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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU
TO THE CONGREGATION

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES & SERVICES OFFERED

ANNUAL WOMEN'S GALA
INFORMATION

KIDSMIN PENNIES FOR
THE PANTRY TOTAL
REVEALED!

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT
YEAR AT WED. NITE LIVE!

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Senior Pastor

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why you are untying it?' Just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" "

Luke 19: 30-31

With these words Luke begins telling us about the week that we now call Holy Week. Holy Week is the remembrance of Jesus' last week of earthly life and all the events that led up to his death on a cross. At Central Rogers we emphasize the importance of walking through this powerful week together as a church. This year I want to encourage you to walk through this week with intentionality. I believe that has become one of my words this year. This word reminds us to slow down and act with purpose.

It can be so easy to rush through the week toward Easter because it is a busy time of year. But no matter what is going on in your life right now, I want to give you a few things to do Sunday April 2nd through Sunday April 9th.

1) Follow the story. Join us in worship on Sunday, April 2nd to walk through the events of Palm Sunday. Then spend some time each day reading our Lenten devotional and meditating on the scripture. As you do so think through what happened each day. You can access the Lenten devotional at centralrogers.com/lent

2) Join us on each of the holy days for worship services that will take you through the key moments of the story.

- We will observe the events of the Last Supper during the Maundy Thursday Service at 6pm on Thursday, April 6th.
- Our Chancel Choir will lead us in a time of remembering Jesus be crucified on Good Friday, April 7th at 7pm.

-Worship with us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the joy of an empty tomb and victory in this life that we find in Jesus Christ.

3) Pray this prayer, "Lord, let me understand what your Son did for me in a whole new way. Teach me through every event we walk through and help me fully to experience the power of the cross and the empty tomb."

I believe that if we walk through the week and Easter Sunday with intentionality, we will experience God in a fresh and renewing way. So, as we begin this powerful journey together, I invite you to join the Central Church family in asking God to speak and move within us.

One other way for us to be intentional this month is the Sunday following Easter Sunday. This year we will confirm a group of 8th graders on Sunday, April 16th. Because this is such a special day, we will be having one service in the sanctuary at 10:30 following Sunday School. The reason we are doing this is to surround our confirmands with the entire church. This communicates to them several important points

1. Central Rogers is supporting them in their decision to follow Jesus Christ.
2. Central Rogers will be serious about our covenant to help them walk in their faith to become the women and men God has created them to be.
3. Central Rogers takes seriously the Confirmation process and celebrates the commitments to God and the church that our youth make.

One more way to be intentional this month is to pray daily for Central. Pray for us to be the church God has called us to be. Pray that God will lead us, open doors for more ministry, and draw people to worship. I believe if we are intentional to pray this prayer together, we will see God move in our midst.

God bless you as you walk into this holy season and into Spring. As you walk through this month don't forget that you matter to God, and He wants to walk with you every step of the day.

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Gravity

YOUTH MINISTRIES

PRAY.GRAVITY THANK YOU!

Wow....what a month March was! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for joining Pray.Gravity for the month of March. What a powerful month of prayer it was! I cannot even begin to tell you how much it meant to our students as you were reaching out to them in March to let them know you were praying for them. God did amazing things through your prayers but God also did amazing things through your interactions with the youth. THANK YOU beyond words for investing in our youth through the power of prayer! If you have some cool stories from Pray.Gravity, please share them with me – lswanson@centralrogers.com; I can't wait to hear them!



GRAVITY GUYS NIGHT

We are gearing up for another GUYS NIGHT! Guys in 6th-12th grade, and their favorite male figures, join us for a good ol' TEE TIME at Top Golf on Friday, April 14 at 6:30p! Who will walk away with the green jacket this year? Come April 14th and find out! For more info and to register, visit www.centralrogers.com/youth.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

With Spring Break behind us, and Easter coming up fast, please don't forget to join us Sunday, April 16 at 10:30a in the Sanctuary for Confirmation Sunday! We CANNOT WAIT to celebrate our amazing 8th graders who have walked through Confirmation, as well as their mentors. Following the service, there will be a reception held in the Atrium. We look forward to seeing each of you at Confirmation Service on Sunday, April 16 at 10:30a in the Sanctuary.

GRADUATING SENIOR SUNDAY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

If you are a graduating high school senior, be on the lookout for Graduating Senior Sunday information via Gravity monthly email, online bulletin and www.centralrogers.com/youth. Carol A. Mounts Scholarship application will also be available via those modes of communication as well.



