Roots and Wings

The theme for this season’s stewardship campaign is Roots and Wings, inspired by a devotion by Paul Rohde, Campus Pastor at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Reflecting on the mystery of God’s generosity in our lives, Pastor Rohde concludes that “being rooted in God sets us free to give—and the more love is given the more the lover is full.”

With the Thanksgiving holiday around the corner, we are mindful that God’s blessings in our lives and at Christ Church Lutheran are truly abundant. We also remember that our rich life together is supported by the countless efforts of our pastors, cantors, church staff, and myriad volunteers. Our time, talents, and treasures are given freely and with delight, knowing that we are “like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season” (Psalm 1:3).

At the time of going to press, our congregation budget has fallen $20,111 behind the council’s 2016 budget. We ask for your financial help in doing the work of Christ in this place. If you are current with your giving, we thank you, and ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your offerings to help the church meet its annual budget. If you are not current, we hope you will be able to fulfill your giving pledge to the church so that our whole ministry and mission can flourish.

And we ask you to reserve Sunday 20 November for the Roots and Wings stewardship brunch immediately following our worship service. There will be wonderful food served and an inspiring short program about stewardship. There will also be an opportunity to turn in your pledge card for 2017. It will be mailed to you the week before the stewardship brunch. Prayerfully consider what you will pledge for 2017—and how you can grow in your generosity and giving. This is a good spiritual practice for each of us and a way for us to help Christ’s light and love flourish among us and in the world. Bring your pledge card with you to the brunch (if you forget, there will be extra copies available). We will offer our pledges with thanksgiving!

There is no cost to attend the stewardship brunch. All are welcome. We just need you to sign up ahead of time. Watch for sign up sheets on upcoming Sunday mornings. And then come to the stewardship brunch and enjoy a wonderful time celebrating together with great food and fellowship.

—Stewardship Committee: Matthew Courtney, Chair; Liz Gomoll, Harvey Leuning, Lynn Tollefson, Pastor Carlson

Worship at Christ Church

November 2016

November 6 – All Saints
We give thanks for all the saints.

November 13 – Lectionary 33
“The sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.” (Mal. 4:2)

November 20 – Christ the King
The reign of God is in Jesus’ merciful hands. We celebrate our congregation’s 105th anniversary. And we bring our 2017 pledge cards to the stewardship brunch following worship.

November 24 (Thursday) – Day of Thanksgiving
Worship at 10am. Maria Markman, Seminarian, preaching.

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
It’s a new church year.

November 30 (Wednesday) – Midweek Advent Worship in the Chapel
11:30am, Morning Prayer, followed by lunch
7:00pm Compline, preceded by supper at 6pm
Staff
Pastors
Pastor Kristine Carlson
Pastor Erik Haaland
Pastor Robert Farlee
Pastor Martin Seltz
Stephanie Okoneski
Chuck Merrell
Josh Messner

Cantors
Pastor Robert Farlee
Pastor Martin Seltz

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Pat Baehler
Treasurer
Melody Pauling

Council Members
Marcus Nooney
Sarah Brunsvold
Luann Skrivseth
Matt Courtney
Dan Mueller

Announcements
Retirees
No Retirees in November. Come instead to Christ the King Sunday 20 November at 9:30am with the stewardship brunch to follow.

New Members
On Sunday 30 October, Nicolas (Nick) Goddard, Sergei Lenskii and Tatiana Lenskaia, Nadezhda (Nadia) Lenskaia, and Nate and Victoria Perbix joined Christ Church as members.

Helping Hands
November/December
Bob Anderson & John Schmidt
Jason Bergquist
Sarah Brunsvold & Jeff Weispfenning
Siri Caltvedt
Hilary Gebauer & Marc Katz
Dorothy Iverson
Marge Meffert
Chuck & Kristy Merrell
Kevin Olsen & Will Stark
Ray & Rosie Peters
Simo Sarkanen & Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen

If you are named in the helping hands chart, please help with Sunday morning coffee fellowship in the form of set up, clean up, or treats. Contact Mary Bode or Joanne Seltz for details. mhbode@gmail.com | seltz4@aol.com
Finances Update

Here is an overview of our operating budget as of the end of last month. Our envelope deficit went down, but only by about $26—so we can’t relax just yet. The overall deficit went up, unfortunately. Your offerings help important ministry and mission happen in and through Christ Church. Many thanks!

