Remembering the Saints, Celebrating Our Heritage

As the calendar turns to November, the church begins what might be called the season of festival worship. Though we are still in the “green season,” the Time after Pentecost, the month begins with All Saints Sunday and ends with Christ the King Sunday, which is also our congregation’s anniversary.

In our All Saints worship on Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m., we will remember loved ones who have died, especially the members listed below who have died in the past year.

The next Sunday, November 12, we will have an ingathering of the stewardship pledges—everyone will get to bring their pledge and their offering forward. (See the article on page 5)

As explained in the article below left, this year we will not offer Thanksgiving Day worship, but we encourage everyone to include thanks to God around the tables where they gather.

And the month as well as the church year ends on November 26 with the feast of Christ the King. Be sure to come for this worship service as we feast at Christ’s table and mark the 106th anniversary of Christ Church Lutheran!

These dear members have died since All Saints Day 2016

Wallace Wermager, August 23, 1925 – November 17, 2016
Joan Messick, November 7, 1934 – January 2, 2017
Glen Polsfuss, August 1, 1952 – May 7, 2017
Dorothy Iverson, July 7, 1925 – May 28, 2017
Leonard Rabe, February 16, 1920 – July 8, 2017
Oscar Leonard Johnson, April 2, 1916 – July 9, 2017
Jon Woestehoff, July 27, 1951 – August 7, 2017
Gloria Johnson, August 16, 1926 – August 11, 2017
William Stark, April 18, 1965 – August 12, 2017
Jeanette Kretzmann, December 12, 1924 – August 28, 2017

Celebrating Thanksgiving in our homes

Our National Thanksgiving Holiday will be Thursday, November 23. This year, there will be no worship that day at Christ Church. Attendance at this service has been dwindling. To those of us in worship leadership, it seems that people are saying they want to celebrate Thanksgiving Day in their homes. God’s blessing will come to us there, around the tables in our kitchens and dining rooms.

To help us raise our thanks that day, here is a Table Prayer by Martin Luther:

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hands and satisfy the desire of every living creature. My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord, and let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever and ever. Amen.
November Birthdays

11/1 Michael Jefferis
11/2 Gretel Byers
11/7 Rachel Slater
11/5 Taylor Brorty
   Brook Williams
11/7 Viivi Bodurtha
   Matt Byers
11/12 Kevin Reuther
11/17 Lucille Buelow
11/19 Myrna Murken
11/22 Lucy Woestehoff
11/23 Todd Brandon
   Riley Jenkins
11/24 Maria Markman
11/26 Fred Bentz
   Bob Anderson
11/27 Samantha Rice
   Darrell Anderson
11/28 Nadia Lenskaia
   Gary Skrivseth
   Millie Wittwer
   Matt Woestehoff

Helping Hands for November

Aaron Amosson & Jodi McGuire
Bob Anderson & John Schmidt
Jason Bergquist
Sarah Brunsvold & Jeff Weisgenning
Ernie Calvtedt
Siri Calvtedt
Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen & Simo Sarkanen
Kristine & David Denton
Hilary Gebauer & Marc Katz
Clayton Jelinek
Barb & Ron Johnson
Marge Meffert
Kevin Olsen
Bob Victorin-Vangerud

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.

Art of Anna Mason on Exhibit

A new art exhibit is on display in the atrium through November. The artist is Christ Church member Anna Mason, who also provided artwork for the bulletin cover this past Easter.

Anna Mason grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from St. Olaf College where she majored in Studio Art with a focus in painting and photography. After college, Anna worked in elementary schools assisting children with special needs. She went on to pursue a Masters of Education degree at the University of Minnesota, specializing in teaching students with Learning Disabilities. Anna taught Special Education for nine years in Richfield, Minnesota. She now lives in the Longfellow neighborhood with her husband and two children.

