The Time after Epiphany

These weeks—after Christmas and Epiphany (January 6), before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1)—are known as the Time after Epiphany. This is a series of weeks when we focus on the foundational stuff of the Christian life, the important basics. In worship, we will hear scripture readings that encourage us to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.” To “love your enemies.” To “be reconciled to your brother or sister.” They will point again and again to Jesus—to his life and teachings—and talk about him as the servant, the lamb, the light, the foundation, the beloved Son. At the same time, they will invite us—Jesus’ disciples—to live fully in our baptismal identity and calling. In these eight weeks—when the main color we will see on the altar will be green—let’s welcome our baptismal waters and grow in faith, in serving, in seeking justice, in being part of this community.

Update on Our Refugee Family

It is nearly six months since Ariat and Paul and their seven children arrived in Minnesota. The adjustments required for this family have been many. The most obvious one is related to weather. Ethiopia (the country of origin—red) and Kenya (the site of the refugee camp—green) are located near the equator. This means that the temperatures are generally warm throughout the year and there is no snow. The -15 degree days in mid-December and now in January and the accumulation of snow over the past month represent new experiences. While the family members have purchased... continued on page 4

Educational Forums

Sundays 11:15am

January 8—Baptism of our Lord
Celebrating Baptism Together

This year January 8 is the festival of the Baptism of Our Lord, where during worship we will hear the story of Jesus’ baptism. Afterward, come to this intergenerational education time in the gym, where we will explore and celebrate our own baptisms. We will wonder together about the mystery and meaning of baptism, and there will be activities for young and old to do together.

January 15
Water Stewardship
Emilie Bouvier

What are the connections between water stewardship and our baptismal life of faith? Baptism always takes place within a watershed—with water from a particular river, lake, or stream. How does our baptismal calling to “strive for justice and peace in all the earth” impact the way we use and care for God’s life-giving gift of water? Emilie Bouvier is the congregational organizer for Environmental Justice for the Minneapolis Area Synod, working with leaders across the Synod on earth-care initiatives.

January 22
Engaging a Conversation about Race – Where Do We Begin?
Last October a group from Christ Church Lutheran attended a conference at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church entitled “Journeying toward Justice: Privilege and Race in Our Church.” Those who were part of this event committed to helping our whole congregation engage this important conversation about race, justice, and equity. Pastor Haaland and Rachel Slater will lead this session using materials from a study guide on racial equity, “And Who Is My Neighbor,” which was recently produced by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

January 29
Our Saviour’s Housing
Sam Bardwell

For decades Christ Church Lutheran has supported Our Saviour’s Housing—both financially and by preparing and serving meals at their shelter on Chicago Avenue. But how much do we really know about ministry with those experiencing homelessness here in Minneapolis? Sam Bardwell, congregational relations coordinator for Our Saviour’s Housing and a professional actor, will help us learn more by inviting us into an experience of readers’ theater with plays he has written about the work of Our Saviour’s Housing.
**Announcements**

**Retirees**
Meeting Wednesday 25 January at 11:00am. Watch for more details.

**Wedding**
Matthew Thompson and Allison Prange were married on Saturday 17 December. Pastor Carlson officiated.

**Thank You for PCYC Gift Drive**
Thanks to all who contributed to this year’s collection for the Plymouth Christian Youth Center’s Annual Children’s Gift Sale. Here at Christ Church, we collected gifts and cash donations nearing $700, making possible the delivery of ninety-five quality gifts for the sale. Thank you to Luann Skrivseth for coordinating this drive and purchasing many of the gifts. Thanks also to Dan Mueller, who volunteered on the day of the sale. The following is a thank you from Plymouth Christian Youth Center:

_Thanks to you . . . 1,123 children were able to select from over 6,000 gifts as they shopped for their families at the 2016 Children’s Christmas Gift Store. You and 320 other caring people made all this possible through your gifts of time, talent, money, and items for our Christmas store. Your generosity and continued commitment to this event make the holidays brighter for our North Minneapolis children and families. We’re very thankful for all of your help._

_Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2017._

—From the Staff and Board of Plymouth Christian Youth Center

**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.
Lectionary Readings
January 2017

Sunday 1 January
Name of Jesus
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

