

Central Today

May 2018

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 AM

Fifty years ago last month, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis. He was there to support a group of striking sanitation workers. Some had been holding signs saying, "I am a man." In a society that saw color first, and class second, this strike was an attempt not only to gain bargaining advantages, but to assert human dignity in the face of great injustice. And it was there in Memphis, on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, that Dr. King was gunned down in what would become a terribly violent year in American history.

At the time of his death, he was both unpopular and feared. The ensuing decades have proven that his goals were honorable and his ministry helpful in having our country live up to its declared ideals. I am not sure if anything but faith can render a verdict on whether his overarching principal of non-violent resistance was the most effective in overcoming injustice and ancient prejudice.

King was killed just ten days before Easter that year. Presbyterian hymn writer Brian Wren put pen to paper and wrote a hymn that was intended to express Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. It became *Christ Is Alive!* one of our favorite Easter hymns at Central. We sang it on Easter Sunday, and we were going to feature it during worship on the snowed-out Sunday, April 15. So you will have to imagine the brass accompaniment as you read. During times that test our resolve, may we find and affirm the presence of a wounded, risen Christ.

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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

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Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 6

The Letter to the Ephesians has a beautiful opening. Writing to the new church in Ephesus, the letter says, "I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power" (1:17-19).

Some say that we continue to live in a Good Friday world with an Easter faith. How do we see with the eyes of our heart enlightened? How do we tap into the greatness of God's power? Rev. Colby will preach, Central Choir sings and we will celebrate communion.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Where do you sit to pray, find inspiration, gain clarity, feel warmth? The prophet Micah writes an eloquent passage about peace, and people streaming toward God's house. As God judges the nations, the prophet gives a vision of people "beating their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks," and then goes on to say "they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the

Lord has spoken" (Micah 4:1-5). Rev. Colby will preach. Guest composer and conductor, Jake Runestad joins worship.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20

Rev. Colby will preach in worship as we celebrate the birth of the church and the story of Pentecost. Special music, celebrating Pentecost on this final Sunday of the program year. Our Central Choir will sing, as will the Sunday School Singers, and we will also feature Mark Doerr on the Hurdy Gurdy.

During worship, we will be honoring the teachers who help with Sunday School and Bible Study.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Memory is an important part of our Christian faith. We remember and are filled with the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. We remember the stories and acts of Jesus, and they inspire our and inform our own living. On this Memorial Day weekend, we know that this is not only the unofficial start to the summer season, but a time when memory shapes and inspires our life together. Central choir sings.

**JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP!
SUNDAYS AT
10:30 AM**

**Sunday
Morning
Schedule**

**9:30 Education
For All Ages**

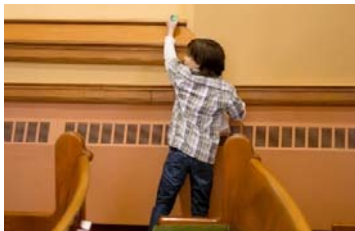
10:30 Worship

**11:30 Fellowship
& Coffee**

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Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.



Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents, young adults, and youth that helped hide eggs for the Easter egg hunt. We wouldn't be able to make this event happen without all your help.

Welcome Guest Conductor, Jake Runestad

On May 13, Jake Runestad will be joining Central worship as a guest composer and conductor. Jake is an award-winning and frequently-performed composer of "highly imaginative" (Baltimore Sun) and "stirring and uplifting" (Miami Herald) musical works.

He has received commissions and performances from leading ensembles and organizations such as Washington National Opera, the Netherlands Radio Choir, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Seraphic Fire, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philippine Madrigal Singers, Craig Hella Johnson and Conspirare, and many more.

Jake's visceral music and charismatic personality have fostered a busy schedule of commissions, residencies, workshops, and speaking engagements, enabling him to be one of the youngest full-time composers in the world. Jake holds a Master's degree in composition from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University where he studied with Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Kevin Puts. He has also studied extensively with acclaimed composer Libby Larsen.

A native of Rockford, IL, Jake is currently based in Minneapolis, MN and his music is published by JR Music.

Learn more at:
JakeRunestad.com



Session Discernment Process Continues

In early 2018, the Session announced that Central had received a large gift of \$1.65 million dollars. A gift of this magnitude provides the opportunity to do powerful ministry and to enhance and enlarge the reach of our service to God. At the time we announced this gift, we said that how we make decisions might matter as much as what decisions are made about how to use this gift. So we have been careful, thoughtful, prayerful, and, we hope and trust, faithful to God in our deliberations.