Since completing her degree in Studio Art from St. Olaf, Anna has continued to make paintings and photographs. She uses watercolor to make abstract landscapes inspired by lakeshore views. In recent years, Anna has focused on making watercolor paintings of the aerial view of Minnesota lakes, ranging from small paintings of obscure lakes hidden in northern Minnesota to large scale paintings of Lake Superior. She has shown her work at the Northrup King building during Art-a-Whirl, the annual open studio art crawl in Northeast Minneapolis. In the summer of 2016 she participated in a two-person art show at Crossings gallery in Zumbrota, MN. In the fall of 2016 she participated in the Longfellow neighborhood art crawl (LoLa), and her paintings were on display at the Riverview Café.

Thanks to the 23 volunteers who helped with Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 16, after the courtyard was completed. Also, special thanks to Chuck Merrell and Michael Jefferis for cleaning the sanctuary after the organ removal.
**From the Church Council**

**Update for November**

Pastor Haaland provided a devotion on the hope we must carry inside us, even amidst trouble in the world. He related a story of Martin Luther responding to a question about what he would do if the end of the world was nigh; he proclaimed: “I would plant an apple tree.” Pastor Haaland read from Romans 8, and concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving for signs of hope planted in our midst, asking God to grant us wisdom and courage.

Council opened its business by debriefing its September retreat. During that event, Dick Bruesehoff led exercises to examine our various leadership styles and patterns of responding to the world. Overall, we learned that Council prefers deliberate, thoughtful, and analytical approaches to decision-making. We speculated that this deliberative approach likely represents the congregation as a whole. It was agreed that we will consider ways to integrate what we learned from our March and September retreats, in hopes of further developing our collective strengths.

We heard from the Staffing Task Force. Christ Church continues to rely upon the talents and generosity of numerous volunteers to support the variety of services that support our life together. These volunteer services range from editing the Courier and social media to managing the organizations that lease space in our buildings; and we rely upon skilled volunteers to coordinate scores of other volunteers for special events. Council expressed deep gratitude for these gifts. Additionally, Council recognized that the blessings of recent growth will require expanded services to sustain and accommodate future growth.

Council considered and approved a recommendation to form a Children’s Ministry Task Force. In light of the increasing number of children at Christ Church, there is a need to enhance children’s ministry programming. The task force will be charged with developing the vision and goals for children’s ministry, as well as identifying future additions in programming and/or staffing to accomplish these goals. More information will become available as the task force develops, and members will have opportunities to contribute to this work. Council expressed gratitude for the abundant enthusiasm children and young families contribute to our worshipping life.

The 2018 budgeting process was another focus. A special budget meeting was scheduled for the last week in October, and work will continue throughout November to develop a budget that responds to the needs of our growing congregation. Council will present its recommended budget to the congregation for review and approval in early December. Regular reports were received. Council expressed optimism for the coming stewardship season. We adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Thank you for your financial gifts to the ministries and mission of Christ Church. Our offerings to the annual budget of this congregation are doing important and transformational things among us and in this hurting world. As of the end of September, our giving is lagging behind our budgeted hopes. Fortunately, our expenses are also below budget. You can see on the finance chart that we have nearly a $9,000 surplus as a result. There are some budgeted expenses not yet paid—when those are figured in, we will have about $4,000 of red ink in our bottom line. Let’s keep being faithful to our pledges and to giving generously.

**Christ Church Lutheran Finances**

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**Extra-Special Cards Available**

Jeanette Kretzmann’s family gave the Stationery Group some tatting done by her mother, which must be almost 100 years old. We made up a new pattern to use them. Cards with this tatting are for sale on Sunday mornings for $2, because they are so special. See them at the table outside the Yellow Room.

**November Retirees Gathering**

Retirees will meet next on Wednesday, November 29, with a special tour of the Archives at 11 a.m. Meet in the Archives Room (the Green Room off the atrium). Then stay for lunch—Marilu will be cooking up an old-fashioned meal using recipes from our church cookbooks in honor of our congregation’s 106th anniversary.
New Members Add to the Christ Church Family

On Sunday, October 22, the latest group of new members joined our congregation. As we said in the welcoming rite,

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

These are our newest members—make a point to add your personal welcome!

