

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

- 1 Jayden Raaen
- 6 Kathryn Vessels
- 17 Bill Raaen
- 19 Carl Donovan
- 21 Joyce Wennerberg
- 26 Chris Hunter
- 26 Sheena Jarvey
- 27 Kathy Asich
- 28 Judy Kakalecik



Thank You!

To our family at Central Christian Church; Our deepest thank you for all you did for Fay's family as we mourn her loss. We are so grateful for the prayers, hugs, cards, memorials, and the reception. Blessings.

Barb & Jerry Kakalecik, Pauline Kier, Brenda, Wayne, and Warren Montney

Work Weekend is coming up May 1-3 at Cane Ridge West WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It's that time again to spruce up your camp. Please join us for a weekend of projects, food and fellowship. There is something for everyone to do...regardless of skill, age or ability.

Come for the weekend...for a day...for a few hours...whatever you can. Make sure to bring your "best" work clothes, shoes, gloves, chain-saws, arms/legs and potluck food to share. Also bring your own towel, toiletries and bedding if you plan on staying. Everything else will be provided.

CRW
Conference & Retreat Center

Let's keep Cane Ridge West a beautiful place to relax, study, plan, pray and grow!

THE VIEW



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Ruth Lindabury, Church Administrator

The mission of Central Christian Church
is to empower people for Christ's
ministries in their daily lives:

February 2020

VISION STATEMENT

To be an inclusive people living God's radical love
that challenges all to grow in faith and mission.



Handicap
Accessible

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

The theme for our 2020 Special Offering for Week of Compassion is "**Invest in Futures**" That theme based on 1 Corinthians 3:9 reminds us that we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

When we give to Week of Compassion, we help make all of new life and growth possible. Through our sharing, we are connected as co-workers. Our combined gifts have the capacity to travel all over the world. Whether we are empowering young girls through education, or helping women learn a trade; rebuilding communities after disaster, or supporting communities through agriculture as they learn to sustain themselves; in these and so many other ways, we release the waters of God's growth when we invest in the lives of others.

In sharing our gifts, we join together as both donors and recipients of generous investment in the growth God will bring. As Paul writes, "the one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose." Moved by our common purpose, we share our gifts for the glory of God and for our neighbors' good.

Give generously to the Week of Compassion special offering, so that your imagination might indeed be ever more joined with God's.



RIPPLES ON THE RIVER



One of the lessons new ministers need to learn is that there is no such thing as a perfect church. Some move every few years searching for the congregation that fulfills all their hopes and dreams. A few pastors start their own church so they can create the ideal faith community—and eventually discover all churches have problems. Even the ones we create in our own image.

Congregations also have to learn there is no such thing as a perfect pastor. Some ministers may be better than others in certain areas, and some can show more visible results. But we're all human and Jesus is the only Messiah without sin. Churches that expect perfection eventually find fault in their latest savior and wait for the next younger/older minister, or better preacher, or more sensitive pastor, or stronger leader, or more organized administrator.

We have grown together at Central Christian Church of Great Falls. We have matured because we have tried to hold each other accountable—pastor and staff, leaders and volunteers. Thank you for your commitment to discipleship that has made my 18 year pastorate possible.

I know that I have made mistakes along the way and you know the brokenness that resulted from my failures.

This month we'll look at Forgiveness as an extra quality of Jesus' "Emotional Intelligence". If you need to forgive me before I retire, please speak up so that we can close this adventure with true reconciliation. Our Regional Minister, Elders, and Pastoral Relations Committee are available to talk with you if it's too difficult to approach me directly.

In Christ, Ron



OUR WORSHIP SERVICES



2020 Messages on the Emotional Intelligence of Jesus

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Healing Service

Celebration of Mission

10:45 Worship Service

Message: "The Optimism of Jesus"
(Matthew 7:7-11)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:45 Worship

Message: "The Stress Resilience of Jesus"
(Matthew 8:23-27)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:45 Worship

Message: "Jesus on Loving Enemies"
(Matthew 5:38-48)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:45 Worship

Message: "Jesus on Forgiveness"
(Matthew 18:15-22)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Worship

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS

- ♦ Join us this Sunday as we celebrate our mission in 2019—including the 361 lbs. of food our young people collected for FISH in the Reverse Advent Calendar!
- ♦ Louis Hill reported that during the last Fish week they worked 3 days and gave out 918 pounds of food to 17 families. Along with the food the children contributed, the church gave a total of 763 pounds of food. The volunteers were Dennis Hill, Sheryl Knowles, Gary Hill, Chris & Viv Hunter, and Louise Hill.
- ♦ Pastor Ron will begin a 5 week Pastor's class during Sunday School for youth 12 years old and up starting February 23rd. While these sessions on our Christian faith do prepare young people for baptism or affirming their baptism in another tradition, that decision is not a requirement or expectation. Feel free to contact Pastor Ron for more information.

