



Welcome to the Light

A New Courtyard, a New Organ—Beginning Steps

COURTYARD CONSTRUCTION

The construction continues with replacing the fountain pool as seen in the photo at left below. Samples of concrete finish for the courtyard surface, center, have been received and await approval by the preservation architect. The concrete color and texture need to meet historic standards.

In the past, all of the rain water that fell on the education wing roof and in the courtyard was routed in pipes and the water flowed to the 33rd Street city sewer system. This is a very complicated system. Some of these pipes go underground in the courtyard, one of these pipes goes thru the tunnel and out to the storm sewer. Some of this piping has been changed to separate our collected rainwater from going into the sanitary sewer. This old system was contrary to today’s plumbing code and is being corrected (photo at right).



ORGAN CONSTRUCTION

Our organ chamber in the balcony may be empty, but down in Lake City, Iowa, our new organ is starting to take shape. The entire organ will be built in the Dobson shop there, and then it will be disassembled and shipped up to our church beginning in January.

Below, you can see two parts of the new instrument. In the top photo, a worker is building a wind chest. The holes you see are where the air (or “wind”) will be controlled by valves and eventually end up blowing through pipes that will sit on top of the chest, making the glorious sound. The bottom photo shows the actual keys that our cantors and other organists will press as they are playing the new Dobson organ. It’s exciting to think that generations from now, organists yet unborn will also play those keys!

The reconstruction of the organ chamber has been bid, and the contractor will be the same as for the courtyard, Watson/Forsberg. Because of this selection, costs have been reduced, as we can use the same personnel to manage the work rather than two contractors and two fees. Volunteers from Christ Church have also done a lot of work on preparing the organ chamber, thanks to Darrell Anderson! All told, the cost of this work has been reduced from \$170,000 down to about \$100,000.



Looking Ahead to Fall at Church

Fans of the TV series *Game of Thrones* know that winter is coming, but we want to point out that fall is coming, with its exciting activities. Here are some highlights:

September 7 First choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm

September 10 God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday—join in a service project after worship

September 17 Welcome Sunday—learn about all our ministries at Christ Church

September 24 Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Finland’s independence—worship with special guests

October 1 Sunday School and Adult Forum begin

Look for details in the September Courier!

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

A National Historic Landmark



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Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9:00am–2:00pm

Sunday Worship

Eucharist 9:30am, followed by fellowship

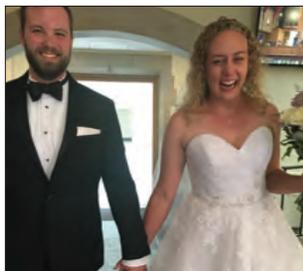
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President	Matthew Courtney
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Newlyweds Chris
 and Molly, after
 the ceremony
 at Boe Chapel,
 St. Olaf College.
 Congratulations!



August Birthdays

- 8/2 Olaf Carlson-Wee
- 8/3 Greg (G.T.) Madson
Ronald Johnson
- 8/5 Nathan Swanson
- 8/6 Alan Graebner
- 8/7 Matias Sarkanen
- 8/11 Bob Davis
- 8/12 Noah Buckley-Farlee
- 8/14 Peter Doll
- 8/15 Janice Radloff
Joanne Seltz
Karen Woestehoff
- 8/16 Gloria Johnson
- 8/17 Henry Polsfuss
- 8/18 DeAne Lagerquist
- 8/21 Jeff Adams
Josh Messner
- 8/22 Carmina Stensland
- 8/23 Dick Thompson
- 8/24 Frederick Weispfenning
- 8/27 Bob Swenson
Zacarias Sundgaard
- 8/29 Luann Skrivseth

Helping Hands for August

- Pat Baehler
- Fred Bentz
- Dori Brandon
- Lucille Buelow
- Ann & Bob Davis
- Max Herzberg
- Tatiana Lenskaia & Sergei Lenskii
- Cheryl & Harvey Leuning
- Phyllis Mattill
- April McMillan & Lynn Tollefson
- Bev Meakins & George Greenfield
- Victoria & Nate Perbix
- Kim & Chip Young
- Matthew and Pamela Krueger

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 and Joanne Seltz, coordinators.

Hand-Made Gifts that Support Christ Church

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.

July Pastoral Acts

July 1, Marriage of Molly Boes & Christopher Ganza (*left*). Molly is now Molly Boes Ganza. Pastor Haaland presided with Fr. Daniel Griffith, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The wedding was held at Boe Chapel, St. Olaf College.

