Life Together
by Pastor Kristine Carlson

What an abundant and eventful time we are in as a congregation! As the trees have turned rich reds and golds, we have experienced our own autumn bounty, far surpassing our goal for our capital campaign, Reaching New Heights: Match the Grant! The banner on the front of our church, announcing “Goal Achieved,” thrills me every time. Our most generous God has inspired generous giving at every level and every gift counted. Thanks to each of you for your prayers and support, helping assure that our beautiful sanctuary building can continue to function well for us and be preserved for the next generation’s worship and service. I am grateful, too, for the good spirits and harmony with which we did this work together and for the partnership of Friends of Christ Church Lutheran who accompanied us in this effort.

God has blessed us, too, with seminary students (four of them!) who will be learning and working in our midst. Welcome to Jo Bauman, Jeanette Bidne, Grace Duddy and Kristine Stedje. Jo’s work will focus particularly in the area of pastoral care. Jeanette will be working closely with me in areas of pastoral leadership. Grace will sing in the choir, participate in our process of strategic planning and learn about our non-profit Friends of Christ Church Lutheran. Kris will be involved in pastoral care and worship. These students will be at Christ Church about 10 hours per month and will attend worship frequently. We will learn and grow from their participation and we will be shaping another generation of pastors and leaders for our wider church—truly a rich ministry for us. Seek them out. They want to get to know you!

The month of November brings many rich and significant events to our life together. Sunday, November 7, is All Saints. In our worship, we will remember and give thanks for those who have died this past year and for all who have gone before us. That afternoon, at 4:00 p.m., come to a Hymn Festival at Central Lutheran that will feature Pastor Robert Farlee, our choir and myself as a narrator. November is also stewardship month—come to the Adult Forum on November 7 and bring your pledge to worship on November 14. We turn 99 this month, celebrating on Christ the King Sunday, November 21, when we also receive new members into our community. At 4:00 p.m. that afternoon, bring your friends and come to a concert in our sanctuary by Mark Kroos—a remarkable musician who plays a double-neck acoustic guitar. Thanksgiving Day worship is November 25 and Advent begins on November 28. You are welcome to all these good things. Invite a friend to come along!

Thanks be to God for these rich blessings. Indeed, God is good.
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Announcements

Hymn Festival for All Saints

Sunday, November 7, 4:00 p.m.
Central Lutheran Church
333 South Twelfth Street,
Minneapolis
“With All the Saints in Glory”
featuring organists Robert Buckley Farlee,
Mark Sedio and Tim Strand,
and the choirs of
Christ Church Lutheran,
Central Lutheran Church,
and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
(event is free of charge)

Courier Deadline
The next submission deadline is November 15 (for the December Courier). E-mail Jan Radloff at: jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us or submit to the church office.

Poinsettia and Wreath Pick-up
Sunday, November 28, after church
### Adult Forum Schedule

**November 7**  
Led by Kevin Olsen, congregation vice president  
*Stewardship at Christ Church and in Our Lives*

**November 14 and 21**  
Led by Dr. Martha Stortz  
*Discipleship as Pilgrimage*

Dr. Stortz will lead us in a study of the ancient practice of pilgrimage in our post-modern age. She is the Bernhard M. Christensen Professor for Religion and Vocation, Augsburg College, a position she has just assumed after teaching for many years at Pacific Lutheran Theological School in Berkeley, California.

- November 14: Stories and photos from Dr. Stortz’s pilgrimage across Spain on the pilgrim trail to Santiago de Compostela.
- November 21: An overview of “pilgrimage.”

**November 28**  
Led by Pastors Robert Farlee and Martin Seltz  
*Worship Matters*

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### Acoustic Guitar Concert

**Time:** 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 21, 2010  
**Cost:** Free-will offering  
**Place:** Christ Church Lutheran

Come hear acoustic guitarist Mark Kroos play in our wonderfully acoustic church.

Mark Kroos is one of the only touring double-neck guitarists in the world. His almost strictly instrumental style is characterized by open harmonies, polyphonic textures and an incredible tapping technique. He is as entertaining to watch as he is to listen to. Drawing influence from folk, Celtic, Indie and even punk rock artists, as well as other great acoustic guitarists, such as Michael Hedges, Andy Mckee and Justin King, Mark Kroos has developed his own edge to the acoustic guitar. Visit [www.markkroos.com](http://www.markkroos.com) for more information about this artist.

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### Readings and Psalms

**Date:** November 7 (All Saints Sunday)  
First Lesson: Dan 7:1-3, 15-18 or  
Job 19: 23-27a*  
Psalm: 149 or Psalm 17:1-9*  
Second Lesson: Eph 1:11-23 or  
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17*  

**Date:** November 14  
First Lesson: Mal 4:1-2a  
Psalm: 98  
Second Lesson: 2 Thess 3:6-13  

**Date:** November 21  
First Lesson: Jer 23:1-6  
Psalm: 46  
Second Lesson: Col 1:11-20  

**Date:** November 25 – Thanksgiving  
First Lesson: Deut 26:1-11  
Psalm: 100  
Second Lesson: Phil 4:4-9  
Gospel: John 6:25-35

**Date:** November 28  
First Lesson: Isa 2:1-5  
Psalm: 122  
Second Lesson: Rom 13:11-14  
Gospel: Matt 24:36-44

**Date:** December 5  
First Lesson: Isa 11:1-10  
Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19  
Second Lesson: Rom 15:4-13  
Gospel: Matt 3:1-12

*Contact the church office about which lesson choice will be used.*
**Retirees**

There will be no meeting in November.

Happy Thanksgiving!