Good decision-making should spring from core values. As the 2018 Session was getting oriented to their work and meeting one another, we began by exploring and articulating key aspects of Central's identity. What are the values that shape our ministry? What does this congregation care about most? What do we hold in common with other churches? What makes us unique? Who are we as a church?

Building upon those core values, the Session then began to think about goals over the next five to ten years. We were guided by questions such as: Who do we want to become? Why do we want to exist? And how should we be different in our new financial condition?

Five goals began to gain support and consensus among the Session.

1. Grow the number of people involved in the life of this church.
2. Provide more benefits to the community (including through partnerships with other organizations).
3. Maintain the church facility.
4. Expand member participation.
5. And be intentional in our efforts to increase the racial diversity of this congregation.

In March, the Session solicited input from the congregation, inviting members and friends to complete two sentences.

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

We received many responses to this input. Some of the comments mesh well with what committees have been exploring. Other comments suggested unique ideas. Others offered encouragement or reminders about values shared by the congregation. The Session is grateful for the input and for the trust which the congregation has placed in us. We welcome your prayers as we continue to explore possibilities and move toward some decisions about how best to use this gift.

This is an exciting time at Central! We will continue to share updates about our process and plans as they develop. If you have questions, ideas or concerns, please talk to any session member or contact either of the two of us.

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Carl Willis, Sharon Zopfi-Jordan

Class of 2019

Moses Kimani, Fluryanne Leach,
Dennis Reimer, Ned Taylor

Class of 2020

Kati Berg, Alex Bollman, Craig Foss, Stu Siebell

Central Launches Food Initiative

Meals are important at Central. Our Wednesday Community Lunch and 3rd Sunday lunches are highlights for the quality of food, the variety in our menus, the interaction between staff (Chef Barb and Sous Chef Sue) and volunteers, and our desire to offer food to all who are hungry, regardless of ability to pay. In January, Central received a gift to enable us to build on our strengths and location and do even more to offer food to those who are hungry.

We knew immediately that we want to be able to have convenient food on hand so that if anyone says they are hungry, we can offer them something that is nutritious and filling. So we have created a small pantry of items including soup, protein bars, crackers and cheese, applesauce, and often pieces of fresh fruit. We continue to support the nearby Neighborhood House Food Shelf, where people can get food and be connected to critical community resources. The Neighborhood House Food Shelf is great in encouraging food donations that are familiar to people who are served.

To do more, and to be effective and helpful, we realized that we needed to learn about hunger in downtown, and what other resources exist near us. So we have commissioned research being done this semester by three Macalester College students. From their academic angles of sociology and urban geography, they are helping to map out what resources exist and making initial contacts with organizations already working to address hunger.

One of the students, Sarah Hoffman, applied for and has received a grant that will enable her to work with us full-time this summer. Sarah will be helping to set up hands-on opportunities to volunteer with, and learn from, other organizations working on food ministries.

Originally from New York, Sarah is a rising senior at Macalester College, where she is pursuing an international studies major with a focus in political science. She plays the violin and enjoys music, as well as hiking and kayaking. Sarah is currently conducting food security research and interviewing organizations involved in the provision of food in downtown Saint Paul. She is looking forward to putting into operation this research with her hunger initiative internship at Central, and can't wait to learn more about cooking when she volunteers at the Wednesday community lunches.

Now we are ready to solicit feedback and volunteers. We are looking to create a task force of interested Central members and friends to work with Sarah beginning later this month and throughout the summer. Please send Rev. Colby an email (dcolby@cpkstpaul.org) if you are interested in becoming part of this work group. If you have questions or ideas you think should be explored, please send those as well.

"For I was hungry, and you offered me food."



The first meeting of this task force will take place on Wed. May 23, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Calling All Graduates!

Sunday, June 3 we will be honoring those graduating from high school, college, and apprenticeship programs. Please call or email the office at office@cpcstpaul.org to let them know who is graduating no later than May 16, 2018. Include information on where they are graduating from and what is next. We look forward to celebrating all their hard work.

Clearwater Summer Camp

Where can you 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? Summer Camp!

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 or call 218-678-2325 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are in need of a scholarship, please submit a one-page letter by June 1st to aprilg@cpcstpaul.org or mailed to Central, to the attention of the Children & Youth committee. The letter should outline your connection to Central and how you plan to use the scholarship funds.