Kristine West Denton & David Denton
Kristine and David moved to Minnesota after retiring from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania where Dave taught music theory and Kris taught piano and accompanying. Kris grew up in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, and graduated from Augsburg College. Dave grew up in Moorestown, New Jersey, and earned his undergraduate degree at James Madison University. Both he and Kris earned master’s degrees at Kent State University and doctor’s degrees at the University of Iowa. They are both glad to be living near family again. They have one daughter, Karin, who recently moved to Minneapolis from the Bay Area. Kris is an enthusiastic tennis player and Dave’s interests include tennis, aviation and the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team.

Kris’ cousin is Victoria West Perbix, a member of Christ Church Lutheran—at Augsburg College, and was in her wedding party when Victoria and Nate were married here.

Tressa Swan Niermann
Noah Niermann & Katie Swanson
Tressa was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 25, 2016, and was baptized at St. John’s Lutheran Church there. Her parents are Noah Niermann and Katie Swanson. Her interests include waving to fans, climbing stairs, tasting wood chips at the playground, swinging, playing with her puppy, and causing general mayhem around the house. Excluding the family dog, she is currently the most extroverted person in the house. Her parents aren’t sure how this happened. She is happy to be at Christ Church and looks forward to waving at you all!

The family recently moved back to the Twin Cities after two years in Des Moines, Iowa, and now live in Robbinsdale. Katie is a first-year family medicine resident at North Memorial. Katie is a lucky stay-at-home dad with Tressa. When not otherwise occupied with their full-time responsibilities, they are usually busy fixing up their old house, looking for good food to eat, or spending time outside.

Susan & Levi Stugelmeyer and Lennox
Susan and Levi Stugelmeyer, along with and their newborn son Lennox and 12-year-old kitty Willow, all live in St. Paul. Susan is originally from South Dakota and promotes global translation solutions for medical device manufacturers and works for United Language Group. Levi is originally from New Ulm, Minnesota, and a free-lance drummer and a local business owner, recording and producing music at his Summer Winter Studios in St Paul. Levi and Susan like making time for friends and traveling to see family on the weekends. They enjoy talking about converting old buildings into new business space, mustard, and snow skiing.

Susan met Victoria West Perbix—a member of Christ Church Lutheran—at Augsburg College, and was in her wedding party when Victoria and Nate were married here.

Millred (“Millie”) Wittwer
Millie grew up a P.K. (pastor’s kid) near Topeka, Kansas. Her first husband, Ivan, was killed in action in the South Pacific in 1944. After the war she met and married Donald Wittwer in Milwaukee. During Don’s career as a Civilian Personnel Officer with the U.S. Army, they raised two daughters, Diane and Joanne (Seltz), and moved often to locations where he was posted. In the mid-1970s, Millie and Don began a business in Colorado. After Don’s death in 2000, Millie moved to Sun Lakes, Arizona, and since Diane’s death there earlier this year, she is gradually relocating (and acclimating!) to Minnesota.

Millie has always enjoyed reading, entertaining, and traveling. She is grateful for the worship and music at Christ Church, loves to watch our construction progress, and appreciates this community’s warm welcome and spirit of service.

Ina Ziegler
Ina grew up the daughter of pediatricians in the southern Wisconsin city of Janesville. Her younger brother lives in Madison with his wife and daughter. Ina’s dear mother passed away in January of this year. Ina studied sociology and education at the University of Minnesota, and has lived in Minneapolis for twelve years. Ina teaches English as a Second Language at Roosevelt High School in the Standish neighborhood. First attending Christ Church on Ash Wednesday in 2015, she is glad to formally become a member of this welcoming, Christ-centered community. Racial justice, fellowship, and environmental sustainability are her interests. When not teaching, Ina enjoys running, camping, biking, and gardening.
Free to Be, Free to Give
2017 Stewardship Campaign Is Underway

Christ Church enjoyed a festive, Oktoberfest-themed kick-off of our Stewardship campaign on October 22nd. We had a great meal of bratwurst, spaetzle, German potato salad, green beans, red cabbage, bread, cake, cider, and of course, beer! President Matthew Courtney, Pastor Haaland, and Pastor Carlson shared some thoughts and reflections on the future of the church and stewardship. Also, the ghosts of Katie and Martin Luther made a special appearance. Overall, it was a great time of food and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who helped make the luncheon a success!

