Don’t Miss the Best Days – Holy Week and Easter

We’re coming up on the center of the entire year for Christians. Easter? Yes, of course, but not only that. If you miss out on the days leading up to Easter, you will miss out on the context—what makes Easter so important. And you won’t get to experience some amazing worship experiences!

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday—April 9, 9:30am
On a morning full of drama, we begin by welcoming Jesus with palm branches. And then we hear the story of his passion and death as told in the Gospel of Matthew in a creative reading.

Holy Wednesday – April 12, 11:30am
In response to our new Vision Statement, we are adding a daytime service during Holy Week. It will be a communion service, held in the Chapel.

Maundy Thursday – April 13, 7:00pm
On this night we make a shift from Lent into the very core of the year, the Triduum or Three Days. The highlights tonight will be confession and forgiveness, footwashing, and the eucharist. If the footwashing part seems daunting, see the photo from last year. Don’t worry—no one will force you to do it. Come for cleansing and the Lord’s good food for all.

Good Friday – April 14, 7:00pm
On this night we gather to mark Jesus’ crucifixion—his death that gives us life. One would think it would be terribly sad, but while it is solemn, the story from John’s gospel also tells us that on the cross, Jesus won the victory over death. The service ends with meditation on this awe-filled event, with music by the choir, and with a powerful hymn.

The Vigil of Easter – Saturday, April 15, 8:30pm
Can worship actually be fun? Come and find out. We start late so it will be nice and dark. Then we light a fire, light candles, walk into the Luther Lounge for some amazing stories, then to the church to remember our baptisms with plenty of water, and finally gather as a community all around the altar for the first communion of Easter. Oh—and after that, we party as only Christ Church can, at Alleluia à la Mode.

Easter Sunday – April 16, 9:30am
And this is the grand celebration: feasting on word and meal with brass, choir, organ, and overflowing joy! Afterwards, stay for a special Easter coffee hour.

Don’t miss a bit of it! You are welcome to it all!

Meanwhile, this first week of April . . .

There’s still time to come on Wednesday, April 5, for Morning Prayer at 11:30am followed by soup (photo on the left, below), or Prayer Around the Cross at 7:00pm preceded by a soup supper at 6:00 (photo on the right, below). You are welcome!
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Office Hours
Monday–Friday, 9:00am–2:00pm

Sunday Worship
Eucharist 9:30am, followed by fellowship

September through May
Godly Play for children ages 3–6, 11:05am–12:00
Spark! for children ages 7 and up, 11:05am–12:00
Educational forum, 11:15am–12:15pm

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Helping Hands April
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Cliff Siewert
Gary & Luann Skrivseth
Dick & Elayne Strom
Robert Swanson
Gary & Janice Wahlstrom
Hillary & Colin Watkins
Each member is part of Helping Hands. You may be asked to help with Sunday Coffee and other hospitality related events as needs arise. Mary Bode, coordinator.

Applause and thank you to Phyllis Dunstone and Juanita Burke who began this hospitality ministry and were faithful coordinators for decades.

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, or give a package of cards as a gift.

Help Stock the Diaper Depot
Next time you are shopping, pick up a package of diapers for the Diaper Depot. Packages of disposable diapers of all sizes are being collected in our narthex during the month of April. The Diaper Depot is set up to help low income families who need diapers for their young children. The WIC program does not include diapers. At the Diaper Depot, each month parents can purchase two packages of diapers for each child for only $3–$4 each when they show paperwork. At the end of the month of April, Christ Church volunteers will deliver the collection of diaper packages to the Diaper Depot located at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on 31st Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis. Let’s help stock the Diaper Depot shelves.
Lectionary Readings
April 2017

Sunday, April 2
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-15

Sunday, April 9
Sunday of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66

Wednesday, April 12
Wednesday in Holy Week
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 13
Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 18:1—19:42

Friday, April 14
Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 15
Vigil of Easter
Genesis 1–2; Genesis 7–9;
Genesis 22; Exodus 14–15;
Isaiah 55; Isaiah 61;
Daniel 3; Romans 6:3-11;
John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 16
Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 23
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 30
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a. 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23

Ordination and a Call
Joseph Schattauer Paillé was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and installed as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Wyckoff, New Jersey, on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Pastor Paillé is married to Anna Schattauer, Pastor Carlson’s niece; they worshiped here during the fall of 2015 while Joseph was attending Luther Seminary; he is a graduate of Princeton Seminary in New Jersey.