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Christ Church Art Gallery

A photo exhibit of eighteen buildings designed by member Fred Bentz is on display in the education wing through Thanksgiving. Works include Dayton’s Rosedale, Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University, 1221 Nicollet Mall, and more. An opening reception took place on Sunday 16 October followed by an educational forum led by Fred to an appreciative audience of seventy-two people.

In 1996 Fred was awarded the AIA Minnesota Gold Medal Award. This is one of the highest honors bestowed by the association, recognizing individuals whose work has had a lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture in Minnesota, and significant, positive impact on the Minnesota architecture community and culture.

Thank you Fred, for your fine example of using your God-given talents in your vocation and at Christ Church.

A Unique Gift

Check out the hand crafted stationery by the women of Christ Church. A table is set up by the Yellow Room in the education wing each Sunday. Buy cards to send yourself or give a packet of cards as a gift.
From the Church Council

Will Stark opened the meeting with devotions. He had recently encountered the Buddhist notion of dāna. Dāna is the way many Buddhist communities, such as meditation centers, finance their work. Dāna means freely receiving the teachings given and then freely giving support in response. Will reflected on how this responsive giving relates the Christian idea of gratitude as expressed in the book of Colossians, which calls for “joyfully giving thanks to the Father.”

The council met in retreat on Saturday 15 October. The purpose of this retreat was to receive the new visioning report from the visioning task force and to begin the process of putting this new vision to work. Kevin Olsen led us in a very productive and rich process for engaging this new vision. At our October meeting we spent some time reviewing the work we did on the vision at our Saturday retreat. We would like to expand the process to other groups in the congregation whose tasks relate to goals derived from this visioning statement. In some cases, goals identified in the vision have no corresponding group working specifically in the area described by the goal. So we will investigate forming groups to shepherd those goals across the next three to five years. We all are excited about the results of this process and the work we have already begun in response to it.

The council had commissioned a task force to analyze the current finances of the church in preparation for our budget development meeting in November. This group presented its preliminary report to the council. Traditionally, we have had a lag in giving during the summer months and offerings then pick up again in the fall. In the last two years this gap has been larger than normal and last year was not fully closed by the end of the year. This year giving is again lagging significantly behind budget projections. The task force reported that we have had some structural changes in our giving. Pledges from a few quite strong givers are no longer in place, due primarily to deaths and to a couple of people moving away from the area. In addition, though we are growing as a congregation, it typically takes longer for new members to settle into more consistent and substantial giving patterns. This is especially the case with younger members, who often have fewer resources available. The stewardship committee will continue to address this issue. Given this more detailed picture of our situation, the financial review task force will present some possible budget scenarios before our November meeting.

The Second Century Campaign includes $50,000 (10% of congregational giving to the campaign) over five years for gifts to mission work outside the congregation. At its February 2016 meeting, the congregation approved dividing this amount in the following way: $10,000 toward the ELCA’s Always Being Made New capital campaign; $10,000 toward Beacon Interfaith Housing; and $30,000 toward Safe House/Metro Homeless Youth. At our council meeting this month we took up a motion to clarify the process for distributing these funds. We voted to commit one fifth of the total amount for this year, distributed proportionally to all three groups. We will use this method as a template for future years, subject to modification according to circumstances.

At the request of the pastoral support committee, we clarified an ambiguity in regard to reimbursement for Pastor Carlson for her sabbatical expenses. We also heard various reports from staff and committees in the congregation. Pastor Carlson highlighted the rich offerings in children’s education this fall and Pastor Haaland reported on the “Journeying toward Justice” conference that ten members of Christ Church Lutheran attended (see articles about both in this Courier). There is much good work happening at Christ Church. We invite your comments and ideas.