@GravityYouthMinistries

Why did Jesus turn water into wine?

Because he was king of the Juice



KIDS

PENNIES FOR THE PANTRY

Together our Young Disciples raised over \$500 for Grace Food Pantry, special thanks to all of you who contributed. Congratulations to the Kingergartners/1st/2nd graders who WON the Pennies for the Pantry contest and got to pie Pastor Rob! Thank you Pastor Rob for being such a good sport



Save the Dates:

EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 8

VBS: June 12-16, 9am -12pm



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EXPO

On Friday, March 3 Ms. Mollie, Mrs. Katie, Mrs. Misty and Mrs. Christie were able to attend a children's ministry expo in Bixby, OK. Their day started bright and early with a rainy, two hour drive to Evergreen Church where they were welcomed with warm smiles and hot coffee! There were vendors from 26 different organizations, including GROUP, whose VBS curriculum we use. Ms. Mollie and Mrs. Misty sure were excited to try out the Imagination Station kits and see this year's Bible buddies. We heard from Amy Davison of Mama Bear Apologetics and were so inspired by Keith Ferrin's Bible "internalization" (he can express entire books of the Bible from memory!). In between the main sessions, there were four different breakout opportunities, each with 8 classes to choose from. Some of our favorites were "Superpowers of a Great KidsMin Volunteer", "You CAN Teach Babies", "Starting a Special Needs Ministry" and "Discipleship Pathways from Infancy to Adolescence". Each of us walked away with a different take-home message, and those included: how do we find families with special needs and meet their needs, how to teach different kinds of learners and help with separation anxiety, and prayer is our biggest weapon and the BEST way we can care for our kids. We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend this expo and spend the day together!

Thank you for all who made Wednesday Night Live 2022 – 2023 possible!



 extraordinary
women

Drawing women closer to the heart of God every
day.

WE'RE GOING BACK!
SAVE THE DATE
March 1 – 2, 2024



CELEBRATE EASTER

AT CENTRAL ROGERS



HOWE LY E K

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND
8:15, 10:20, 10:30 SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH
6:00P, SANCTUARY

TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS
FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH
7:00P, CHAPEL

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH
2:00P, CHURCH LAWN

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH 8:15, 9:00, 11:00 SERVICES

Dear Central Family –

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We so appreciate your support of Run for Tracy to benefit GRACES in Guatemala – a group so near and dear to us! Seeing all the green at the race and hearing from everyone was amazing. Also - the encouragement, meals, cards, calls, visits, and more while we are navigating this chapter have been just what we needed. Central's community is a true example of walking together in faith – we can't thank you enough.

The Hillis Family



Central Women's

Gala

Friday, May 5th

Central Women are once again raising money for ministries with women, children and youth through the Annual Women's Gala, Silent Auction & Love Me Twice Boutique. The Gala will be held FRIDAY, MAY 5th. Tickets for this event will be on sale in the Atrium April 16th, 23rd and 30th.

If you would consider donating item/items, please contact: Judy McMurtrey at judymc21@hotmail.com 870-588-1107 OR Marcia Anderson at marcialee9@cox.net 479-295-1084

Lean In.

April

2nd	Palm Sunday Services	8:15, 10:20, 10:30
2nd	Next Connections	Chapel
5th	Sacred Thread Quilting Mission	9:00a, Rm 223-225
5th	Prayer Shawl	3:00p - 4:00p, Rm 206
6th	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00p, Sanctuary
7th	Tenebrae: Service of Shadows	7:00p, Chapel
8th	Community Egg Hunt	2:00p - 4:00p, Church Lawn
9th	Easter Services	8:15 (Trad.) - Chapel 9:00 (Cont.) - Sanctuary 11:00 (Trad.) - Sanctuary
10th	Church Office Closed	CLOSED
12th	Prayer Shawl	3:00p - 4:00p, Rm 206
14th - 15th	Lay Servant Academy	
14th	Gravity Guys Night	
16th	Confirmation Sunday	Time: TBA
16th	Women's Gala Tickets on SALE	Atrium
19th	Prayer Shawl	3:00p - 4:00p, Rm 206
23rd	Women's Gala Tickets on SALE	Atrium
23rd	Church Wide Prayer	5:00p, Chapel
24th	Church Council	6:00p
26th	Prayer Shawl	3:00p - 4:00p, Rm 206
30th	New Member Sunday	
30th	Women's Gala Tickets on SALE	Atrium



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