July 2, Baptism of Zacarias Anders Glen Sundgaard by Pastor Carlson.

July 17, Funeral of Leonard Rabe (died July 8). Pastor Haaland presided, Pastor Carlson preached.

July 21, Funeral of (Oscar) Len Johnson (died July 9). Pastor Haaland presided, Pastor Carlson preached.

Lectionary Readings August 2017

August 6

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 27

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Recognizing human rights leaders who are changing the world for good— We are proud of you, Gerry Tyrrell!

When presented with the opportunity to spend 2016 in Namibia, Gerry Tyrrell—a member of Christ Church and a Senior Social Worker for Hennepin County—



reached out to the Advocates for Human Rights to learn how he could get involved in promoting LGBT rights while in that African nation. Equipped with a background memo on human rights in Namibia and training from the Advocates, Gerry hit the ground running in January 2016 as a volunteer. During his year in Namibia, he met with dozens of LGBT and women's rights NGO's and human rights defenders, learning about their work and exploring the potential of collaboration with the Advocates for Human Rights.

By July 2016, Gerry was part of a group working on a report to the United Nations Committee Against Torture, documenting violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Gerry returned to Minneapolis in December, 2016. His volunteer efforts sowed seeds in Namibia that have continued to grow into additional promising

partnerships to help improve conditions for LGBT persons throughout that country.

On June 15, 2017, Gerry was given a volunteer award from the Advocates for Human Rights for his leadership work on LGBT rights in Namibia. It was presented at their annual honors at the Marriott Minneapolis City Center. The Human Rights Award honors those who dedicate time, energy, and passion to changing the world for good by implementing international human rights standards to promote civil society and to reinforce the rule of just laws.

Congratulations on your well deserved award, Gerry!

Congratulations, DeAne Lagerquist

On May 5, 2017, the St. Olaf College Board of Regents conferred on Dr. L. DeAne Lagerquist the title of the Harold Dittmanson Chair of Religion from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2022.

This chair was established by the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College in 2017 to recognize Harold Dittmanson, Professor of Religion. Dr. Dittmanson retired in 1986 after forty years on the faculty of St. Olaf College. His impact on the lives, self-understanding, and religious convictions of students has been significant over the years. He had the unique ability to integrate intellectual and theological issues with literature, ethics, and history in such a way as to give credibility to the religious understanding. He assisted and nurtured students into a mature faith and life, enriched by the values of a liberal arts education. Dr. Dittmanson is one of several long time servants of the college whom the Board has chosen to recognize for distinguished teaching, professional work, and services to the college and community.

Warmest congratulations, DeAne, for being the first recipient of this honor!



September Book Discussion: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

All are invited to the next Christ Church book discussion, on Saturday, August 9, at 10:00am in the Luther Lounge. If you enjoy reading and good conversation, this Christ Church gathering is for you!

The Glass Castle is a 2005 memoir by Jeannette Walls. The book recounts the unconventional, poverty-stricken upbringing Walls and her siblings had at the hands of their deeply dysfunctional parents.

The memoir spent a total of 261 weeks on The New York Times Best Seller list, and received the Christopher Award, the American Library Association's Alex Award (2006) and the Books for Better Living Award.

Courier Closeup – Phyllis Dunstone

This month *Closeup* spoke with Phyllis Dunstone who has been a member of Christ Church Lutheran since 1927.

When did you start attending Christ Church Lutheran and what brought you here?

I have been a member of Christ Church Lutheran all my life—ninety years.

Do you still live in the neighborhood? Did you in the past?

We lived across the street from the church when I was a child, so it was a natural church choice for our family. I missed summer church activities, however, since my parents ran a small resort in northern Minnesota. My husband Bill, who passed away last year, also attended Christ Church all his life. We were married here on August 26, 1949, and our three girls, Barb, Pat, and Deb, were confirmed here.

What about our church keeps you coming back?

After Bill and I were married we moved to southwest Minneapolis, but the longer drive to church was always worth it. The staff is wonderful, a big reason we look forward to coming each week.

During your membership at Christ Church Lutheran what committees, organizations or activities were you involved in?

Bill and I both taught Sunday school and sang in the choir when we were young. Over the years I was active in the Young Married Couples group, BASICs, Evening Guild, Stewardship, Retirees, and the Stationery Group.



How does Christ Church help you live and share your faith?