—Bob Victorin-Vangerud, President

Book Club Meets 12 November

The next Christ Church book club meeting is Saturday 12 November from 10am to noon in the Luther Lounge. We will be discussing Lin Enger’s The High Divide. All are welcome. For more info, contact Bob Anderson at 952.937.8656. Publisher’s Weekly calls it “a masterfully told Western reinvention of Homer’s Odyssey…. Set against a backdrop of beauty and danger, this is the moving story of a man coming to terms with his past. In its narrative simplicity and emotional directness, it is reminiscent of John Ford’s classic, ‘The Searchers.’”

Nigeria Update

Each week we pray for Antonia Yahonna and the other abducted women and girls in Nigeria. A couple of weeks ago, twenty-one of the girls were released and returned to their families. The Nigerian government has offered welcome and support. However, Antonia was not listed as one of the girls returned, and over two hundred of her classmates are still in captivity with her. Our prayers will continue.
Lake Wobegon Brass
Concert a Success
Thanks to all who supported and attended our first Music at Christ Church event of the season: The Lake Wobegon Brass Band in Concert on Friday 7 October. This thirty-piece brass band filled our church with sound and delighted those who attended. Thanks to Roger Gomoll, a member of the band, for helping us book this fine ensemble.

Through generous donations and support from Music at Christ Church, this concert was offered free of charge to our community. This allowed us to be able to take a free-will offering to support a wonderful cause: the Sheridan Story weekend food program at Howe School. The offering collected that night totaled over $1,300, all of which will go to purchase food for neighborhood children who might not otherwise have enough to eat over the weekend. To all who contributed—thank you for your generosity!

Annual Children’s Christmas Gift Sale
Each year the Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) sponsors the Children’s Christmas Gift Sale. For a small donation of $1, low-income children in North Minneapolis can purchase five new gifts to be given to parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones and learn the joy of giving as they shop alongside a caring volunteer. This spirit-filled mission is near and dear to our hearts, and Christ Church Lutheran will again be participating.

Over six thousand gifts and three hundred volunteers are needed to transform the PCYC campus into a Christmas gift store and make the holidays brighter for 1,200 North Minneapolis youth. There are a number of ways you can help:

• Donate money (checks made out to Christ Church Lutheran, “PCYC Gift Sale” in memo line, or cash in a marked envelope)
• Buy gifts valued at $8 to $10 each, or re-gift new items from gifts you have received and never used
• Volunteer to set up or help children shop at the sale on Saturday 10 December. Sign up to do this online at pcyc-mpls.org.

What a wonderful opportunity this is for us. With your help, we will make a difference. Watch for the mission committee’s table after church services in November or call Luann Skrivseth 612.721.3601 for more information.

Enneagram Workshops
Tuesdays, January 24, 31, and February 7
This series of three classes held from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 E 31st St, Minneapolis) will deepen your knowledge of the Enneagram: an ancient and powerful map that sheds light on the motivation behind your behavior. Imagine combining the wisdom of your dearest friend, a personality tool like Myers-Briggs, and your own honest perceptions: that’s the Enneagram. Kate Ostrem of 9 Open Doors will guide us as we explore how the Enneagram can be applied to our daily lives and increase the compassion we have for ourselves and those we love. Join members of neighboring churches for this unique learning experience.

January 24: Meet the Enneagram
If you are brand new to the Enneagram, this class will help you identify your type. If you are already familiar with the Enneagram, come anyway. There is always something new to learn about your own type or that of others.

January 31: The Enneagram and Communication
Continue the conversation in this class with a focus on how your type impacts your communication style.

February 7: The Enneagram and Conflict
The series concludes with a look at how understanding your type helps you face conflict in respectful and healthy ways. If it’s not possible for you to attend the first class, come to the second and third anyway. Cost for the series is $20. Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Haaland (612.721.6611; ehaaland@christchurchluth.org) to sign up.
Anniversary Blessings

This November we celebrate our congregation’s 105th anniversary. We also celebrate with joy the anniversary of ordination into the ministry of word and sacrament for lead pastors in the history of Christ Church Lutheran and pastors in our midst today. Candles will be placed in the sanctuary on Christ the King Sunday in thanksgiving.

