

# Central Today

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**10:30 AM**

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The last two newsletters have been about a significant financial gift Central received and the process we will use to discern how best to use this gift. We know that this gift will help us live into the future with confidence and new possibilities, but we want to prayerfully think about how this gift can have the most positive impact.

During the congregational meeting in March, members and friends were invited to complete two sentences.

- As the Session discerns how best to use this gift, please consider . . .
- I hope that Central . . .

It's not too late to offer input to the Session. Don't flood the ballot box, but the Session does want to incorporate best ideas and questions, so feel free to send them to [office@cpcstpaul.org](mailto:office@cpcstpaul.org).

In my sermon on March 18, I talked a bit about a creative process we are using to get at the heart of who we are and who we want to be as a church. We've done an exercise with the staff, and with the session, that asks us to respond to kind of a silly question that asks if this church was a vehicle, what kind of vehicle would we be? And why do you think that?

I've loved hearing the answers that people have provided. And they do say a lot about how this church exists and how we imagine ourselves. Here are a few things we have heard:

- Central is like an old VW van. It's shows that it is from a different era, but it can hold a lot of people and it can go a lot of places and people look at it and think, "that is pretty cool." But it is expensive to maintain and there is no spot to recharge a smart phone.
- A couple of other people suggested that Central is like an old Rolls Royce. Again, from a different era, but classy. And the bones are good, even if the paint is fading and there are some dents and it has spent some Minnesota winters outside.
- Another person compared Central to the Tesla that was strapped on to a rocket heading to Mars. Playing David Bowie and with a message stamped onto the dashboard that says, "Don't panic." Exploring new dimensions, heading into the unknown.

With our new financial gift, a second question emerges along these same creative lines. If we could afford it, what kind of vehicle would we want it to be? Would

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# Worship

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Festive music on this Resurrection morning will include the Ars Nova Brass Quintet, Central Choir, organ and percussion. Extended brass prelude music begins at 10:15 a.m. with worship at 10:30 a.m. Easter egg hunt for children follows worship.

On Palm Sunday, Rev. Colby's sermon was "Walking Together," and then on Maundy Thursday it was a more somber, "Walking Alone." On this Easter Sunday, Rev. Colby will preach on the story of Jesus appearing to two stunned disciples in his sermon, "On the Road Again."

## SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Parish Associate and active participant in the Central community, Rev. Casey Wells will preach. John 20:19-31 tells us that week after Jesus's death and resurrection, he appeared to the disciples who were gathered together in a room with locked doors. But another disciple, Thomas, wasn't with them. "Doubting Thomas" did not believe their story that their beloved leader could reappear unless he saw Jesus and touched his wounded body. We will talk about when it might be important to check out our doubts and when to believe all that we read and hear.

Guitarist Eva Beneke will be performing, you can read about her on page 72.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Throughout the Gospel post-Easter stories, the disciples, Jesus' closest friends, have trouble understanding and believing that he has risen. In a passage from the Gospel of Luke (24:36-48) Jesus shows them the marks on his body to help the disciples trust him. Rev. Colby will preach on the this passage and extrapolate out to the marks of the church. Ars Nova Brass Quintet is back in worship along with the Central Choir

Following worship, plan to stay for our Third Sunday Lunch.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 22

This popular contemporary Mass for the Earth features the Central Choir, a Children's Choir, a chamber ensemble, and the voices of wolf, whale, eagle, harp seal, Amazonian musical wren, and loon. It is a celebration of Mother Earth that integrates world music with songs from the wild to celebrate the whole earth as a sacred space.

The *MISSA GAIA* is performed annually on the first Sunday in October in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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SUNDAYS AT  
10:30 AM**

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**Sunday  
Morning  
Schedule**

**9:30 Education  
For All Ages**

**10:30 Worship**

**11:30 Fellowship  
& Coffee**

in New York. It was commissioned by the Dean of the Cathedral as a contemporary ecumenical Mass. This unique piece is highly acclaimed. *"Winter and company have achieved a distinguished triumph in combining divergent music styles and imaginatively wedding voices, instrumentation and recorded sounds of a tundra wolf, canyon and musical wrens, harp seals, a flight of loons and singing humpback whales."* (The Boston Globe)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29

"I am the vine, Jesus said (John 15:1-8) "and you are the branches." This image of the life of faith being like careful pruning of a vine to yield the very best fruit is an interesting one for us. Rev. Colby will preach.