Help Wanted
Weekend Custodian
Christ Church Lutheran is looking for a weekend custodian to work four hours on Saturdays and three on Sundays. Anyone interested should email the church office for further information.
mail@christchurchluth.org

Reflections on “My Neighbor Is Muslim”
On three Saturday afternoons in March, Mary Brown led sessions on the study guide, My Neighbor Is Muslim, offered through Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. Participants offered these reflections for all of us.

I appreciate being a part of a church community where open, challenging, important conversations like this are happening.

An open, engaging, informative beginning to an understanding imperative to our lives as Christians.

I appreciated beginning to learn about Islamic faith. But even more so, I appreciated the sharing of experience and personal feelings of each person in the group. Sharing and learning – so important.
Matthew Courtney offered a devotion from *Free Indeed*, our 2017 Lenten Devotional. Appropriately, perhaps, for the second day of spring, the devotion reflected upon the Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, entreat ing us to have confidence in God’s harmonious renewal of creation—the Great Fiesta.

Council received a recommendation from the Project Management Task Force to select Watson-Forsberg Co. to restore the courtyard. Eight bids were received, ranging from $390,000 to $655,600. (Reminder: Congregation approved a budget up to $507,022 at our December 11, 2016 Annual Meeting.) Not only did Watson-Forsberg submit the lowest bid, but they demonstrated experience with similarly complex projects, as well as successful restoration of the Education Building’s roof last summer. The task force is confident that the work will be executed to the strict specifications required by Christ Church’s historic landmark status. Council reviewed, then approved, the contract with Watson-Forsberg, authorizing the President to sign on the congregation’s behalf. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-May and to be complete within 120 days.

Due to severe winter storms on the east coast, the Partners for Sacred Places grant orientation meeting in Philadelphia was postponed. Pastor Carlson, Mary Bode, Will Stark and Gordon Olschlager of the Friends will wait for the Partners to reschedule. Grant funds will help support the courtyard restoration.

Council heard a proposal to establish a “Pastors’ Discretionary Fund.” Last year, in a very rare occurrence, the pastors received a request for emergency financial assistance from a person in the congregation, which they prayerfully provided out of their own pockets. Ordinarily, people in need are referred to Community Emergency Services. If established, the fund could be used, at the pastors’ discretion and in consultation with each other, to provide anonymous, modest support to individuals who experience a financial crisis. Council voted to reimburse the funds paid by the pastors; creation of the fund was tabled for April’s meeting.

Reports were received about the multitude of good things happening all around us—a bounty too great for this brief report. We concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

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### Congregation Council Retreat

John Schmidt led the council in a retreat on Saturday, March 11th. The purpose of the retreat was for Council members, including our pastors and cantors, to learn more about their own talents and those of their fellow council members. Each member of the group completed the Strengths Finder assessment and shared the results with the group. The talents of the whole group were compiled to provide an overall profile. Insights gained from this effort will be helpful to the council in working together effectively.

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### Book Review

**Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance**

**Review by Siri Caltvedt**

I would not have read this book if not for the Christ Church Book Group. I’m not a big fan of the memoir genre in general and “hillbillies” are people I would, honestly, prefer to ignore. However, in light of the recent election, we “nice” white folks can no longer afford to ignore them.

I appreciated Vance’s honesty as he related his and his family’s history and struggles. I did not fully comprehend the level of violence that becomes normal, resulting in an individual either perpetuating the cycle, escaping into substance abuse, or finding a way out. He was both proud and critical of this heritage. Despite the violence, loyalty was highly valued and extended families were tight. Even though his mother was a wreck, his grandmother (Mamaw) was his fiercest ally and protector. She took steps to help him escape the cycle—choosing his friends, buying him the fancy calculator for math class, making sure he learned golf.

What Mamaw couldn’t teach him, he learned in the Marines. From physical fitness to personal finance, the Marines challenged him to exceed his own expectations for himself. He followed the Marines with college and law school, as well as another education outside of school—an education in privilege.

Vance also provided thoughtful summaries and analysis of social research on his kinspeople in Appalachia. Church attendance is good for success, yet most hillbillies are skeptical of organized religion. If the kids stay away from drugs and alcohol and don’t get pregnant and make it to college, they don’t come back to the community.

My take-away is that there is such a deep level of pain from domestic violence, substance abuse, and economic despair that they are in denial about the problems in their own lives and are paralyzed to take any action to improve their situation. As Vance’s childhood experience was so vastly different from my own, I may never be able to fully relate to his people, but I do feel I have a better understanding of them and sympathy for the huge barriers they have to overcome to fit in to mainstream twenty-first-century America.

