

MOTHER'S DAY GIVING PROJECT: As a special Mother's Day offering, you will be able to give a gift to the **Central Global Vision Fund for the Kissy (Gess) Eye Hospital in Sierra Leone** in memory or in honor of your mother, grandmother, or other special women in your life. **Forms are included in the bulletins** and at the Welcome Center. Please have your form turned into the Central Church Office by **Wednesday, May 8**, to be included in the list of loved ones being remembered or honored on **Sunday, May 12**. Thank you!

SEASONED CITIZENS OF CENTRAL GATHERING: The Seasoned Citizens of Central will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Pastor DeVern Schwenn and Marge Bohn will give a presentation on the long history of Central Church. Come enjoy their talk along with coffee, rolls, fellowship, and music. Please call the Church Office, 432-4766, for a ride.

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS: Please join these seniors as they celebrate their High School graduation:

Caleb Rick: Saturday, May 11, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at their home at 512 S. 1st Street, Milbank

Isaac Graham: Saturday, May 11, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at their home at 404 Greenwood Ave, Milbank

Nadia Thue: Saturday, May 11, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Central Church Fellowship Hall

Brooke Schwagel: Friday, May 17, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Complex in Milbank

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: The last day of Sunday School for the 2023-2024 school year will be **Sunday, May 12**. Please mark your calendars!

MUFFINS FOR MOMS: The Fellowship and Service Committee will serve "Muffins for Moms" in honor of Mother's Day on **Sunday, May 12**. Muffins will be served from **9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a special treat!

GEARLY BELOVED CENTRAL TOUR: Come join the family fun on **Saturday, May 18**, from **9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at Pribyl Park. Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters, strollers, rollerblades, walking shoes, and friends of all ages! There will be snacks, drinks, chalk, and bubble fun for the little ones, and a few family-friendly competitions (with prizes). Invite some friends and join the fun! There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center, just to get an idea of numbers! Hope you can join the fun and fellowship! This event is sponsored by the Evangelism Committee of Central!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Confirmation Sunday at Central Church is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19**. Please join us at both services (**8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**) as the youth publicly affirm the grace of God in their baptism and acknowledge their acceptance of that grace by faith. **Coffee and goodies will be served in honor of the confirmands between services at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Those eligible to be confirmed include: Shantel Eilers, Rylie Ehlebracht, Rileigh Gapp, Nolan Grabow, Jack Howard, Bentley Moser, Adison Pauli, Isabella Pauli, Haylee Rieck, Tayson Tillma, Bree Townsend, and James Urbanski.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 REGISTRATION: Registration has begun for Vacation Bible School 2024 with the theme "**The Great Jungle Journey**." Every day, our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible? At this VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call (the 7 C's of History) - Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday life. Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on The Great Jungle Journey! VBS will take place from **Sunday, July 21, through Thursday, July 25**, from **5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at Central Church for kids ages 3 through those who have completed 5th grade. Supper will be served from **5:00 – 5:30 p.m.** with the Opening Assembly starting at **5:30 p.m.** VBS 2024 will also be highlighted during the **8:30 and 10:00 a.m.** Sunday Worship Services on **Sunday, July 28**. **The kids will sing, as well as show you highlights from their week. To register online go to <https://httpsmilbankcentralmyanswers.myanswers.com/jungle-journey>.** You can also fill out a paper form located at the VBS Registration Table outside of the Sanctuary. Forms can also be downloaded at www.milbankcentral.com under the ONLINE REGISTRATIONS tab.

FILL THE TUBS FOR DISASTER RELIEF: The Upper Midwest Global Methodist Church Conference is encouraging congregations to collect donations for *Just Help One Disaster Response*. The items collected will then be taken to Annual Conference **in June** where these items will be assembled into kits for this cause. **Totes to place these items in are located Outside of the Sanctuary**. We are making this a little contest here at Central! **Who can collect the most items – 1st service or 2nd service attendees? Place your donated items in the corresponding tote for which service you attend! The final Sunday to bring your donated items will be Sunday, June 9**. Relief items needed include hand towels, wash cloths, travel soap, travel deodorant, travel toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, travel size shampoo and conditioner, and travel size tissues. You may also give monetary donations to *Just Help One*. Please mark your offering envelopes accordingly! Thank you!

CENTRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 5, 2024

Today: Holy Communion and High School Senior Recognition Sunday
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. High School Seniors Reception – Fellowship Hall
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday School (ages 2 – high school) - Downstairs
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. “Crash Course on Evangelism” Mission Trip Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Men’s Evening Bible Study – Heritage Room

Monday: 8:15 a.m. The Gathering – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Study Group – Downstairs Study Room
7:00 p.m. “Untangle Your Emotions” Study – Heritage Room

Tuesday: NO Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. Life Quest – Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
4:45 p.m. Thrive – Downstairs

Wednesday: 6:45 a.m. Men’s Morning Bible Study – Heritage Room
3:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group – Fellowship Hall/Youth Room
3:30 p.m. Confirmation One-on-One Meetings
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Service Rehearsal - Sanctuary
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. All-Church Roller Skating Party – Sioux Historic in Ortonville
6:15 p.m. “Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table” Study – Heritage Room
7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting – Heritage Room

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Seasoned Citizens of Central Gathering – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting – Heritage Room
6:00 p.m. “The Chosen” – Season 2 Bible Study – Youth Room

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Nadia Thue Graduation Open House – Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday: Mother’s Day
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Muffins for Moms – Fellowship Hall
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday School (ages 2 – grade 5) - Downstairs
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (6 – 12th grades) – Youth Room
11:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Men’s Evening Bible Study – Heritage Room

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

Radio:

KMSD 1510
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Television:

ITC Cable Channel 95
Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)
Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Blended)
and Video on Demand
Midcontinent Cable Channel 3
Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (Traditional)
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Blended)

Phone: 605-432-4766

Website: www.milbankcentral.com

Social Media:

Facebook – Central Church
Instagram – centralchurch201



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MEMORIAL BOOK: The memorial book is open to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nadeane Buri and James Speidel.

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE: The **June** Fellowship & Service sign-up sheet is posted at the Welcome Center. Sign up now to get your desired slots. If this is your month, you will be receiving a letter. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating upcoming birthdays (May 9 - 15) are:

Thursday, May 9 – Dylan Fox

Friday, May 10 – Wendy Grabow, Jim Dietman, and Jim DeWald

Saturday, May 11 – Kyle Schweer and Brian Schneck

Sunday, May 12 – Jolene Rick, Craig DeBoer, Monte Robinson, and Tanner Gauer

Monday, May 13 – Judy Frink and Audrey Keller

Tuesday, May 14 – Ray Larmer

Wednesday, May 15 – John Schwagel

ANNIVERSARIES: Celebrating an anniversary are:

Thursday, May 9 – Paul and Dawn VanderWal

Friday, May 10 – John and Karen Loeschke

Wednesday, May 15 – Blake and Rachel Schmiegl

ALL-CHURCH SKATING NIGHT: The **LAST** night of Wednesday Night Activities for the 2023-2024 school year at Central Church will be **Wednesday, May 8, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Everyone young and old are invited to an all-church skate night at Sioux Historic in Ortonville. Families are encouraged to drive to Ortonville on your own and meet there at **5:00 p.m.** Limited transportation may be available to those who need it. **The cost is \$5 per PERSON (those who skate and/or anyone who plans to eat).** Pizza will be served! **EACH SKATER** will need to sign a waiver! **Middle School youth will meet at their REGULAR TIME for a snack and games prior to departing for the skating event.** For questions, please contact Levi, 949-0519, or Ginny, 949-0832.

CONFIRMATION ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS AND SERVICE REHEARSAL: This year’s confirmands will have their one-on-one meetings with Pastor Thom and Levi on **Wednesday, May 8, at 3:30 p.m.** during their normal Middle School Youth Group time. Parents are then welcomed to join the students for a service rehearsal **at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8,** in the Sanctuary. Pastor Thom and Levi will go over how the confirmation services will be run and give you all the details for Confirmation Sunday, which is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19.** If you have questions, please contact Levi at 949-0519.