Music Series Begins Third Season

Thanks to generous congregational support and consistently enthusiastic audience responses to the wonderful music making, the Christ Church Lutheran Music Series will open a third season in November with the first of two concerts by the WolfGang, an eighteenth-century-style chamber ensemble that explores music from the time of J. S. Bach’s sons up to the time of Beethoven.

The Gang returns in April for another concert. Both performances focus on music from Mozart’s last year—1791—and feature new transcriptions by the ensemble’s own Paul Jacobson. And this season we are delighted to have the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran as a generous sponsor of the April concert.

In March, a Lenten Vespers service will feature Bach’s Cantata 12 (Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen). Paul Westermeyer will conduct the Christ Church Choir and the Elm Ensemble in the performance, and we are joined by soloists Aaron Larson, Roy Heilman, and Clara Osowski. As we did last season, we will collect a freewill offering during the service and donate all proceeds to a local charity. This year the mission committee chose to support the Lutheran Summer Music Scholarship Fund.

In May, we will again be enriched and inspired by the Rose Ensemble presenting a traditional vespers service celebrating the festival of Pentecost in May. This world-famous group rehearses regularly at Christ Church and loves singing and playing in our space.

These Music Series events are a wonderful outreach opportunity for our congregation. Classical-music lovers come to Sunday morning and vespers worship. Last season, print materials bearing our church’s name were seen by nearly 10,000 concert-goers and web visitors. Thousands of local NPR listeners heard our four radio ads announcing the Rose Ensemble concert last October. This tremendous exposure for our congregation is a unique vehicle for drawing attention to our Christian community and to the faithful ministries we carry out together.

The freewill offerings received at the two vespers services last season made a huge difference for two charitable organizations in our community. The $1,482 we received during the November Vespers in Remembrance event was passed on to Our Lady of Peace Home. The $1,400 we received during the February Presentation Vespers event was passed on to the Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership. These are two fine ministries in our community that benefited directly from our Music Series.

You can still make a tax-deductible gift to the Music Series. If you didn’t already give, please consider doing so now.

And please mark all these dates in your calendar and plan to attend. The full season schedule is on page 4.
Announcements

Retirees
Reverend Mary Brown, director of congregational relations at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, will speak to us about LSS. Mary and her husband, Luther Johnson, became members of Christ Church in May. Join us on Wednesday 29 October at 11:00am. Potluck lunch to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Wedding
Dan Foley and Kayla Ricksham were married on Saturday 13 September, with Pastor Haaland officiating.

Memorial Service
A memorial service for Loring Peters was held on Saturday 20 September, with Pastor Carlson officiating.

Baptisms
Grayson Christopher Heckman, son of Patrick and Kylie Heckman, was baptized on Sunday 21 September, with Pastor Carlson officiating.

Augustus Mackenzie Byers, son of Matthew and Betsy Byers, was baptized on Sunday 28 September, with Pastor Carlson officiating.
Finances Update

The finance committee wants to provide you with the most current information about our congregation’s finances. In addition to other communications, we will provide a quick report on the state of our operating budget in each issue of *The Courier*.

August was the last summer month, which might be why envelope (member) giving slipped quite a bit. Now envelope giving is $14,617 behind budget. Expenses, thanks to Ole and Lena, are almost right on budget overall. Giving usually picks up during the fall and into the holiday season. Let’s do that this year, too!

### as of August 31, 2014

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Invitation to Singers

Our adult choir season has begun with weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00pm. If you enjoy singing, we would love to have you join us. We sing in a variety of styles, our goal being to lead the assembly’s own song and to complement it with our offerings. And we have fun—we’re a welcoming and jovial group of people.

Give it a try this week, or talk to one of the cantors—Pastor Farlee or Pastor Seltz—if you have questions. If you aren’t sure you can commit to choir in the long term, talk to us—we can be flexible.

Helping Hands

**September/October**

Jeff Adams & Denise Morelock
Darrell & Jeanne Anderson
Mary Bode
Gary & Stephanie Gustafson
Wynn & Marilyn Johnston
Jeannette Kretzmann
Donna Lindberg
Dan & Sharon Mueller
MariLu Peters
Pat Solie
Dick Thompson
Marion Williams

If you are named in the above helping hands chart, please help with Sunday morning coffee fellowship in the form of set up, clean up, or treats. Contact Michael Jefferis for details. michael.jefferis@gmail.com

All generations love to weave. See pages 6 and 7 for photos of our new weaving room on the lower level.
From the 16 September Council Meeting

In lieu of reproducing the minutes of each council meeting, we are offering highlights. Complete minutes are always available for review from the church office.