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March 22, 2017

Dear Pastor Kristine Carlson and the people of Christ Church Lutheran,

Thank you for your recent gift of $110.00 to Plymouth Christian Youth Center. Your contribution helps us enrich the lives of thousands of children and youth in North Minneapolis each year, helping them develop their skills, believe in themselves, and grow into confident, compassionate, and contributing members of our society and world.

We’re grateful to know that you and so many others in this community believe in our work! We treasure your generous support and pledge to continue to do our part to make our world a better place by investing in the well-being of youth and families.

Warmly,

Anne Long, Executive Director
The WolfGang Returns!
Next in Music from Christ Church

On Saturday evening, May 13th, 2017, at 7:30pm, The WolfGang returns to Christ Church Lutheran for another magical evening of Mozart. The program will include new transcriptions for The WolfGang (by Paul Jacobson) of the overtures to The Magic Flute and Don Giovanni and Mozart’s ethereal “Grand Partita.”

The WolfGang performs instrumental chamber music from the time of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, playing on musical instruments of the type that were used during Mozart’s life and in a style that “fits” that era. A Twin Cities-based ensemble, The WolfGang has been performing, recording, and touring for two decades. They play on classical era flutes, oboes, strings, and keyboard. The keyboardist plays a replica of a Stein fortepiano like several of the pianos that Mozart himself played in Vienna. The three string players use violin, viola, and cello which are either from the 18th century or are carefully modeled after 18th century instruments. The flutist and oboist play on modern replicas of instruments made by some of the great woodwind makers of the late 18th century.

To hear The WolfGang is to enter into a time warp which echoes the sounds of Mozart’s time. All that’s missing are the wigs, waistcoats, trusses, and candles.

The musicians of The WolfGang –
Paul Jacobson, traverso (18th century flute)
Stanley King, oboe
Mary Sorlie, violin
Jennifer Kalika, viola
Laura Handler, violoncello
Gail Olszewski, fortepiano

Financial Update for January and February, 2017

Now we have two months’ worth of giving in 2017 from the pledged and the non-pledged gifts received in the offering. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave in January and February.

The monies we give in our offerings do such important work! They support:
- Children’s ministry
- Baptism preparation
- Adult education
- Ministry to our elders
- Meals for Our Saviour’s Homeless Shelter & SafeHouse for teenagers
- The food we give to children through the Sheridan Project
- The food we deliver to homebound neighbors through Meals on Wheels

- Rich, creative, thoughtful, engaging worship every Sunday morning
- Our wonderful choir
- Midweek worship in Advent and now in Lent—Morning Prayer and Prayer Around the Cross
- Keeping the lights on and heating our buildings for all the great things going on here
- The salaries of our staff—pastors, cantors, secretary, custodian, helpers with our children’s ministry & music programs (Maria Markman & Hannah Bjornstad)
- Visiting people in the hospital and at home
- Caring for people when they are sick, dying, or grieving
- Providing pre-marriage counseling and pastoral leadership at weddings
- Guiding families and loved ones through funerals
- Befriending those in need of a listening ear and helping hand
- Help for our refugee family
- Advocacy and education for justice issues
- Regular giving to the wider church for ministry and leadership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and globally through our missionaries and partner churches in other countries
- And so much more!

The Council encourages your giving. And the Council encourages your regular giving—weekly or monthly, however you do it. Your gifts to the congregation are vital for us to be able to provide the rich and wide-reaching ministry here at Christ Church.

During January and February, as generous as our offerings were, our giving did not meet our projected goal. We are lagging behind about $6,000 from our promised financial commitments. Let’s do all we can to get current with our giving and continue to make a great difference in and through the life of this congregation. —Melody Pauling, treasurer, and Pastor Carlson

Retirees – The Lutheran Church at Age 500
The Retirees group meets on Wednesday, April 26, at 11:00am in the Concordia Room. After a presentation by Morris Wee, a potluck lunch will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Rev. Morris Wee spent last year serving a German congregation in Leipzig, one of our Synod’s Partner Churches, in the heart of Luther country. Hear his stories about the Lutheran Church in Saxony—what we can learn from them, and what they may be able to learn from us. See his photos of the city where Helge Voigt and his family live and work.
Organ Notes
Here’s what’s new regarding the organ. The console design has been approved by us and by the Minnesota Historic Preservation Office (see below). So, too, have the plans for preparation of the chamber behind the screen. The existing organ will be removed the last week of June. The screen will come down by early June—that’s just a couple of months away now! The new organ is scheduled to arrive on January 16, 2018. (We’ll be looking for volunteers to help unload it.) We expect the organ to be ready for use around April 18th of 2018. It’s been a long process, and there’s a year to go until it’s finished, but we’ll be listening to our new instrument before you know it. Be on the lookout for a field trip to the Dobson organ building shop in Lake City, Iowa, sometime in the fall, to see our new organ being built.