This will also be Justice Choir Sunday! All are welcome (children and adults, and all abilities) to come and sing songs from the Justice Choir Songbook about our call to seek justice and love kindness. Led by two of the Co-Editors, Ahmed Anzaldúa and Abbie Betinis.

9:30 – Gather to learn the music, and to learn about the music from Ahmed Anzaldúa

10:30 – Sing the songs we learn together in the worship service

11:30 – Those who are able are welcome to share the songs with our neighbors as we "take it to the streets!"

All participants who RSVP by April 15 will receive a "Love is Love" t-shirt. RSVP with Jennifer Anderson at [JennifeA@cpststpaul.org](mailto:JennifeA@cpststpaul.org) and indicate the size that you would prefer (adult or children sizes available.)

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we head right into the dealer and trade in for something else? Would we take it to the mechanic and ask for a tune-up that will keep us running for another 100,000 miles?

It's kind of a silly set of questions designed to get us to think, and to listen to others. And to appreciate the creativity that others here have. But it also gets us to speak about the values we hold dear, the image we have of this church, the hopes and dreams of what we think God is calling us to do and be.

Thanks for all the ways we are building a community of faith together!

See you at Central,  
David Colby

## The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. On Sunday, April 8, this special offering will be received during worship.

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society.

Checks to this special offering can also be sent to the church office or can be made online at [specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs).





**join us!**

**FESTIVE MUSIC**  
featuring  
**THE CENTRAL CHOIR**  
**ARS NOVA BRASS QUINTET**  
**ORGAN & PERCUSSION**

**easter  
sunday**

**APRIL 1**

**10:15 BRASS PRELUDE MUSIC**

**10:30 WORSHIP**

**stay for children's  
egg hunt after worship!**

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# Central Honors Bill and Roger Zopfi's Decades of Service

This past Sunday, we honored Bill Zopfi as we marked his transition from many decades as Central's Treasurer to a new position as Treasurer Emeritus. We are incredibly grateful for Bill's service as Treasurer and in many other capacities over the years at Central. His daughter Sue estimated that he has spent well over 10,000 hours volunteering at Central over the years. How amazing!

One aspect of our celebration was the announcement of the recently renamed "Zopfi Fund for Building Improvements." Formerly known as the "Necessary Building Improvements Fund" was created in 2017 to serve as a reserve fund for building projects falling between the levels of annual budgeted maintenance and a major capital project.

Over the years, Bill and Roger Zopfi were Central's first call when something had gone wrong. By renaming this fund, we will honor both Bill and Roger's stewardship at Central, through their care of our finances and our physical environment. If you would like to make a contribution to the Zopfi Fund, please return the form below.



*Trustees Roger and Bill hard at work!*

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ZOPFI FUND FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

*We will notify Bill & Roger of contributions made, but not of specific amounts.*

YOU CAN PLACE THIS FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR RETURN TO THE OFFICE.



## Summer at Clearwater Forest Camp

Where you can worship by the lake, hang out on high ropes, play in and on the lake, try new games, dance to energizers, build relationships with others, and more, all the while learning more about yourself and God!

Registration is being accepted for youth entering 3rd grade all the way through those currently finishing their senior year, plus our ever-popular Grands Camp. Scholarship funds are available, both through Central and through Clearwater, so please don't let financial need get in the way of attending Camp this summer.

Register at [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) or call 218-678-2325 for more information.

## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

At Central our Easter tradition includes an egg hunt following worship on Easter Sunday. After worship children are invited to join in our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the sanctuary.

Children should gather in the Friendship Room by the children's table after service. Once the eggs have been hidden the children will be allowed into the sanctuary by age, starting with the youngest children. There are bags for children to collect their eggs that can be decorated while waiting. Parents are requested to help supervise the egg gathering. Thank you for your help.



## Scholarships Available!

Thanks to funds given to Central, youth scholarships are available for summer camp or college from the Nella Jury - Edna Larson Fund. Requests up to \$300 will be considered, with final awards depending on the applications received. If interested, please submit a one-page letter by April 16th for college or June 1st for a camp scholarship. The letter should outline your connection to Central and how you plan to use the scholarship funds. The letter should be emailed to [aprilg@cpctstpaul.org](mailto:aprilg@cpctstpaul.org) or mailed to Central, to the attention of the Children & Youth committee.