For those interested in attending Clearwater, additional scholarships are also available directly through them. To learn more, visit their website at www.clearwaterforest.org and go to Summer Camp 2018, then to Download Summer Camp Forms.

Summer Camp in the City!

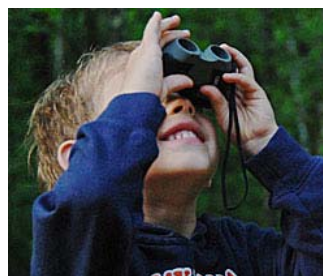
Central is partnering with Clearwater Forest and House of Hope Presbyterian Church (HOH) to provide a four-day children's camp ministry. Summer Camp in the City is designed for young people who have completed grades K-6, but we are happy to welcome children entering kindergarten. Clearwater Forest staff will lead arts, games, Bible stories, and other hands-on activities throughout the week.

When: Camp in the City will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Monday - Thursday, June 18 - 21, 2018

Where: House of Hope Presbyterian Church
797 Summit Ave
St Paul, MN 55105

Register: To register for Summer Camp in the City go to <https://bit.ly/2JT7EbN>. If you have questions, contact Kiera Stegall at kieras@hohchurch.org.

The cost is \$60 per child. Central will pay for kids from our church to attend, so once registered please let April Greibrok know at aprilg@cpcstpaul.org, so the registration fee can be paid.



Get Registered for the Fall Retreat for Families

What: Central’s fall retreat for families with children provides space for making deeper connections: with each other, with the surrounding landscape, with God. It is a time to relax and a time to play. Central staff will join families to help create a memorable weekend of s’more-making, games, hikes, and quiet puzzles by the window.

When: September 21-23, 2018

Where: Koinonia Retreat Center near Annandale, MN

Driving directions and further information will be sent to you upon registration.

Why: This is an opportunity to connect with other families in Central’s community. Children have built lasting friendships. Families reconnect within themselves and bond with families outside their own.

Nuts and Bolts: Housing for two nights, three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday is \$115 per adult and \$60 per child age 5-16. Children under five are free. Scholarships are available for families who need financial help to be able to attend. As a wonderful bonus, Barb Westman will be hosting dinner on Friday at 6:30 pm at her home—just down the shoreline from Koinonia. The cost for Friday’s dinner will be \$10 per adult; kids are free.

Registration fees are due September 21, 2018.

2018 FALL RETREAT FOR FAMILIES

(To register fill out and return lower portion of this page to the office)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child _____

Child _____

Child _____

Child _____

Also attending Friday night dinner? YES NO

Food allergies/dietary requests:

Upcoming Events

BOOK GROUP

Book group will meet Tuesdays, May 8 and 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the Friendship room. The book for May is *Fatal Grace* by Louise Penny.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet May 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room. Bring your own lunch, coffee will be provided. We will look at Lesson 9 in the Horizons Bible Study materials.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Many hands make light work, so mark your calendars!

Saturday, May 12
Thursday, May 17
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There are jobs for all ages and all abilities, and all equipment and supplies are provided. Some tasks include polishing brass railings and our silver services, dusting baseboards, or washing windows. There are tasks for people who like to climb ladders, and some for those who would rather sit at a table. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Come when you can, leave when you must! For questions contact Anna Sanchez in the church office.



Thank you to our many talented musicians who participated in April's Missa Gaia—Earth Mass!



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

The Klaehn family will be again hosting Family Game Night on June 2 beginning at 4:00 p.m. They will provide the main dish, but, if willing and able, guests are invited to bring a small side dish, dessert or beverage to share. Please send an RSVP to Jackie at jackieklaehn@gmail.com or call (507) 273-2081 for the address.

DIAPER DRIVE

JUNE 10 & 17

Did you know that diapers are a great unmet need in most communities? The



average child easily uses 2000+ diapers from birth until toilet training and yet diapers are not covered by food stamps, WIC, Medicaid or any special nutrition benefit package. Cloth is not possible to use if you lack resources to clean the diapers regularly. The richest Americans can use bulk buying and easy mobility to get deals on diapers; the poorest Americans use up to 14% of their budget to keep their children clean.

For two weeks in June, Central is collecting diapers of all sizes, especially larger ones. We will be donating them to families in need to help close the gap. Please bring diapers to church on June 10 or 17 and place them in the donation box. All brands are welcome. Thank you!