The message of compassion I hear every Sunday has helped me look after my senior friends who may not get to church or to give rides to others. Maybe someday I will need a ride.

What activities or interests do you enjoy?

Bill retired from the Minneapolis Police Department at the age of 50 so we spent many years traveling. One interesting trip was a three-month freighter cruise on the Mediterranean. We made 22 stops in places such as Tunisia and Egypt. There were only twelve passengers and not much entertainment in the evenings. I taught them how to play bridge, which I still enjoy. And last year our family tore down our log cabin, which was ninety years old, and built a new lake home where I love going and spending time with my extended family. I have four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren!

Did you work outside the home?

I was in the Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II for a year but realized I wasn't meant for that. I worked as a secretary for ten years in inner-city schools in Minneapolis and at other businesses after my children were grown.

What can you tell us about yourself that we may not have known?

Seventeen years ago I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and the doctor gave me five years to live. I have had no symptoms or treatments since. I feel that my faith and prayers have helped.

"Closeup" is a 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, 651.552.8499.

Treasurer's Report

Thank you for your ongoing support for the ministry and mission of Christ Church. It is doing great and important work in this community and in the world. Please note that our envelope giving deficit for May and June has increased, though expenses have been less than budgeted. The difference between income and expenses is negative \$10,400. Let's all do our part to help us be on budget and sustainable in our financial life together.

Christ Church Lutheran Finances			
(As of June 30, 2017)	ACTUAL	BUDGET (6 mos.)	DIFFERENCE
Member Giving/Envelopes	135,516.65	149,000.01	(13,483.36)
Other Income	\$45,179.98	\$50,932.50	(5,752.52)
Total Income	180,696.63	199,932.51	(19,235.88)
Total Expenses	\$194,605.27	\$200,382.43	5,777.16
Transfers Pending	\$3,500.00		
Total Surplus (or Deficit)	(\$10,408.64)	(\$449.92)	(\$9,958.72)

New Member Welcome

If you are considering membership in Christ Church Lutheran, mark your calendar—there will be an informational coffee gathering on Saturday, October 14, and welcome to membership the next day, Sunday, October 15 in worship. All are welcome! Please talk to Pastor Carlson.



A remarkable moment in ecumenical relations

In her sermon on Sunday, July 23, Pastor Carlson told the story of a recent service of evening prayer at St. John's Abbey. It was a part of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Conference held in Minneapolis, July 10–13. Here is how she described her experience of this remarkable worship service:

For a few days this month, I served as a chaplain at a conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Actually, I was a co-chaplain, along with Dr. Fred Niedner of Valparaiso University, the grandson of the founding pastor of our congregation. I had never attended this conference before, and it turned out to be a very interesting, lively group of people—almost 400 came to town for it—with wonderful worship planned and coordinated this year by our cantor Pastor Farlee, and lectures and workshops on all matters of parish life.

On the last afternoon, everyone boarded buses and went up to St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, where we had been invited to a meal in their refectory, and to a service of evening prayer in the church with the monks. I had been told that, as the woman chaplain, I was invited to share a blessing with the abbot at the end of the service of evening prayer. I was moved by this lovely gesture of reaching out.

But as I walked off the bus at St. John's Abbey, a monk greeted me, and said, "Please come with me to the sacristy. The abbot would like you to see you. He would like you to co-preside with him in the prayer service this evening." I was blown away.

Perhaps you remember the service we watched in a Forum last winter, entitled "From Conflict to Communion." It was held in the cathedral in Lund, Sweden, to begin this year's commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It was a marvelous, historic joint service with three men officiating: Pope Francis and two Lutherans—Bishop Munib Younan and the Rev. Dr. Martin Junge. The Bishop of Swe-

den, a woman, read the gospel, but she was not part of the leadership of that prayer service. Women's ordination is still a stumbling block in our ecumenical life together.

On Wednesday, July 12, though, at a prayer service in Collegeville, borrowing sections from the service in Lund, I was thrilled to co-preside with Abbot John Klassen.

When I met him in the sacristy, I blurted out the question deep in my heart at that moment: "Are you sure you want me?" I said. "There are male clergy in our group who can preside instead." And he said, "No. We want you."

For me, in a personal way, and, I think, for everyone attending worship that evening in the Abbey Church, it was a time when it seemed like heaven came to earth, and our hearts were full of thankfulness.



