Commons before the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Looking Ahead

OWLS Mississippi River Cruise Thursday, July 15

Join Central's Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) for a cruise on the Mighty Mississippi, departing from Harriet Island in Saint Paul. Cost: \$32.00 (includes lunch and narration). *Learn more and sign up today in Fellowship Hall.*



✠ The Rev. Maynard B. Iverson

*Born August 23, 1919 — Died June 2, 2010
Former youth pastor at Central (1946 to 1949)*

Memorial Service—Saturday, July 10

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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OF THIS CHILD OF GOD
WHO LIVED AMONG US*