Welcome to the Light

Christ Church Lutheran
3244 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Life Together
by Pastor Kristine Carlson

We are entering a very important year in the history of our congregation and in our life together—the 100th year of Christ Church Lutheran. On Christ the King Sunday, November 21, we celebrated our 99th anniversary as a congregation. Now, as the season of Advent dawns, we begin our journey together into our centenary year. I think this is a deeply moving and significant time to be a part of this congregation—a time when we can look back with gratitude for what has been, delight in who and where we are now, and turn to the coming years with anticipation and hope. I am thankful and feel privileged to be your pastor during such a time as this and I am very grateful for our partnership together in this journey.

Our 100th Anniversary Committee has been meeting regularly and making plans for the year. Members of the committee are: Mary Bode, chair; Karen Woestehoff; Pastor Martin Seltz; Pastor Robert Farlee and me. Here are some highlights of our plans:

- The theme for our 100th year will be “Bearing the Name of Christ.”
- There will be a new photo directory of our congregation. We will produce this ourselves with the help of talented members and friends. In the month of May, we will be asking you to come for a photo shoot. We are hoping for 100% involvement! Please be planning ahead for your photo shoot.
- There will be an anniversary booklet project.
- On March 6, Rev. Dr. Melinda Quivik—former visitation pastor here—will come to preach. Her husband, Fred, will lead the adult forum that morning on (in his words) “Something Special for Christ Church.”
- The arts will be a main focus with a new commission of a visual art piece, as well as a new musical work.
- On November 20, 2011, we will celebrate our 100th birthday on Christ the King Sunday. Dr. Martin Marty will be here to preach at a great festive worship service.
- There will be a banquet, too, of course!

Begin to mark dates on your calendars. Inform friends and family members who might like to come and then bring them along.

My hope and prayer is that this significant year will be a fruitful time for us, when the Holy Spirit is deepening us in faith, growing us in love and wisdom, and opening us to the next 100 years with hearts for hospitality, outreach, creativity and joy.
### Contacts and Information

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### Office Hours
- 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday–Friday

### Worship
- 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
- Education hour follows at 11:10 a.m.

### Contacts
- **Pastor:** Pastor Kristine Carlson
- **Music:** Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee  
Pastor Martin Seltz
- **Youth:** Luann Skrivseth
- **Office:** Stephanie Okoneski
- **Preschool:** Stephanie Gustafson
- **Facilities:** Chuck Merrell
- **Courier:** Lynn Larson

### Officers
- **President:** Gene Bruss
- **Vice President:** Kevin Olsen
- **Secretary:** Jan Radloff
- **Treasurer:** Melody Pauling

### Council
- **Mission:** Dan Mueller
- **Property:** Gary Gustafson
- **Stewardship:** Open
- **Worship:** Yi-Ru Chen-Sarkanen
- **Education:** Rita Schoenike

### Elders’ Board
- Ute Swenson, Bob Swenson and Paul Hanson

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### Announcements

#### Congregational Meeting
- **When:** Sunday, December 12
- **Purpose:** Review and vote on the church budget for 2011 and elect congregational leadership

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

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**Merry Christmas**
**Readings and Psalms**

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

Date: **December 12**  
First Lesson: Isa 35:1-10  
Psalm: 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55*  
Second Lesson: James 5:7-10  
Gospel: Matt 11:2-11

Date: **December 19**  
First Lesson: Isa 7:10-16  
Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19  
Second Lesson: Rom 1:1-7  
Gospel: Matt 1:18-25

Date: **December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
First Lesson: Isa 9:2-7  
Psalm: 96  
Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14  

Date: **December 25 – Christmas Day II**  
First Lesson: Isa 62:6-12  
Psalm: 97  
Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7  

Date: **December 26**  
First Lesson: Isa 63:7-9  
Psalm: 148  
Second Lesson: Heb 2:10-18  
Gospel: Matt 2:13-23

*Contact the church office about which option will be used.

**Christmas Wish**

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.

~Author Unknown

**Adult Forum Schedule**

**December 5**  
*More Worship Matters*  
Originating during the November 28 forum  
(*Worship Matters* led by Pastor Robert Farlee), our conversation about worship continues.

**December 12**  
*Congregational Meeting*  
We will review and vote on our church budget for 2011 and elect congregational leadership.

**December 19**  
*Our Pick-Up Christmas Pageant*  
First, enjoy Christmas coffee and treats in the Luther Lounge. Our pageant will be intergenerational, with no rehearsals and no lines to memorize. Are you interested in participating instead of just watching? This is your chance! If you have ever wanted to be Mary, Joseph, a Wise Man, a little lamb or a star (!), come to the chapel around 11:00 a.m. to select a role, find a costume and receive brief directions about how to play your part.

Around 11:30 a.m., everyone will be invited back into the sanctuary to see and hear the Christmas story enacted by our volunteer cast.