To open our September council meeting, Kevin Reuther offered a devotion. He reminded us that it is the fiftieth anniversary of the Wilderness Act and talked about the idea of wilderness in the Bible as a place of prayer and testing. He invited us to share our experiences of wilderness and its value and closed with a prayer based on Aldo Leopold’s “Land Ethic.”

After approving the August minutes, we considered a proposal to host a jazz concert around the time of Mardi Gras as a fundraiser for one of our areas of mission work. This concert would be similar to the Lake Wobegon Band concert last December that raised funds for Lutheran Social Services. We voted to go ahead, with dreams of jambalaya.

We approved the use of visioning fund dollars to pay for a banner with the church’s name and some information on it to be used at events as a way of promoting awareness of the congregation. We approved Dan Mueller to be the new chair of the organ task force. Dan will take over for Pat Baehler, who has done a superb job as chair.

With the Messner family moving away, the Courier is without an editor. We decided to contract with Josh to continue editing the Courier at least through the end of the year.

Next we turned to the recent bequest to the congregation from Betty J. Anderson, discussing how to put that money to the best use. After narrowing the options down a bit, we decided to take the matter up again in October, in the meantime developing some more detailed proposals for a few of the suggestions in play.

Next we received reports from our pastors and various committees, which makes us aware of how much good work is occurring in many areas at Christ Church Lutheran. We closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer. We are thankful for the congregation’s support and input.

The next council meeting is Tuesday 21 October at 7pm.

Music Series 2014–2015

Mozart’s Last Year: Hellish & Heavenly
Sunday 16 November | 7:00pm

The WolfGang
The WolfGang plays music of Mozart, transcribed for the group’s six instrumentalists along with guest soprano Erika Ternes.

$15 suggested donation

Lenten Vespers
Sunday 8 March | 4:30pm

The Elm Ensemble & CCL Choir
Paul Westermeyer, guest conductor
A performance of Bach’s Cantata 12 (Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen) in the context of a timeless liturgy. A freewill offering for the Lutheran Summer Music Scholarship Fund will be received during the service.

Clara Osowski alto | Roy Heilman tenor
Aaron Larson bass

Mozart’s Last Year: Damnation & Mercy
Saturday 11 April | 7:00pm

The WolfGang
Sponsored by the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran
Explore the music and events of Mozart’s last year—1791—including world premieres of transcriptions by the WolfGang’s Paul Jacobson.

$15 suggested donation

Pentecost Vespers
Sunday 24 May | 5:30pm

The Rose Ensemble
The Rose Ensemble presents a traditional vespers service celebrating the festival of Pentecost.
Our Thanks

With much gratitude and great joy, we thank our families and the Christ Church family for celebrating with us on our wedding day. What a day it was! We were so honored by your presence.

We are grateful to everyone who helped make our day so special: Pastor Carlson for her leadership in planning our special service; Pastor Farlee for his great music; Pastor Haaland for his beautiful trumpet accompaniment; Pat Baehler, Donna Gawreluk, Lucille Buelow, and Phyllis Mattill for assisting with the service; Mary Bode for her expertise in planning the reception; Joanne Seltz for her guidance and diligence overseeing everything—making sure all went well; Chuck Merrell for his unending patience and help turning the gymnasium into a marvelous party room; the crew (Mike Jefferis, Kevin Larson, Greg Madson, Chuck Merrell, Marcus Nooney, Ken Schoenike, Dick Thompson) who set up the tables and chairs; David Kutzbach, Chuck Merrell, and Dick Thompson for taking down the tables on Sunday; the BierKlub for brewing a delightful beer, which was quickly consumed—it was so good.

Thanks to all for your generosity in donating food items and cash for the food shelf. Thanks to Mary Brown and Luther Johnson for taking the 375 pounds of food to Community Emergency Services. We are thankful for the generous gifts given to the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran and the Christ Church endowment fund in honor of our wedding. We appreciate Josh Messner’s expertise in creating our wonderful wedding bulletin.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your love and support. It indeed was a very special day for us, and you all helped make it so.