Guests on Sunday, July 9

It's a rare Sunday at Christ Church when we have no visitors (or as we like to call them, not-yet-members) among us. On Sunday, July 9, we had a large number of guests with us, due in part to the national conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians that began the next day. With lots of extra musicians among us, the singing was particularly wonderful! And we had a wonderful choir also, made up partly of members from our own choir; supplemented by out-of-town singers gathered by Josh and Sally Messner (left in the photo below). We were also graced by the presence of the Rev. Gordon Lathrop, who graciously served as our guest preacher; his wife, liturgical scholar Dr. Gail Ramshaw, and the Rev. Susan Briehl, a leader of the ALCM conference. They are pictured below with Martin Seltz, Morrie Wee, and Robert Farlee.



Retirees meet on Wednesday, August 30

Everyone is welcome at 11 a.m. in the Kretzmann Room. Our program is "Iceland." This summer, Pastor Kristine Carlson and Dan Mueller each spent some days there. They will share photos and stories about this Nordic island country. A potluck lunch will follow: bring a cold dish to share with friends on a summer day.



Iceland: Independent with its own flag since 1944 (but settled in 874 by a Norwegian chieftain), it is a land of heart-shaped stop lights; a varied and stunning geography; a fascinating language descended from Old Norse; and a small population of people who are listed in the telephone directory by their first names and have universal health care and education and the highest rating in the world for renewable energy. Come and learn about Iceland!



7500 York Residents Learn about Their Muslim Neighbors

Christ Church Lutheran's focus on "My Neighbor Is Muslim" extended its reach recently when church member Ernie Caltvedt invited another member, Mary Brown, to help him coordinate a three-week series at 7500 York in Edina where he resides. Residents were invited to come and learn more about Islam and our Muslim neighbors.



Mary led one presentation and then invited two additional speakers from the Islamic Resource Group to join her.

Topics included the Five Pillars of Islam, Basic Beliefs of the Muslim Faith, Women in Islam, and Religious Holidays. Memoona Ghani and Zafar Saddiqui were honored to be included in the series at this well-known senior cooperative in the Twin Cities.

Ernie and his committee did an outstanding job of promoting the program. All three sessions were attended by a packed

house. Residents also could watch the presentations on closed circuit television from their cooperative units.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Residents especially valued the three week series where they could reflect after a presentation and then return with additional questions the following week. Appreciation was expressed for Christ Church Lutheran's commitment to welcoming all people and giving special emphasis on our Muslim neighbors. Thank you, Ernie Caltvedt, for making this possible on behalf of our congregation.



Pastor Carlson loves talking with the children of all ages in
Sermon on the Steps

The Little COURIER

Children's Ministry at Christ Church Lutheran—
August 2017

Green & Growing Time

We are in our Green and Growing Days of summer. Families and friends at Christ Church Lutheran are raving about learning and growing in worship together. Children are staying in worship after Sermon on the Steps with their families. One of the most important aspects of life together at Christ Church is worship time. We want to help our children and our community to live into this as fully as possible! The quiet space in the back of the sanctuary in the chapel is for children and their parent/grandparent/guardian to go to if they need to leave the pew for a while during worship. There are quiet reflective activities for the



child to do there. Through listening to our community and communities around the world, we say, as Jesus did, “Let the children come!” Let us worship together!

Note that the Nursery in the Orange Room is available if a parent and young child need to leave the worship space for awhile. It is not staffed.

Note too that during our Green & Growing Time,

from July 2 through Labor Day weekend, there is no Red Room.

Questions or suggestions? Contact Maria Markman at mmarkman001@luthersem.edu or talk with Pastor Carlson.

August Baptism Birthdays

August 11 Eero August 21 Nicholas

Upcoming Event Dates

September 10 – God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday
After worship, there will be a service project for children to do.

September 17 – Welcome Sunday!
Treats and fun activities for children (including a bouncy)!

September 24 – Sunday with our Finnish friends!
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Finland’s Independence with special Finnish coffee and treats.

October 1 – Start of Sunday School

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 National Night Out	2	3	4	5
6 9:30am Eucharist	7	8 7:00pm • Preservation • Property	9	10 Safe House Meal 7:00pm Project Management	11	12
13 9:30am Eucharist 11:00am Bldg. Tour	14	15 <i>Courier</i> Deadline	16	17	18	19
20 9:30am Eucharist	21	22 7:00pm Council	23	24	25	26
Meals on Wheels						
27 9:30am Eucharist	28	29 7:00pm FCCL Board	30 11:00am Retirees	31		