For students interested in attending Clearwater, additional scholarships are also available directly through them. To learn more, visit their website at [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) and go to Summer Camp 2018, then to Download Summer Camp Forms.

## Camp Cleanup Day

Camp Clearwater Forest needs you! Winter is always a challenge to our facilities, trails, and grounds. Our spring work day will be Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with a FREE lunch for those who help out.

From raking leaves, cleaning cabins, picking up downed branches, cleaning windows, sorting crafts, pulling out the boats to more skilled projects which include building a screened in porch on the Hermitage and painting the Grouse Circle bathroom, there is a project for all skill levels and groups.

Please let us know if you are able to come so we can have enough lunch and materials available. You can learn more at [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) or talk with April Joy Greibrok at 651-224-4728 ext 109.



**MISSA**  
*Gaia*

PAUL WINTER'S EARTH MASS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**  
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LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT AT  
[WWW.CPCSTPAUL.ORG/MUSIC-AND-ARTS](http://WWW.CPCSTPAUL.ORG/MUSIC-AND-ARTS)

## Meet Eva Beneke, Guitarist

Eva will be joining Central during worship on Sunday, April 8. Born in Berlin, Germany, Eva Beneke began her studies at the Berlin University of Arts with Prof. Martin Rennert. Her success there led her to study with Prof. Thomas Müller-Pering, one of Germany's most influential guitarists. Eva received a doctorate with honors from the University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music where she studied with Scott Tennant, Pepe Romero and jazz-guitar legend Bruce Forman.

In addition to prizes at international guitar festivals in The Netherlands, Italy and the U.S., Eva Beneke is an internationally acclaimed soloist, chamber musician and published arranger. Her performances have been broadcast nationally and internationally on radio and television, such as NPR's "Performance Today", KUSC and Minnesota Public Radio. Highlights of her career include appearances with the German Symphony Orchestra under Kent Nagano, invitations to festivals in China, Peru,



Germany, Luxembourg, Lithuania, the U.S. and Canada, and a performance with Carrie Underwood at the 2010 American Country Music Awards.

Her 2012 album "In Dulci Jubilo - A Classical Guitar Christmas" is a duo-collaboration with Grammy®-winning guitarist Scott Tennant (L.A.G.Q.). Her latest album "The Complete works for voice and guitar by Fernando Sor" is a collaboration with mezzo-soprano Nerea Berraondo. Learn more about Eva on her website at [www.evabeneke.com](http://www.evabeneke.com)



## Women of Central News



### 4TH SUNDAY KNITTING GROUP—APRIL 22

Our next 4th Sunday Knitting group will meet on April 22 after worship. We are also looking for a new leader to coordinate this group. Please let Sue Hoffman know if you are interested to lead this group.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING—APRIL 28

The Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Presbytery will hold their spring gathering on Saturday, April 28 at First Presbyterian Church of Rochester. The gathering is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will plan to have a carpool driving to the event, departing from Central.

Registration forms for the event will be available in late March on the Women of Central bulletin board. The cost of the event is \$15.

### Women's Networking Dinner

The group had a great time at Moscow on the Hill. The food and conversation were excellent!

On April 4 we will be at the Downtowner. Let us know ideas for May, June and July. Our plan is to return to downtown locations so that we can walk, weather permitting.



**Join us on April 4!**

Downtowner Woodfire Grill  
253 West 7th Street, St. Paul

Those participating can plan to meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. or at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office or to Sue Hoffman (612-998-6389 or [syhoffman123@comcast.net](mailto:syhoffman123@comcast.net)), as it helps us get a count for a table reservation.

Join the fun!

## SAVE THE DATE!

FALL FAMILY RETREAT  
September 21—23, 2018

*More information will be provided closer to this date.*

*Contact April Greibrok at [aprilg@cpkstpaul.org](mailto:aprilg@cpkstpaul.org)  
with questions.*



## Happy Birthday!

Per Greibrok .....	4/1	Fluryanne Leach .....	4/15
Lisa Gustafson.....	4/1	Isabella Varanasi.....	4/15
Doris Shull .....	4/2	Jon Engeswick .....	4/19
Samantha Johnson .....	4/7	Mel Leach.....	4/19
Peter Fisher .....	4/8	Grace Tester.....	4/19
Deborah Rioux .....	4/8	Mac Baird.....	4/21
Benjamin Amarteifio .....	4/9	James Benike.....	4/22
Pam Larson.....	4/11	Andrew Kovach.....	4/22
Bernice Runkle .....	4/11	Edmond Williamson .....	4/23
Charles Barklind .....	4/13	Bim Juhnke .....	4/25