By now, everyone should have received their 2018 pledge cards in the mail. (Call the church office if you didn’t get yours.) Please prayerfully consider what you can give this upcoming year. The November 12 worship service will include a procession of pledges to conclude the fall campaign; a special coffee hour will follow the service.

—The Stewardship Committee

You’re Invited...

IT’S TIME TO CUT THE RIBBON!
Christ Church Lutheran’s courtyard has been restored to its full beauty. It’s time to bless it and celebrate!

You are invited to this sweet celebration Sunday, November 5 at 10:45 a.m. following the 9:30 All Saints Sunday worship service.

Christ Church Lutheran
3244 34th Avenue South, Minneapolis

We’ll toast the completion of the project with mimosas and a few words from the people responsible for this success.

Please come!

Checking Out the Next Second-Century Project: Our New Organ

With the courtyard complete, we turn our attention even more to the new pipe organ, currently taking shape at the Dobson Organ Company in Lake City, Iowa. A group of members ventured out on a field trip in mid-October to see the progress, and came back very impressed! A pipe organ is truly a work of art, built by expert craftsmen. The vice president and co-owner of the Dobson Company, John Panning, hosted the group for lunch and then he and employee Dean Zenor gave a fascinating tour of the facility, filled with pieces of our organ. Wood and metal pipes are being voiced; the wind chests and valves that will support the pipes are being constructed; intricate wooden wind lines are being assembled; and perhaps most impressive, the console at which our cantors will sit is looking close to being finished. See more photos on display in the Atrium.

Choir Enjoys Gift of a New Piano

For years, the piano in the choir room has been a challenge. While the choir tries to sing in tune, the piano would immediately go out of tune, and its tone left much to be desired. All that has changed thanks to generous gifts from member John Schmidt and another, anonymous, donor. The choir rehearsals are now accompanied by a beautiful Young Chang grand piano. Please come down and see this musical piece of art! And if you would like to contribute, we still need a cover for it, and a dolly to make it easier and safer to move.
**Courier Closeup – Clayton Jelinek**

This month Closeup features Clayton Jelinek, a member of Christ Church Lutheran for six years.

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

I started attending Christ Church regularly in 2011, when I learned that Erik Haaland and Daniel Holmgren were members. I met the couple two years earlier at Holden Village and saw them as gay role models in a way. I valued worshipping alongside them and also Will Stark and Kevin Olsen, Gerry Tyrell and Kevin Reuther. Two friends from St. Olaf College where I had graduated, Taylor Brorby and Grace Duddy, were also attending Christ Church at the time.

Do you live in the neighborhood?

I live in downtown Minneapolis, near Loring Park.

What about our church keeps you coming back?

The people who welcome you and notice when you’re not there. It feels like home. And I love the traditional music and hymns. When I started with the choir, people would turn around and tell me, “We are so glad you’re here!”

Do you have any stories to tell about your time here or about events or activities you have been involved in?

In 2013, I served on the committee that called Erik Haaland as our Associate Pastor. That was exciting, but also a leap of faith. We had to trust that our growing community would support new pastoral staff. I won’t soon forget working on the Music for a Masterpiece concert with Roger Gomoll and others, especially the snow storm that day! And at an adult forum in 2013 before the marriage amendment vote, I shared my personal story as a gay Christian man. I felt very vulnerable talking about my sexuality and my faith, but the love I felt, as I spoke, was amazing.

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

Christ Church challenges me to think about my faith more deeply. My faith has always lived more in my heart than in my head. Christ Church’s deeper exploration of scripture engages me mentally.

