

Steeple Notes

Central Church, Huntington, NY
Where Jesus Is Lord and All Are Loved!
February-March 2024

Looking Forward to Our All-Church Gathering



Happy New Year Central family and friends! May the blessing of our God and His protection and love be upon us all!

As you know, Central Church's motto is "Where Jesus is Lord and all are loved."

To bring this alive, on February 11, Central will be holding its all-church Annual Gathering and Sign-Up Day after Sunday worship. And I am so looking forward to this! For the second year in a row, we are going to meet in the Fellowship Hall. And for the second year running, I am asking all the various groups to present your group with a small exhibit and a sign-up sheet for interested people.

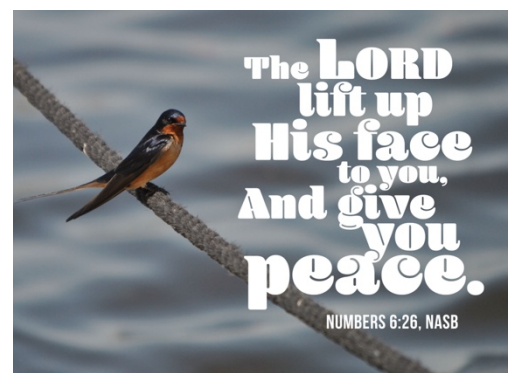
This year, we are also asking the various session members and other ministry leads to share how they will be using their budget to carry our mission forward. This is because one of my goals as your pastor is to have everyone plugged into an area of service where your calling and gifting intersect. And one of the simplest ways to encourage this is to present options for you to discern and commit to. In a much deeper way, this was what Jesus did—he invited people to come and see, then sent them out to live out what he showed them.

And one more thing—as we strive to more openly serve the Lord and His kingdom, we ask for your renewed support and dedication. Last year, with great praise to God and your generosity, we finished very strongly—our actual deficit was lowered to a very manageable sum! Thank you! For 2024, would you join me in raising your financial support by 5 percent?

God is powerfully working in our midst here at Central!
I hope to see you all here on February 11 for worship,
as well as our meeting!

In Christ Our King,

Pastor Paul Lee





February Birthdays

01 Lois Cowie
 06 Chris Silvia
 07 Gabrielle Devine
 09 Donna Periana
 10 Joe Garofola
 13 Bill Russell
 13 Aaliyah Gonzalez
 13 Felipe Gonzalez
 14 Shakayah Boyle
 15 Janet Byler
 16 Lynn Watkins
 18 Jennifer Bradley
 20 Jordan Rolle
 24 Nancy Clous
 26 Laura Tiemann
 28 Pastor Paul Lee

February Anniversaries

05 David & Ethel Wilson
 10 Anneliese & Ralph Lanza

March Birthdays

04 Ken Chin
 05 Lauren Lewis
 06 Kevin Reilly
 07 James Sutherland
 09 Evelyn Brodbeck
 11 Seth Lee
 14 Ken Roman
 15 Sophia Swanson
 17 Doral Hardy
 17 Kari Reilly
 19 Henry Grill
 19 Andrea Hines-Sterling
 20 Cayden Fernandez
 21 James D. Clous
 24 Paige Pollaccia
 25 Mariah Wilson
 26 Kassidy Reilly
 29 Beverly Vandergoot



Matt and Jessica LaMay are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Caleb Matthew LaMay, who was born on Monday, January 22. Caleb weighed in at 8.2 pounds. Mom, Dad and Caleb are doing well and are praising God for this sweet gift!





February at a Glance

Tuesday – February 6

10:00 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – February 13

10:00 am – Circle Meeting

Looking Ahead to March

Tuesday – March 5

10:00 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday – March 12

10:00 am – Circle Meeting

Friday – March 29

12:00 pm – Good Friday Lunch

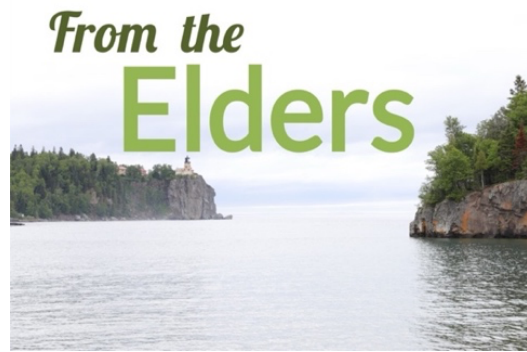
Watch for more details in the Sunday Bulletins.



the Lord on October 29, 2023, in Colorado.

Dorothea was 95. She is survived by her son Bill, daughter Jeanne, and daughter Dorothea Fitzsimmons. Husband Harvey passed away in 2019. Please keep the family in prayer.