**Kristine Carlson**
Ordained December 12, 1982—34 years
Christ Church Pastor 2006–present

**Erik Haaland**
Ordained November 24, 2013—3 years
Christ Church Pastor 2013–present

**Robert Farlee**
Ordained July 13, 1980—36 years
Christ Church Cantor 1981–present

**Martin Seltz**
Ordained December 30, 1979—37 years
Christ Church Cantor 2001–present

**Helge Voigt**
Ordained September 9, 2001—15 years
Leipzig Exchange Pastor 2016

**Norman Kretzmann †**
Ordained August 22, 1943—66 years
Christ Church Pastor 1964–1981

**Albert Neibacher †**
Ordained June 12, 1966—38 years
Christ Church Pastor 1981–2004

**John Buegel**
Ordained August 20, 1960—56 years
Christ Church Member

**Ronald Johnson**
Ordained May 23, 1964—52 years
Christ Church Member

**Harvey Leuning**
Ordained August 8, 1976—40 years
Christ Church Member

**Richard Bruesehoff**
Ordained June 6, 1976—40 years
Christ Church Member

**Morris Wee**
Ordained January 18, 1986—30 years
Christ Church Member

**Robert Victorin-Vangerud**
Ordained September 1989—27 years
Christ Church Member

**Mary Brown**
Ordained June 30, 1991—25 years
Christ Church Member

**Frederic Niedner †**
Ordained October 16, 1910—64 years
Christ Church First Pastor 1912–1915

**Otto Henry Schmidt †**
Ordained July 11, 1909—41 years
Christ Church Pastor 1916–1919

**Julius H. Deckman †**
Ordained July 25, 1909—37 years
Christ Church Pastor 1919–1946

**William A. F. Buege †**
Ordained March 27, 1938—64 years
Christ Church Pastor 1946–1964
Worship

Children are welcome in all of worship—to the font and to the table. Sermon on the Steps is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a word with the pastor. After that, children are welcome to stay in worship or explore our other opportunities:

Children ages 0–36 months are invited to go to the Orange Room just across the courtyard way to the Nursery.

Children ages 3–6 are invited to the Red Room for a time of friendship, reading the Gospel Story, and working through an activity together.

Children ages 7 and above are encouraged to stay in worship with the hopes that they will participate in different aspects of worship leadership—serving as an acolyte, a lector, a prayer writer, a helper in the sacristy. They will receive good training for these roles.

All children will return to worship during the sharing of the peace, to rejoin their families, and come to the Lord’s table.

Our education offerings are on Sundays from 11:05am until noon, following worship at 9:30am and fellowship. Come to the Red and Blue Rooms in the atrium.

Godly Play for children ages 3–6. Come to the Blue Room to hear a Bible story, to wonder together about God’s people and their stories, and to do creative play.

Spark! for children ages 7 and up. Come to the Red Room to read the Gospel lesson from worship in our Spark Bibles, talk more in depth about the Bible story, and do a project together.

For Parents of Infants

Cradle Roll for children 0–36 months. New this year, this program helps families on their journey to the font for the baptism of a child. It continues to connect with families through Frolic!—a curriculum that helps them in parenting and growing in faith together.

Jesus said, “Let the children come!” At Christ Church Lutheran, we welcome children and their families to the font, to the table, and to worship.

The children’s ministry team is excited to be starting another year of programming. Our congregation is growing! It is our joy to make families and children feel welcome and loved following in our call to be like Jesus here at Christ Church Lutheran.
## Children’s Ministry Sunday Schedule

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November Worship at Christ Church

November 6—Come and light candles to remember loved ones.

November 13—Come and worship.

November 20—105th anniversary of Christ Church Lutheran and Christ the King Sunday. Worship is followed by the stewardship brunch—all are welcome!

November 24—Celebrate Thanksgiving together at a 10:00am service of word and song. Maria Markman, administrative assistant for children’s ministry and seminarian will be preaching. If children are interested in helping Maria during the service, contact her at mmarkman001@luthersem.edu. We are looking forward to this time of celebration and gratitude together.

November 27—Advent celebration and beginning of the new church year. Every child is welcome to Sermon on the Steps to receive their individual advent calendars.