*If we erroneously missed your name, please send us a note so that we can correct our records: [office@cpkstpaul.org](mailto:office@cpkstpaul.org)*

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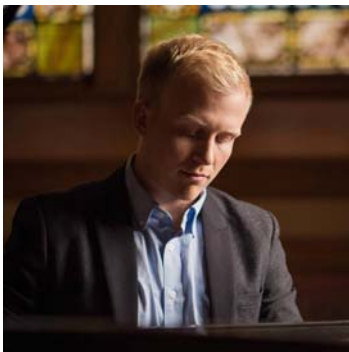
## Best Wishes to our Departing Staff Members!



### APRIL GREIBROK

April has been on staff at Central since 2009. First, as a nursery care provider, then as a preschool teacher, and now as our Coordinator for Children and Youth Ministries. April’s family has some good news in that her husband Per has been accepted to nursing school and received enough financial support to make this dream affordable. However, while his schedule will become more flexible as he returns to school, April will be searching for one full-time job to provide stability. So, she has announced that she will be leaving her position at Central by June 10.

We are grateful to April for all she has done at Central and excited for this opportunity for Per. April will be missed on staff, but we know you will join us in wishing April and her family the very best on the next leg of their journey.



### JOE TRUCANO

For the last several years, we were so fortunate to have Joe Trucano on staff as our Assistant Organist. Recently, Joe was offered the full-time position as Director of Music and Worship at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Shoreview and so we have had to say good-bye to Joe.

We wish him all the best as he continues sharing his gift of music with others! Joe has also started a creative new ensemble called Skål Chamber Collective, which you can follow on Facebook if you’d like and keep track of Joe’s musical endeavors.

## Thank You!

Big thank you to **Doug Throckmorton** and **Casey Wells** for serving as building hosts during two very busy events in March – Homeless Day on the Hill and the JRLC Day on the Hill. Your friendly smiles and warm greetings were appreciated by many.

## A Word From Bill Zopfi

Thank you to the staff and members who planned the reception honoring my four decades at Central as treasurer and facility manager. Thank you to all past and present staff and members, I could not have done it without your support.

Blessings,  
Bill Zopfi



## Recent Event



### JOINT RELIGIOUS LEGISLATIVE COALITION: 2018 DAY ON THE HILL

Central was pleased to host the morning session of JRLC's Day on the Hill on March 13 as participants were briefed on social justice issues before heading to the capital to visit with members of the legislature. There was a strong turnout with people of many faiths represented and throughout Minnesota's senate districts. To learn more about this event, the JRLC website at [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org).



**JUSTICE CHOIR**

Start Local, Stay Vocal



Join Co-Editors of the *Justice Choir Songbook* **Ahmed Anzaldúa & Abbie Betinis** on Sunday, April 29 to learn songs of protest, compassion, and justice. All ages and abilities are welcome! Free "Love is Love" t-shirts to all participants!

- Workshop the music at 9:30
- Sing in worship at 10:30
- Sing more songs outside at 11:30!



Contact Jennifer Anderson for more information at [JenniferA@cpcstpaul.org](mailto:JenniferA@cpcstpaul.org)

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



## MEN'S ADVENTURE TRIPS

This summer we have several great wilderness trips planned for the Men of Central. These trips would be good for those new to the experience, as well as for those who have some miles under their feet and water under their paddles.

- **Shakedown Camp Night (June 1-2)**  
A great night of camping to test out the gear and get prepared for one of the big trips, or as an experience for someone who wants just a taste of the wilderness.
- **Backpacking on the Superior Hiking Trail (July 8-14)** We are planning to hike about ten miles per day with highlights including overlooks of Lake Superior and campsites along rivers.
- **Canoe trip to the Boundary Waters (September 3-8)** This is a unique opportunity to experience fellowship and adventure while canoeing and camping in God's creation.

Pamphlets are available in the narthex about these trips, and an informational session will be held after worship on the March 25 for anyone who might be interested in learning more. Start planning now to join us, group sizes are limited.



Don't miss out on important reminders, event announcements and church news! Follow Central online!



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