Sunday 8 January
Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday 15 January
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Sunday 22 January
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday 29 January
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Helping Hands
January/February

John Buegel
Ted Buegel & Amanda Jenkins-Buegel
Bob Farlee
Donna & Pete Gawreluk
Nick Goddard
Roger & Liz Gomoll
Kevin Kniebel & Anna Mason
Robyn & Marcus Nooney
Rita & Ken Schoenike
Cathy Sieving

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

January Birthdays

12/30 Finn Meier
1/2 Ray Peters
1/3 Nick Goddard
1/4 LeAnn (Bergquist) Marudas
Dylan Larson
Rachel Lokken
1/6 Evelyn Wermager
1/10 Meyer Schoenike
Christian Schoenike
1/11 Alayna Young
1/12 Nora Katz
1/16 Stephanie Wieland
1/18 Amanda Jenkins-Buegel
1/19 Micah Buckley-Farlee
1/20 Daniel Holmgren
Allison Weimer
1/21 John Christianson
1/25 Kylie Tindell
1/26 Caleb Jenkins-Buegel

“The Winter Warmer”

Save the Date...
Saturday, February 4, 2017.
4:00 - 7:30 pm.
Christ Church Lutheran
Minneapolis, MN

More to Come!
From the Church Council

Council met three times in November to finalize the budget, and the items on our current agenda can wait until January, so we decided not to meet in December. Thus our Christmas season became a bit less hectic. We hope your Christmas celebration brought joy and peace to you and yours. Happy New Year.

—Bob Victorin-Vangerud, President

Carnival and Mardi Gras

A Jazz Benefit Concert
Christ Church Lutheran
Sunday 26 February, 3pm

Save the date—the next Music at Christ Church event is just over a month away!

Come for an afternoon of engaging jazz that you won’t forget. New Orleans has Mardi Gras; Brazil has Carnival. Celebrate these fabulous musical traditions with a benefit concert at 3pm on Sunday 26 February. Top-flight local musicians will transport you to New Orleans and beyond.

Musicians include Bill Simenson (Trumpet), Pete Whitman (Tenor sax), Dave Graf (Trombone), Ted Godbout (Piano), Bruce Heine (Bass), Dave Schmalenberger (Drums), and Judi Vinar (Vocals).

The concert is free. An offering will be taken to support the Semilla Arts Program—an outreach program of St. Paul’s Lutheran in the Phillips Neighborhood that teaches hundreds of youth and adults each year in mosaics, photography, creative writing, and other art forms. Together they seek to create public art that reflects the hope of the community.

Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

—Ronald Johnson, Christ Church Refugee Mentoring Team
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.

Welcome to a New Year in Children’s Ministry at Christ Church

Now in 2017 we have more children, more volunteers, and more opportunities to see God’s work in our lives and in the lives of our children. We are continuing Red Room, Godly Play, and Spark! as well as different fellowship events throughout the year. This year we also kick off a new program—Nurture Faith—designed to fulfill our congregation’s lifelong ministry.

Nurture Faith gives us the opportunity to be faithful to the promises we made as a community of faith for each child brought to the waters of baptism and reminds us we are all children of God. When a child is baptized, we are given responsibilities:

- **Cradle Roll**
- **Preschool**—worshiping and singing together
- **Kindergarten**—place in their hands the Holy Scriptures
- **First Grade**—remember together our place in God’s community through baptism
- **Second Grade**—bring them to the word and the holy supper
- **Third Grade**—nurture them in faith and prayer focusing especially on worshiping together
- **Fourth Grade**—teach them the Lord’s Prayer
- **Fifth Grade**—teach them the Ten Commandments
- **Sixth Grade**—teach them the creeds
- **Seventh/Eighth Grade**—proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made and work for justice and peace

This year, in particular, we will begin with the celebration of the Holy Supper in our communion retreat on 28 January. If you have questions or concerns contact Maria Markman (mmarkman001@luthersem.edu) or Pastor Carlson.
Children’s Ministry Sunday Schedule

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**Thank You**

Thank you for all who joined in the Intergenerational Christmas Pageant. It was a success again this year. It was the coldest Sunday of the year, and you all made it a point to be together to celebrate the birth of Christ through the telling of the story.
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