Looking Ahead to December

Mark your calendars now for the intergenerational Christmas pageant on Sunday 18 December. We will need each of your special gifts and talents to tell the Christmas story.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our children’s ministry program is growing. We need eight volunteers a week to make our program a success, and we would like to have a longer list of volunteers. A longer list would give both youth and adults the opportunity to grow in community with one another. Being an adult leader can be a big commitment, but with more volunteers the personal commitment is reduced.

Maria Markman, our children’s ministry administrative assistant will be holding a volunteer in-service on Sunday 27 November. If you are interested in helping but have no idea what that includes come to the in-service and check out the different opportunities:

• Nursery Volunteer
• Red Room Teacher
• Red Room Helper
• Godly Play Doorkeeper
• Spark Mentor
• Spark Helper

Tessa Swan, daughter of Katie Swanson and Noah Niermann, visited from Des Moines, IA, one Sunday, and loved being held by Pastor Farlee.

Sarah Brunsvold and Freddie sing together during a forum in the sanctuary.
Meet the Children’s Ministry Committee

Meet Sarah Brunsvold

Sarah is the children’s ministry committee lead. Children’s ministry is important to Sarah because she wants Freddie and all Christ Church kids to grow up in the church and feel like it is their home. Her favorite part of serving on the Christ Church children’s ministry committee is coming up with new ideas and making them happen. She dreams of traveling to Norway and Sweden. She loves ice cream, cats, reading, and the Minnesota Vikings. Her favorite movie character is Anne Shirley from Anne of Green Gables.

Meet Marcus Nooney

Marcus makes children’s ministry a priority because children are the future, and he says it’s important that we engage them early and make them feel that they really matter. As a member of the children’s ministry committee, Marcus loves to see the kids take part in the things we’ve planned. He dreams of owning his own jet. He loves beer, the honey badger, and the Green Bay Packers. His favorite movie character is Willy Wonka.

Praying Together

During Sermon on the Steps in October, we learned these two prayers. One is to pray at meal-time, the other is to pray after you wake up in the morning.

Table Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
And let these gifts to us be blessed.
And may there be a goodly share on every table everywhere.
Amen.

Morning Prayer

Make the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your body, and say:
O God, watch over me.
Amen.
Journeying Toward Justice

Last month nearly five hundred people from congregations all over the Twin Cities gathered at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for a conference entitled, “Journeying toward Justice: Privilege and Race in Our Church.” Christ Church sent a team of ten people to this event, which occurred over two days, October 7 and 8. The team included Hilary Gebauer, Daniel Holmgren, DeAne Lagerquist, Dan Mueller, Rachel Slater, Bob Victorin-Vangerud, Colin Watkins, Hillary Watkins, Pastor Kristine Carlson, and Pastor Erik Haaland. We heard two powerful presenters, Deb Rodgers and Rozella Haydée White. We prayed, sang, and heard strong sermons from our two ELCA bishops in the Twin Cities—and we spent good time in conversation with each other. Our group has one more meeting scheduled for early in November, and we will be considering ways to open up this conversation about race and privilege to more of us here at Christ Church. The following are reflections from three Christ Church members who participated in the event.

From Hillary Watkins ~ As people of God, we always want to believe that we are doing everything we can to be good neighbors. But what does that actually entail? Like lots of people, I find myself in a routine of doing what makes me feel like a good neighbor, and haven’t (until recently) taken steps or even thought about leaving my comfort zone. But in order to improve, there must first be critique. The Journeying toward Justice conference gave me and nine others from our congregation the time and space to reflect on what we’re doing and, most importantly, what we can be doing better to bring about true racial equality in our hearts and in our society. It was challenging in a very literal sense. It challenged the way we view our history, our policies, and our practices as a nation. A common thread of our conversation was how, as white people in American culture, we can afford to live with blinders on and ignore the injustices around us. We also know that to take off those blinders and see our privilege is to open our eyes fully to the trauma endured by generations of people of color.

The conversation was difficult. It was uncomfortable. It was necessary. In order to help our neighbor, we need to know their reality. We need to show up asking how we can help rather than arriving with prescriptive solutions. Most of all, we need to actually show up in their time of need. And while at first it may be difficult and uncomfortable, it is absolutely necessary.