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

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**Baptism**

Victoria Marie Wall, daughter of Charles and Valerie (Vadnais) Wall, born June 25, 2010, was baptized on October 3. Her sponsors are Christina and Matthew McGlothlin, Monica Eiden and James Lalley.

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**Happy Birthday to You!**

If you are not listed here, or, if your birth date is incorrect, please contact the church office.

11/6   Gary Bier
11/7   Cordell Bryan, Ethan Happe, Joan Messick, Abby Tindell
11/8   Angela (Anderson) Weicherding
11/17  Lucille Buelow, Helia Matthew
11/19  Myrna Murken
11/22  Lucy Woestehoff
11/23  Todd Brandon, Riley Jenkins
11/24  Cammie Bergsrud
11/25  Jesse Roberts, Jr.
11/26  Fred Bentz
11/27  Samantha Rice, Darrell Anderson
11/28  Edna Bull, Gary Skrivseth, Matt Woestehoff

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**Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) Children’s Gift Sale**

The Senior Youth Group will be collecting money and purchasing gifts for the PCYC Christmas gift sale again this year. Last year, we raised $546 and purchased more than 100 gifts. We are setting 100 gifts as our goal again this year. Gifts will be purchased in the $5 to $8 range and we would like to focus on gifts for teens.

Please join us in this wonderful service project. We will be accepting donations after the worship service on November 7 and 14. You can also send us a check, payable to Christ Church Youth, for your donation. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our youth to watch our gifts make a difference. Please be generous!
Preschool News
by Stephanie Gustafson

Our school year is off to a great start! Most families were able to attend our fall picnic in September and our Bike Day was a big hit in October. The children rode, walked and/or ran a total of 503 laps around the gym. That’s equivalent to approximately 23 miles!

As I write this article, we are now preparing for our Halloween costume party and trick-or-treating in the atrium hallway. That will be followed by parent-teacher conferences in early November. Soon, our classroom will be scented with the wonderful smells of our “spice-y” turkeys. Come see what’s happening in the Preschool...just follow your nose!

Thank You Note

We are at a complete loss for words—our son Matias is a gift beyond our furthest expectations. The lavish baby shower on September 5 will remain in our memories always. Matias’ cards, outfits, blankets, books, CDs, nursery decorations and furniture form a lifetime collection.

Praise to the Almighty,
the King of Creation!

Yi-ru Chen- and Simo Sarkanen

Painting Party

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities?

A painting party will occur in the education wing on Friday, November 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Wear your painting clothes. All materials will be provided, including pizza!
Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2010
Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Missions: Meals on Wheels has received more than $1,500 in donations. Missions will work on outreach ministry during the stewardship drive.

Property: Reviewed items from the August meeting. Update: Chuck will spend $1,800 for the protective stage curtain; clean-up day is set for October 23. To bring to Council: Property Board would like to start the process for letting the bid go the architect.

Stewardship (submitted in writing): November 14 will be Commitment Sunday; theme for annual giving campaign—Celebration, Commitment and Calling.

Communication (submitted in writing): Wrapping up visitor brochure project; ordered small printed envelopes from Chippewa Printing.

Treasurer’s Report: Council reviewed the CCL balance sheet and the profit & loss budget through June; budget has a deficit of over $14,000; expenses are more than what was budgeted—the gas bill was high, but it should even out over the summer. Bell Tower account (3042) will be included as a new asset of the congregation and will be used to pay fundraising expenses and all expenses related to the tower repair.

Pastor Carlson’s Report (submitted in writing): Some highlights of the past month include:
- Farewell to Kyle Svingen, our St. Olaf College summer vocational intern.
- Meeting with four seminary students interested in doing their contextual education at CCL.
- Preaching, on August 29, at my first call congregation, Oak Grove Lutheran in Richfield, Minnesota, at their 75th anniversary celebration.
- Working with the Communications Committee to produce the “Welcome to Christ Church Lutheran” brochure, distributed at worship on September 12.
- A shower for Matias Toivo Sarkanen, home from the hospital!
- Organizing our Adult Forum series for the fall, helped by a generous gift from a member of our congregation to help pay honoraria.
- Meeting with several couples interested in getting married at CCL. There has been increased interest from non-members since CCL was included in an article in Knot magazine last spring. Working with Joanne Seltz on a wedding manual that can be e-mailed.
- Receiving the news that Valspar has given us a paint grant for the cinderblock walls, upstairs and downstairs—we will provide the muscle power. Thanks to the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran and the Preservation Committee.
- Beginning to vision an arts & crafts room/ministry—we have been offered two looms to house here; this could be the seeds of more arts ministry.
- The beginning of extended and bi-weekly conversations with the Longfellow Lutheran Parish pastors about the “big picture” of ELCA presence and ministry in our greater neighborhood.

Old Business

Fundraising: Have exceeded our goal of $200,000; more than 60% of CCL giving units have pledged.
Preschool: Ten children attending. Teacher, Stephanie Gustafson, is assisted by one part-time aide. The summer program was an overwhelming success, with the science unit being the biggest draw.
Organ Project: Anticipate the design from Chris Holtkamp to arrive soon.
100th Anniversary Committee: Members of the committee are Mary Bode, Bob Farlee, Martin Seltz, Pastor Carlson and Karen Woestehoff. There is the possibility of commissioning: a hymn; artwork; an icon, which would be centered around Christ as our church.

New Business

Proposal for Strategic Planning: Dan and Kevin have prepared a handout, “Setting a Direction for Our Congregation’s Future.” Would like a steering committee of four to five members—Pastor Carlson and Gene Bruss will meet to propose more names; need to focus on a few key things that go to the heart of what we are as a congregation. Moved and carried: Approve the strategic planning resolution.
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333 South Twelfth Street, Minneapolis
“With All the Saints in Glory” featuring organists
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