This is a computerized sketch of our organ console. Note that the colors are not completely accurate—we won’t have pink pedals!

Coming soon:
Courtyard Construction
Starting May 15th our courtyard will be closed for three or four months. Our long-awaited work to solve the problem of water leaking into the tunnels will then be corrected. This will require digging up all of the courtyard and installing waterproofing. At the same time we will replace all of the uneven concrete in the courtyard, plaza, and down to the public sidewalk. The limestone on the arcade columns that is cracked will be repaired. We will eliminate the one step both at the sanctuary wood doors and across the arcade at the entry to the education wing by raising the level of the plaza. These one-step exit locations have been a safety issue.

We will be signing a contract with Watson-Forsberg Co. for $390,000 for this work. This amount is less than our approved budget, and our newest Legacy Grant from the State of Minnesota for $228,074 will be covering more than 58% of our costs.

We anticipate this work to be completed in late August, but no later than September 15th.

Courier Closeup – Juanita Burke
Closeup is a new Courier feature to help us get better acquainted with our fellow members. If you would like to share your story in Closeup, call Donna Lindberg at 651.552.8499.

This month we get to know Juanita Burke, who has been a member of Christ Church Lutheran since 1962.

What first brought you to Christ Church Lutheran?
I had just moved to Minneapolis and didn’t know anyone. I had a friend who brought me to Christ Church Lutheran. The choir really impressed me! Pastor Buege was considered the preacher of the century and the church was filled on Sundays. After we were married, my husband Fred and I joined.

Did you live in the neighborhood at the time?
We bought a house at 3501 34th Avenue South which we were very happy about because we wanted to be near church.

Can you tell us about your family?
My husband worked in mental health for Hennepin County for 25 years. We had two sons and then adopted a daughter, all of them baptized and confirmed at Christ Church. My daughter Anne was married here in 1994. She has three children. My older son Tom married a woman from Beijing and two years ago they had a daughter. I don’t think there are too many 86-year-old women who can say they just had their first biological grandchild! My middle son John lives in Minneapolis and is my caretaker.

Can you tell us a little about yourself and your background?
I was born and reared in Kansas. We had no money but a lot of desire to have an education. I took a three-year nurses training program at a Missouri Synod Lutheran hospital in St. Louis for only $125. After I graduated, I moved to Minneapolis and got a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing education from the University of Minnesota. I stayed there for two more years as a junior faculty member. I then taught and worked in quality control management at Fairview Hospital for thirty-six years with only a short break to have children.

Do you have any stories to tell about your time here or about events or activities you were involved in?
During Pastor Kretzmann’s time I did a couple of studies to prepare us for separating from the Missouri Synod. We lost hundreds of people in that split. During Pastor Neibacher’s time I did a program where prominent people in the community came to speak about Christianity and what it meant for their work. I also ran a class for 10–15 years on how to be witnesses to Christ.

Do you have anything else to share?
I think about the 1980s and 1990s when membership was dwindling. But we’ve come a long way to being inclusive and really understanding what the Bible is trying to tell us. It’s exciting to see how we are growing again!

Music at Christ Church 2017
Lenten Vespers & Britten Canticle This Sunday | 4:30pm
Featuring Christ Church member (and wonderful soprano) Siri Caltvedt, John David DeHaan, tenor, and former member Thomas Bartsch, piano. See notes on facing page.
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### Lenten Vespers ~ Sunday, April 2, 4:30pm

On the fifth Sunday in Lent, we gather in a service of evening prayer to sing a timeless liturgy and hear a performance of Benjamin Britten’s Canticle II: Abraham and Isaac.

Composed in 1952, Canticle II relates the Old Testament story of God testing Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his beloved, longed-for son. In the church’s liturgy, this story is often heard at the Vigil of Easter.
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- April 9: Mary Ann Boes, Dick Thompson
- April 15: Mary Ann Boes, Dick Thompson

**Lectors**
- April 2: Clayton Smith, Phyllis Mattill
- April 9: Bob Victorin-Vangerud, Phyllis Mattill
- April 16: Bob Victorin-Vangerud, Phyllis Mattill

**Assisting Ministers**
- April 2: Maria Markman, Ryan Coons
- April 9: Bob Victorin-Vangerud, Phyllis Mattill
- April 16: Bob Victorin-Vangerud, Phyllis Mattill