What do you do when you’re not in church?

I do fundraising for the University of Minnesota's College of Liberal Arts. I am also working towards a master’s degree in Arts and Cultural Leadership there. I exercise every morning, I play my French horn, and enjoy playing board games with friends.

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

I grew up outside of Atlanta. My mother is an elementary music teacher and my father is a pastor. My brother, his wife, and my two-year-old nephew Max live near Boston. I’m excited to visit them for Halloween!

In June, Jared Jelinek, my partner of seven years, and I were married at St. Olaf. My father co-officiated with Pastor Carlson. Jared and I have different feelings about religion, so he stays home on Sundays. We are currently house shopping and Longfellow is one of our top neighborhood choices. We also want to start a family. Jared and I wanted to share a last name after we were married, so I changed my name to Jelinek. I felt very little attachment to the name Smith!

“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 at 651.552.8499.

**Children Lead Drive for Food**

The children of our Spark! Sunday school class are hosting a food drive for Community Emergency Service in November. They have put together a list of the most needed items and will be passing out grocery bags & shopping lists on Sunday, November 5, after church. Food donations for this drive will be received the following two Sundays, November 12 and 19.

We hope you will participate in this special way to help our neighbors in need. Thank you from Spark!

**Now, That’s a Shed!**

Work continues on the new shed at Safe House, the LSS shelter for homeless teenagers that we support with Second Century Campaign mission dollars. Framing is done and the roof is on! The next task is to put up siding and trim before winter comes in earnest. Thanks to Jonathan Stensland for leading this project, and to all who have helped along the way.

**New info for Harvey & Cheryl Leuning**

2348 Lemay Shores Drive
Mendota Heights, MN 55123

Harvey’s cell number: 763.370.9269
Cheryl’s cell number: 763.370.9361
November Forum Schedule
Except as noted, forums begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Kretzmann Room on the lower level of the education building. Listen for the bell to ring as a reminder the forum is beginning.

November 5 (All Saints Sunday)
Grief, the holidays and you
Rev. Mary Brown
Grief and loss can be especially difficult during the holiday season. Mary Brown, an ordained minister with twenty years of pastoral experience, will share ways to cope and how to rely upon our community of faith during tough times.

November 12
Special Coffee to celebrate the ingathering of our Stewardship pledges—see article on page 5.

November 19
Housing Justice
Michael Jefferis
The Mission Committee is interested in fostering a conversation around the issue of housing, and the moral responsibility we have to advocate for good and just housing for all our neighbors. Michael Jefferis will lead this first conversation, touching on ways local, state, and federal governments have created housing segregation based on race and the ways this has impacted housing patterns (and caused gross injustice) in cities throughout our country, including our own.

November 26 (Christ the King)
Intergenerational Sunday School—A 106th Birthday Celebration
After worship, come to a birthday coffee time in the gym—and stay for an intergenerational Sunday School, all ages together. We will enjoy birthday party games, share what we love about Christ Church, and explore what it means to be Church together.

PCYC Christmas Gift Drive
The Plymouth Christian Youth Center’s annual Christmas Gift Sale for children in North Minneapolis will be held on December 9, 2017. Here’s how it works. On the day of the sale, children pick out five gifts for only $1 to be given to their families or loved ones at the holidays. PCYC needs 5,000 gifts and 300 volunteers to turn their center into a Christmas gift store for 1,000 children. This is an event that Christ Church has supported for some years, but this year we will be focused on the food drive sponsored by the Sunday School children in November. (See article at left.) However, the need is great at PCYC and the Mission Committee asks that you please consider donating or volunteering. For more information, their website is pcyc-mpls.org, follow the link to Christmas Sale, or call 612.522.6501. Watch for our collection of toys and money for PCYC next year!