**December 26**  
After worship, enjoy coffee and fellowship together.
Happy Birthday to You!

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

12/2 Carol Flanders, Traci Boser
12/3 Isis Faulk
12/5 Shawn Deresch
12/7 Trisa Smetana
12/8 Jeremy Gustafson
12/12 Jeannette Kretzmann
12/15 Rita Schoenike
12/20 Kari Polsfuss, Margaret Schmidt
12/21 James Bartsch, Gerald Westby
12/22 Judith Wascher
12/24 Carol Mead
12/28 Rosie Lindberg-Lakso, Erla Polsfuss
12/29 Dorothy Hanson, Larry Schmidt, Cathy Sieving, Gary Wahlstrom

President’s Message

It has been a year since I was elected president of Christ Church Lutheran. Our main focus for 2010 was the fundraising campaign Reaching New Heights—Match the Grant! to repair the tower. Thanks to you—members of Christ Church Lutheran and the Friends of Christ Church—our goal of $200,000 was achieved and surpassed with an additional $32,000. This is much more than any of us anticipated. Thanks be to God.

This coming year, 2011, will also be very busy for Christ Church Lutheran as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the congregation. The planning has already started, so keep an eye open for events to be announced.

This month is our election of officers and the approval of the 2011 budget. The related congregation meeting is December 12, following the morning service. I hope every voting member will attend this important meeting.

– Gene Bruss

Retirees

Our Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 29. All are invited. Caroling will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by dinner (no potluck). A suggested donation is $4.00.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Helping Hands

The complete schedule for the year is posted in the Concordia room. The coordinators are Phyllis Dunstone and Juanita Burke.

November and December 2010

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Memorial Service

Harriet Rabe passed away on October 29. Her memorial service was held on November 2, with Pr. Carlson officiating.
Preschool News
by Stephanie Gustafson

What happened when princesses, super heroes and cartoon characters went knocking on doors along the atrium hallway? Building staff, parents and church members shared in the Halloween holiday fun as they handed out treats. More holiday fun is in store in the coming weeks. Stop in often for an update!

As changes to the preschool program are being considered, Pastor Carlson has been meeting with preschool families to obtain their input. Feel free to share in the visioning. Contact Pastor Carlson directly or Liz Karlen via Preschool.

Thank You Note

My warmest thanks and appreciation for all the prayers and cards received during my hip replacement and recovery. Your loving concern gave me comfort and strength.

God bless each one of you.

Sincerely,
Erla Polsfuss

Youth Corner
by Luann Skrivseth

Senior Youth Group

PCYC Children’s Gift Sale
Saturday, December 11
Meet at church at 10:30 a.m.

We will be volunteering at Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) to help kids shop for gifts for their family at the sale from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is really fun—you won’t want to miss it. Mark your calendars!

Junior and Senior Youth Groups

Christmas Movie Night
Friday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.
I’ll order pizza!

Everyone:
The Young and “Not So Young”

You are invited to participate in the following:

Christmas Pick-Up Pageant
Sunday, December 19, 11:30 a.m.
(after coffee hour)

Want to be one of the Wise Men? Or how about playing Mary or a twinkling star? Join us for this unique telling of the Christmas story.
Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2010
Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Missions: CCL scheduled to serve at Our Savior’s Shelter on October 25; Michael Jeffries has joined the Mission Board.

Education: This year’s Christmas program will be either a “pick up” program or a planned program on 12/19/10. Upcoming youth activities include: poinsettia sale, Sundaes and Sardines, raking/Council of Churches, Minneapolis area ELCA-sponsored Celebration of Compassion, and PCYC Service Project (buying Christmas gifts).

Stewardship: Pledge packets will be mailed out later this month.

Treasurer’s Report: Envelope giving is down; third quarter giving was lower than it has been in several years. Thrivent Choice: CCL has received $864 from this new Thrivent program; they will be transferring funds once a month. Motion: Move that we put the Thrivent Choice contributions in the General Fund. Motion carried.

Pastor Carlson’s Report (submitted in writing): Highlights of the past month include:
- The great success of our Reaching New Heights: Match the Grant capital campaign
- Welcoming four Luther Seminary students who will be working at Christ Church in varying capacities and lengths of time.
- The start of our 2010/2011 Adult Forums for growth in faith and life.
- Meeting with our tower project team, including representatives from Property, Preservation, and Communication committees and grant consultant, Erin Coryell.
- Meeting with our organ project task force to discuss a possible new organ for Christ Church Lutheran.
- The baptism of Victoria Marie Wall, daughter of Valerie Vadnais and Charles Wall, on October 3.
- Being the on-call pastor for a fellow Longfellow Parish congregation (St. Peder’s) during a week of their pastor’s vacation.
- Planning meetings, including: seasonal worship, 100th Anniversary, FCCL Board and Strategic Planning Task Force.
- Pre-marriage meetings with several couples being married at Christ Church Lutheran.

Old Business

Fundraising: More than $230,000 has been pledged so far; gifts continue to come in.

Organ Project: There will be a meeting on Saturday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m. The committee is proposing engaging an architect to help with this project.

100th Anniversary: The committee is requesting $12,000 from the CCL endowment fund interest; there is $6,000 in the anniversary trust fund budget. Motion made to take $3,000 out of the 100th anniversary trust fund. Motion carried. Some items being considered are: speakers, commissioning a hymn and a history book. The celebration will begin on Christ the King Sunday. Council is asking a member of the committee to come to a council meeting to discuss the 100th anniversary budget request.

Thrivent Line of Credit: Gene has delivered all the documents to Thrivent. Joel from Thrivent will go over the documentation and bring the papers to church for signature.

New Business

Strategic Planning: Moving forward to develop a process for the strategic planning. Dan Mueller went over his handout regarding our vision for 2020. Motion: Council approve the framework we have and to move ahead with the proposal. Motion carried.

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