From Rachel Slater ~ What a wonderful opportunity and privilege it was to join the Christ Church team at this event. It was inspiring to see so many people joined together with the shared intention of addressing racial injustice within themselves and within the church. We needed this community because we were immediately called to notice that “racism is in the air we breathe,” and to notice and challenge our white privilege to choose comfort over action. It was uncomfortable, at least for me, to sit in the knowledge of how often I have chosen comfort, and I was glad I was not alone in this.

The workshops encouraged us to begin to explore how systems in our congregations contribute to injustice and to consider how to change. Even with a whole day’s discussion and work, our teams just started to consider the challenges we face in this: how to maintain and celebrate our congregation’s identity and culture, how to be more welcoming to people of marginalized identities, how to support each one of us in becoming more aware and more uncomfortable in our privilege.

The closing keynote offered us ways we can begin to choose discomfort. Make a friend from another culture. Make a commitment to experience yourself as a minority. Make a public stance against racism and microaggression on social media. Challenge the racism and privilege you see in your friends and family.

I hope this is the beginning of a long journey for all of us. Growth is often uncomfortable, but I am committing to developing my own capacity for discomfort. I have faith that, with your support, choosing the discomfort of confronting my own guilt, shame, and fear will ultimately lead to great joy.

From Hilary Gebauer ~ I was thrilled to be a part of the team from Christ Church Lutheran that attended the “Journeying toward Justice” conference. Well, maybe thrilled isn’t the right word. Racism and white privilege are difficult things to talk about. These topics are challenging and complicated. They bring up lots of emotions and beliefs and questions. I’m in my infancy with the language that surrounds my own white privilege and how I fit into the picture of race and culture in our country and our church. I’m learning the only way to attempt to understand and have a conversation around racism and white privilege is to try, and sometime stumble around the subject, and make mistakes and then try again. And luckily I don’t have to do this alone. A requirement of attending the conference was that you come as a team because this work is too much for one person alone—it’s meant to happen within a community. Our team is encouraged to start having these conversations at Christ Church because of the spirit of learning and compassion that exists in our community.
Christ Church Christmas Cookie Sale—Volunteers Needed

Do you love baking Christmas cookies? Would you like the experience of fellowship and baking with the cooks of our church? Then join us this fall. Christ Church members will be baking Christmas cookies in the kitchen during November/early December (see dates below and watch the bulletin). Cookies will be packaged and sold, and the money collected will be donated to a food program in South Minneapolis.

Are you more of a cookie eater than a baker? We can use your help too—just order a $12 box of cookies. If you have a container from last year, bring it in to be reused (leave it on one of the treat tables in the education wing). If you are not an eater or a baker, cookie boxes make great gifts.

If you would prefer to bake and donate a batch or two of cookies to help fill the boxes, we have a recipe you can use. Or make one of your favorites.

To order cookies, look for the sign-up sheet by the Sunday morning treats during the month of November. Cookies will be ready for pickup on Sunday 11 December.

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Come when you can and stay as long as you want. Let us know if you are willing to bake at home, or talk to Rita (651.681.9975) or MariLu if you can help at church during the above dates.

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for partnering with us and sponsoring us in the project through their Thrivent “action teams #LiveGenerously programs.

A New Roof for the Education Wing

In the fall of 2015 the congregation approved the spending of up to $260,000 for the new roof and the tuck-pointing of brick work for the education wing. The roof had been leaking and was beyond its estimated useful life. The mortar in the top three feet of the brick walls was deteriorated.

This work has been completed for a contract amount of $238,379 plus an architectural fee of $17,291. The reason the fee was this much is that the state required public bidding and much paperwork to comply with the legacy grant that was received for this project.

Christ Church Lutheran received $200,000 from the State of Minnesota under the Arts and Cultural Heritage program toward the cost of this project. This was 78% of our total cost.