Great Falls High Dinner Theater

Our Youth have invited us to their school drama department production of "Maybe Baby It's You" in the downtown Times Square February 13-15.

The play features Jacob Novak and Gracie McKerrow with April Buley as stage manager.

Youth Retreat

Registration is now open for the Winter Youth Retreat You can register now at <https://northernlightsdisciples.org/winter-retreats/>.

- Youth Grades 6-12: Camp Koinonia in Cle Elum, WA on March 13-15
- Youth Grades 8-12: Cane Ridge West in Lincoln, MT on March 27-29
- Younger Youth Grades 3-7: Cane Ridge West in Lincoln, MT on March 27-29

Find out more information at the website: northernlightsdisciples.org

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	3 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy"	4 6:30pm ACA Group	5	6	7	8 3:00pm MT Blind & Low Vision Council
9 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:15pm Board Meeting	10 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy"	11 6:30pm ACA Group	12 5:00pm Delta Kappa Gamma	13	14 ♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥	15
16 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	17 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy" 	18 Office Closed 6:30pm ACA Group	19 Pastor Ron Vacation Day	20 7:00pm Lydia Group	21	22
23 8:00am Elders Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School Pastor's Class 10:45am Worship	24 5:30pm Family Promise "Keys to Good Tenancy"	25 6:30pm ACA Group	26 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 	27 Newsletter	28	29

Premiere Series Concerts

New Hope Lutheran Church (3125 5th Avenue S) will host a lunchtime music series during Lent. The presenting Artist is James F. Rickley, Organist, Accompanist, Pianist.

Doors will open at 11:45am. Concerts begin at 12:05 and conclude at 12:55. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea, water and cookies will be provided.

Concert Schedule

Wednesday, February 26	Organ Works of Dietrich Buxtehude
Wednesday, March 4	Gospel Hymn Piano Arrangements of Brent Edstrom
Wednesday, March 11	Organ Works of Johann Sebastian Bach
Wednesday, March 18	Jazz Hymn Piano Arrangements of Mark Hayes
Wednesday, March 25	Organ Works of George Frederick Handel
Wednesday, April 1	Spirituals Piano Arrangements of Jim Lucas
Wednesday, April 8	Organ Works of Theodore Dubois

2020 Northern Lights Regional Assembly May 22-24, 2020 @ Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn, Idaho

Beacons, the sun, flashlights, lightning bugs, even "this little light of mine"... they all **SHINE!** And you'll do the same at the inaugural Northern Lights Region Assembly in 2020! Be there to watch faces and spirits light up with the purpose and joy that only Regional Assembly can create. Mark your calendar to join the fellowship, business, worship, and R&R time happening May 22-24, 2020 at the Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn.



Are you looking at the calendar and wondering if your eyes are deceiving you? Did we get the date wrong? Nope! May 22-24 is indeed the weekend of Memorial Day in 2020. As a first assembly of the Northern Lights Region we want to make the experience memorable! Negotiations with the hotel will allow for a deeply discounted rate to be available several days. As a destination, the Northern Lights Regional Assembly will make your 2020 Memorial Day holiday a memorable one!

Look for more information coming soon that will kick off registration!

February 1, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Central Christian Church,

I write to offer a word of assurance that in this transition you are not alone but are surrounded by the resources of the region and wider church. I also want to lay out a brief outline of the ways I will be engaged with you as you move through this season of change.

Briefly, the usual steps in moving through an interim time towards calling a settled pastor are as follows:

- Your moderator and/or board will appoint a search committee that represents the fullness of the congregation to consider the calling of an interim minister.
- I will meet with the Search Committee to provide resources and advice and help them connect with potential interim candidates.
- Following the call of the interim, the congregation will enter into a period of discernment and discovery as you consider where God is calling you next as a people. Three questions I ask you to consider: What is your mission as a congregation? Who and what is God calling you to do and be? And finally, the third question, considering the first two, what are the characteristics you need in your next pastor in order to fulfill the mission God has laid before you?
- Once this and other information about the congregation is gathered, the Search Committee will complete a Congregational Profile. I will use this profile to gather the profiles of likely minister candidates who may be a good fit with your congregation. The Search Committee will review, sort, and interview candidates. Finally, they will present their selected candidate to the board and then to the congregation for consideration and approval.
- Throughout, you, the congregation, will be invited to support the Search Committee and process with your prayers and participation in information gathering sessions. Throughout, you also be held in prayer by me and your regional family.

I know that one of the questions usually asked is, "How long will all this take?" The answer is, "I don't know." I encourage congregations to take the time needed but to move efficiently and effectively through the process. And remember, I will be your partner throughout the journey. I give thanks to God for each of you and look forward to being part of this next chapter in your life and ministry.

Grace and peace,
Sandy Messick, Regional Minister