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 for anyone who might be interested in learning more. If you have questions, email Rev. Colby at dcolby@cpctestpaul.org. Start planning now to join us, group sizes are limited.



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Women of Central News



WOMEN'S NETWORKING DINNER

We had a great time at The Downtowner Woodfire Grill. These informal gatherings are a great way to get to know women in our congregation. Here is our plan for the upcoming months.



Tuesday, May 8
Sakura
350 St. Peter Street



Wednesday, June 6
Red River Kitchen at
City House - 258 Mill Street



Thursday, July 12
Forepaugh's (downstairs)
276 South Exchange Street



Tuesday, August 7
Potluck
Kate Pearce's Home

As always, we will depart the church parking lot at 5:15 for the restaurant. You can also meet us at 5:30 at the restaurant. Come and join the fun!

Please RSVP to the church office or to Sue Hoffman (612-998-6389 or syhoffman123@comcast.net), as it helps us get a count for a table reservation and if child care is needed.

4TH SUNDAY KNITTING GROUP MAY TO AUGUST

We will not meet in May (Memorial Day weekend) and also will not meet in June, July and August. The group will resume meeting in September.

This ministry has provided prayer shawls to many members and friends, and through this shares prayers for healing, health and peace. We currently will work on hats, mittens, scarves for the December Mitten Tree, as we have a good supply of prayer shawls for now, thanks to all who have made prayer shawls! We are looking for a new leader to coordinate this group. Please let Sue Hoffman know if you are interested to lead this group.

Presbytery Committees Seek Members

Committees of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area are seeking church members and elders to fill roughly 70 positions on a variety of committees, including, but not limited to, the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Ethics, the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and the Mission and Witness Committee. The Presbytery seeks to have an equal number of clergy and church members/ elders in the Presbyterian tradition of shared governance.

While a few of the committee positions require ordination as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church (USA), most do not. Committee descriptions and meeting information are found on the PTCA website at <https://ptcaweb.org/committees>.

To volunteer or for questions, contact Manly Olson, the Chair of the Nominating Committee at manlyolson@gmail.com or 651-644-2848.

Happy Birthday!

Cort Peterson.....	5/1	Audrey Rath.....	5/16
Leif Greibrok.....	5/2	Mark Vance.....	5/19
Richard Swanson.....	5/2	Jessica Jones.....	5/21
Julianna Johnson.....	5/3	Kathie Pate.....	5/22
Elizabeth Brzoska.....	5/5	Josh Voelker.....	5/22
Paul Gulsvig.....	5/8	Christine McCarten.....	5/23
June Wheeler.....	5/9	William Beall.....	5/24
Charlene Fleck.....	5/10	Adam Wolf Gips.....	5/26
Susan Hoffman.....	5/11	Gavia Endres.....	5/27
Marlyss Wolf.....	5/11	Murphy Pyan.....	5/27
Alicia Bodner.....	5/12	Katheryne Turner.....	5/28
Dorothy Canfield.....	5/15	Audrey Amarteifio.....	5/29
Jon Pearce.....	5/15	Michele Patton.....	5/29
William Zopfi-Jordan.....	5/15	Sebastian Rich.....	5/29

If we erroneously missed your name, please send us a note so that we can correct our records: office@cpcstpaul.org

Staff Changes



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

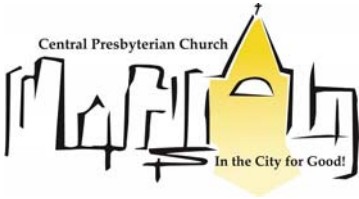
Can you believe April Greibrok has worked with our children for 9 years?! First in the nursery then moving to the preschool room, then finally taking on the role of leading our children's program. She wears many hats: coordinating parents, planning events, and loving our kids. It is bittersweet to announce that opportunities in her family require her to move onward and upward from her position as Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator. We are grateful for her service and so happy to know that she, Per, and their son Leif will continue as members and participants of Central.

April's last day will coordinate with the end of the school year giving us time to transition. Kati Berg, the Children and Youth Committee Chair, invites you to join us June 10 after worship service to celebrate her time with us - most certainly cake will be involved.



SEXTON / CUSTODIAN

Sexton Steve Kesner notified us during Holy Week that he was taking a full-time job with a friend starting a new business in the Twin Cities. The Personnel Committee is involved in interviews and exploring how best to staff this important position for the church. Meanwhile, we may see Steve around Central, especially on weekends.



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