Other Construction Work Completed

The repair of the mechanical room ceiling, the three exterior accessibility ramp upgrades, and the changes to the tower door have been completed. The congregation approved $114,663 for this work. The contract expenditure was $88,905 and the architecture and engineering fees associated with this work was $25,167.
Remembrance of the Faithful Departed
All Saints Sunday—November 6, 2016

The Festival of All Saints, celebrated on Sunday 6 November, is a time when the church gives thanks to God for the lives and witness of those who have died in the faith. It is a time to remember with fondness those “most dear to us” who have died and to rejoice in God’s promise to us all that we will share in the resurrection with them. Traditionally, one of the ways the church remembers these saints is to mention them by name during the tolling of a bell on All Saints Sunday. We continue this tradition at Christ Church this year by naming all in our congregation who have died since 1 November 2015.

Second Century Check-Ins

You are invited to check in on your Second Century Campaign giving. On Sunday 6 November and Sunday 13 November from 11am to 12pm, a member of the campaign committee will be available in the archive room. You can check in on your campaign pledge status and ask any related questions you may have. We will also be happy to accept payments at these times. We are eager to ensure that all 2016 pledge dollars are collected. Save us a stamp and a phone call and check in.

Thanks to you, in 2016:

• Up to $10,000 of our tithe from the Second Century Campaign was distributed to support projects at Safe House (an LSS Shelter for youth experiencing homelessness), Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, and Always Being Made New, the Campaign for the ELCA.

• The education wing roof was completely redone, including new insulation and resurfacing. Accessibility ramps at the tower door and two alley doors were installed. The tower door was improved, enabling emergency exit without a key. (See opposite page for a full report.)

• The new Dobson pipe organ design was moved forward.

Your pledge dollars move projects forward. Courtyard restoration is planned for 2017. The old organ will be removed in June 2017, and our new organ installation will be completed one year later. Thank you to the Christ Church congregation for your support of the $1.55 million Second Century Campaign.

Save the Date
Sunday 20 November 2016

Roots and Wings
Christ Church Lutheran Stewardship Brunch

Good Friends and Good Food
immediately following worship
All are welcome

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

—Psalm 1:3
Lectionary Readings
October 2016

Sunday 6 November
All Saints
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

Sunday 13 November
Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Sunday 20 November
Christ the King
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20

Thursday 24 November
Thanksgiving Day
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

Sunday 27 November
Advent 1
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Educational Forums
Sundays 11:15am

November 6
Christian Funeral Practices
Rev. Gordon Braatz
The experience of grief and the desire to honor those who have died are universal among human beings. For Christians, there is a rich tradition of funeral practices which provide means and structure for dealing with this most stressful time. Unlike the denial of death we see so frequently around us, the funeral offers hope while facing the reality of loss and grief. As St. Ambrose wrote of those who had died, “We have loved them dearly in this life. We will not abandon them until we have conducted them with our prayers into God’s own house.”

November 13
A Columbarium for Christ Church
Columbarium and Preservation Committees
The Christ Church Council has approved moving forward with a study for designing and installing a columbarium for Christ Church. A columbarium is a set of niches set aside to receive the remains of loved ones. Numerous churches have these in their worship spaces or in another part of the church building. Come and learn about what a columbarium is, practices surrounding it, and what it could mean to have a columbarium at Christ Church.

November 20
Roots and Wings
Stewardship Brunch
On this festival Sunday, the last day of the church year and the 105th anniversary of Christ Church Lutheran, everyone is invited to this year’s stewardship brunch. Help us celebrate the generosity that makes our life together possible.

November 27
Stories from Churches in the Land of the Reformation
Rev. Morris Wee
Our Minneapolis Area Synod has a partnership with the Leipzig District of the Lutheran Church in Saxony, Germany. Morris Wee has just returned from a year in a pastoral exchange with Rev. Helge Voigt. What can we learn from the German churches, and what can they learn from us?

October Birthdays

11/1    Michael Jefferis
11/7    Rachel Slater
11/5    Taylor Brorby
        Brook Williams
11/7    Viivi Bodurtha
        Matt Byers
11/12   Kevin Reuther
11/17   Lucille Buelow
        Luna Kjome
11/19   Myrna Murken
11/22   Lucy Woestehoff
11/23   Todd Brandon
        Riley Jenkins
11/24   Maria Markman
11/26   Fred Bentz
        Bob Anderson
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