Our condolences to the family of long-time Central member Dorothea Simonsen, who went home to



Meeting Summary: January 23, 2024

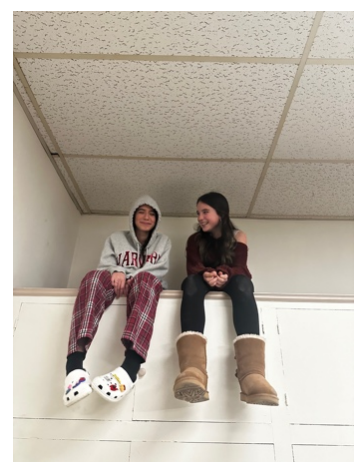
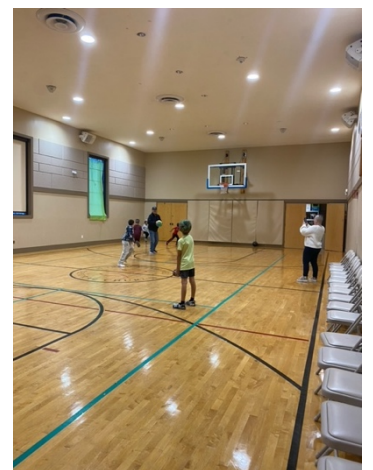
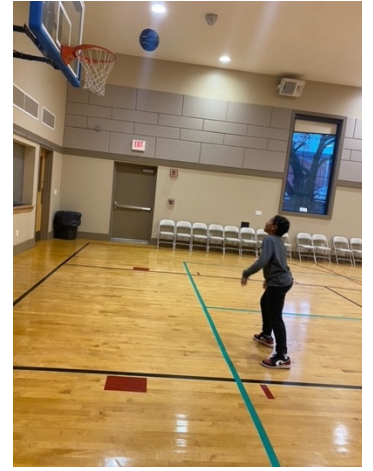
Clerk: All 10 Session members plus Rich Goetz and Jamie Clous attended. The meeting opened at 7:30 pm with prayer. Pastor Paul led a devotion based on the authority of Christ as expressed in Mark 1.

Session discussed the following:

- After discussion of the final budget presented by Jamie Clous, motion was made and voted on to pass it
- Minutes were approved for the December and early January meetings of the Session
- The Clerk's report included that the communion count for January was 52
- Here is the list of 2024 Elders on Call: Jan. - Valerio; Feb. - Roman; March - Garofola; April - Schroeder; May - Paulsen; June - Melillo; July - Chin; Aug. - Hardy; and TBA for September to December
- Motion was made to move the next Session meeting to Tues., Feb. 20th. It was approved
- Elder Byler shared that Central is next in line at the Appellate Court to have our case finally heard. Time was taken to pray for Elder Byler's continued healing
- Elder Sutherland shared that the Deacons have named two new Co-Moderators to carry on the work of the board of Deacons: Donna Periana and Rachel Silvia
- Elder Garofola shared that Long Island Youth for Christ has requested use of the Fellowship Hall to run a training meeting on March 16th. The request was approved
- Elder Schroeder announced that he would like to preside over an Easter morning breakfast. The Session is unanimously in favor of this gesture and approved it
- The meeting ended in prayers of thanks at 9:20 pm. The next meeting will be Feb. 20th.



Thursdays at Central Church: Communion Class & Kids Central!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kids Central 4:30 pm (Confirmation Class resumes Feb. 8)	2	3 NA Group 9:00 am
4 Morning Worship 10:00 am NA Group 7:00 pm	5 The Chosen 7:00 pm Office Closed	6 WCC Board 10:00 am Moms in Prayer 4:30 Worship Team 7 pm Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Youth Group 7:30 pm	8 Staff Meeting 12 pm Kids Central 4:30 pm Confirmation 4:30 pm	9	10 NA Group 9:00 am
11 Morning Worship 10:00 am Annual Gathering & Sign-Up Day 11:15 NA Group 7:00 pm	12 The Chosen 7:00 pm Office Closed	13 WCC Circle 10:00 am Moms in Prayer 4:30 Worship Team 7 pm Worship Committee 7:30 pm	14 Ash Wednesday Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 7:30 pm Trustees 7:30 pm	15 Staff Meeting 12 pm Kids Central 4:30 pm Confirmation 4:30 pm	16	17 NA Group 9:00 am
18 Morning Worship 10:00 am Adult CE Class 11:30 am NA Group 7:00 pm	19 Presidents' Day Office Closed (The Chosen resumes Feb. 26)	20 Moms in Prayer 4:30 Worship Team 7 pm	21 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Youth Group 7:30 pm	22 Staff Meeting 12 pm (Kids Central resumes Feb. 29)	23	24 NA Group 9:00 am
25 Morning Worship 10:00 am Adult CE Class 11:30 am NA Group 7:00 pm	26 The Chosen 7:00 pm Office Closed	27 Moms in Prayer 4:30 Worship Team 7 pm Session Meeting 7:30 pm	28 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Youth Group 7:30 pm	29 Staff Meeting 12 pm Kids Central 4:30 pm (Confirmation Class resumes March 14)		<i>Office Hours: Tues-Fri 8am to 1pm</i>



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