Book Club Takes On a Classic
The next book pick is Mary Shelley’s gothic classic, Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus. Written when she was 19 years old, this prophetic work is as trenchant and alive today as when it was first written more than 200 years ago—even more so, despite the dizzying pace of scientific and technological change. It explores the eternal truths behind the thrilling reach, and intractable limits of our human ambition to know, understand and control. Come join the conversation—all are welcome. We meet Saturday morning, November 4, 10 a.m.–noon in the Luther Lounge.

Informational Meeting—Summer 2018 Trip to Holden Village
Sunday, November 12 — 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Holden Village is a Lutheran retreat center located in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State (http://www.holdenvillage.org). The Village has been closed for a number of years due to major construction on the former mining site nearby—but the Village is open again and we thought it might be time for Christ Church to take a trip! We are considering a visit over the week of July 4, 2018. If you are interested, please come to an informational meeting on November 12 at 11:45 a.m. (after the special Stewardship Coffee—there is no forum that day). We will meet in the Kretzmann Room. Please contact Pastor Haaland if you are at all interested in this trip but cannot attend the meeting. All are welcome!
Reactions to *The Color of Law*

On the morning of Saturday, October 21, a group met to discuss Richard Rothstein’s new book *The Color of Law*, about segregation in housing. The conversation was sponsored by the Mission Committee and dovetails with the work of the newly formed Racial Justice Task Force.

During the discussion, one participant said the book caused “scales to fall from my eyes.” Many participants described their shock and sadness at learning the depth of discrimination and injustice forced upon African Americans in every city in our nation. Many were also surprised to learn that some of our country’s most devastating and racist housing policies began under the “New Deal” and the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On November 19 Michael Jefferis will lead a forum on housing justice and some of these same issues will be discussed. If you would like to learn more, come to that conversation!

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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.

Sunday School Is Off to a Great Start

Sunday School programming is off and running! Thank you for all the support. It is such a joy to be back with our children at Christ Church learning, growing, and wondering together about God’s great story, which we are a part of. Our Godly Play children are in a unit of parables. Ask them what they think a parable is! In the Spark class, the children are following the lectionary and study the weekly readings from worship in a deeper way. These children are also planning a special food drive, so watch for more information.

November 26, 2017 is Christ the King Sunday; it is also Christ Church Lutheran’s 106th birthday! Come to a time for intergenerational celebration and learning after worship. For questions or suggestions on anything coming up in children’s ministry contact Seminarian Maria Markman (mmarkman001@luthersem.edu) or talk with our Children’s Ministry Committee: Maria Markman, Pastor Carlson, Sarah Brunsvold, or Marcus Nooney.

New Food Drive Initiative!

A couple of weeks ago, the Spark! class confronted their teachers. They were so inspired by helping on God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday that they said they wanted to do more to help the community. Together with Mary Brown and Luther Johnson, they came up with a plan to hold a food drive in November at Christ Church.

They have put together a list of the most-needed items and will be passing out grocery bags and shopping lists on Sunday, November 5, after worship. Food donations for this drive will be received the following two Sundays, November 12 and 19. We hope you will participate in this special way to help our neighbors in need. Thank you from the children of Spark!

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Carmina and Hans show they’re ready and able to help move donated food out the door to people in need!
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<td>Christ the King, Christ Church 106th Anniversary — Intergenerational Event for all at 11:15 a.m.</td>
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Quiet Space Helpers

These volunteers will be in the Quiet Space, the Chapel, during worship services on these dates to assist parents and children.

- November 5 – Maria
- November 19 – Yi-ru
- November 12 – Marcus
- November 26 – Sarah

Kids’ Corner

Learning more about the children at Christ Church and what they love most!

Like Freddie last month, if you have a child who would like to be featured in this get-to-know-you section of the Little Courier, please email mmarkman001@luthersem.edu with answers to the following questions. Please also include a photo.

- This is (Name)
- Her/His favorite color is . . .
- Her/His favorite animal is a . . .
- She/He loves . . .

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, on Sunday, October 29, children were offered the chance to have a temporary “tattoo” applied to their hand or arm. The design is based on Martin Luther’s seal, with a cross on top of a heart. Some grownups got tattoos too!