—Jan and Gene
Welcome, Maria Markman

Maria Markman, a student at Concordia University, will teach children ages 4–7 in the Red Room during the readings and sermon part of our worship services. Maria grew up at Our Savior’s Lutheran in Faribault, where her pastor was Steven Delzer, a Seminex graduate and now bishop of the Southeast Minnesota Synod. After high school, Maria traveled around the world singing and teaching with the Young Americans, a group dedicated to promoting understanding and goodwill among the peoples of the world. She is a second-year student at Concordia University, majoring in English and Creative Writing. Thank you, Maria, for working with the Christ Church children.
Welcome to the Weaving Room

Weaving is in the air at Christ Church! With the rapid growth of our ambitious weaving group and the acquisition of all kinds of looms and other equipment, it became clear recently that a larger space was needed. The old nursery space next to the choir room has been selected, and here are some photos. Go check it out—it is a pretty exciting display. And if you see a weaver actually using some of this equipment, snap a few photos and send them to the Courier editor.
Christ Church Lutheran was sponsor of the Midtown Farmers Market on Saturday 20 September. The market takes place every Tuesday and Saturday during the growing season on east Lake Street between the Midtown YWCA and the Lake Street-Midtown light rail station.

This is the second year Christ Church Lutheran has sponsored the popular south Minneapolis market, which has been a leader in providing access to fresh, local, ecologically sustainable food to all people in south Minneapolis.

Christ Church Lutheran had a table that we shared with the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran and Accordo. There was a drawing for Accordo tickets, face painting, and lots of good food and fellowship. Dick Bruesehoff played accordion music for over an hour, after which Accordo previewed its 2014-15 concert series.
# Lectionary Readings

**October 2014**

**Sunday 5 October**
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46  

**Sunday 12 October**
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14  

**Sunday 19 October**
*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22  

**Sunday 26 October**
*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46  

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# Upcoming Educational Forums

**Sundays 11:15am**

**5 October**
*Vision for Mission*
Join the mission committee in an exploration of our congregation’s gifts and passions for service in our community. As a congregation, we have stated our desire to grow in service and deepen our involvement in our community. Help us discern ways in which we might serve our neighbors here in Longfellow and beyond.

**12 October**
*What’s Happening at Christ Church? Part I*
In this council-led forum, learn what our council, committees, and task forces have been up to this summer and fall—and what we’re anticipating for this year and beyond. There is a lot going on at Christ Church. Bring your comments and questions.

**19 October**
*Congregational Growing Pains*
Rev. Dick Bruesehoff  
It’s not uncommon for children to experience what is referred to as growing pains. Like the pain they feel in their muscles, bones, and joints, congregations can experience growing pains. As Christ Church Lutheran grows, what kinds of pains might we experience and how can we live with them as a normal part of growing?

**26 October**
*A New Organ for Christ Church*
Cantor Robert Farlee  
For a number of years now we have been hearing about the need for a new pipe organ at Christ Church. With recent gifts from the estates of Dick and Doris Gliem and Orv Bruss, we’re getting closer to this goal. Learn more about this exciting project: how pipe organs work, what is lacking in our present organ, and what a new organ will bring to us.

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# Honoring Erla and Howard Polsfuss

During coffee fellowship on Sunday 19 October, we will thank Howard and Erla Polsfuss for their combined five decades of work with Meals on Wheels. Erla started delivering meals with the program over thirty years ago. And for the past twenty-two years, she and Howard have coordinated Meals on Wheels at Christ Church. For those of you who are not familiar with this ministry, through the participation of neighboring congregations, South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals to home-bound members of our community. Howard and Erla are retiring from this ministry. Come and help us show our thanks for these many years of good work in Christ’s name.
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**Saturday, November 8, 9:00am to 12:30pm**

**Naming and Claiming your Strengths, A Morning Retreat at Christ Church**

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**Sunday, November 8, 11:00am**

**“Sharing the Light” Stewardship Brunch**
**Volunteer Schedule**

**Sunday Worship Services - 9:30 a.m.**

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**October Birthdays**

- 10/6  Gene Bruss
- 10/9  Nathan Bier
- 10/11 Sarah Selden
- 10/17 Kinzie Wiklander
- 10/19 Sylvia Bergquist
- 10/21 Colin Watkins
- 10/22 Jason Bergquist
- 10/23 Hilary Gebauer
- 10/27 Rosie Peters
- 10/29 Tim Hokkanen
- 10/30 Ashley Carroll