Some Interest Groups at Christ Church Lutheran

Genealogy Group
Contact: Liz Gomoll | 651-797-2161
egomoll@yahoo.com
Usually meets once a month
Special event: Introductory tour of the research facilities at the Minnesota History Center, Tuesday 14 January

Strands of Hope
Contact: Rita Schoenike | 651-681-9975
rschoenike@yahoo.com
Meets every 2-3 months
Next Meeting: Monday, January 13th

Beer Brewing Group
Contact: Marcus Nooney | 651-334-2547
m_s_nooney@yahoo.com

Stationery Group
Contact: Phyllis Dunstone | 612-861-3212
Generally meets once a month

Retirees
Contact: Bill and Phyllis Dunstone | 612-861-3212
Meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:00am

Weaving Group
Contact: Kevin Olsen | klolsen2@gmail.com

Tai Chi Chih
Contact: Cynthia Neubecker | 612-729-5616
c.neubecker@hotmail.com
Meets on Mondays at 1:00pm
Tai Chi Chih involves soft, flowing, circular movements that are easy to learn and are designed to improve concentration, flexibility, and balance and to reduce pain.

February Brewing Session
The BierKlub will try its first extract brewing recipes (instead of all-grain), a particularly good way to get introduced to brewing because of the simpler process and significantly shorter brewing time. These extract recipes will take about half the time as an all-grain brewing process. Come one, come all!

Saturday 1 February
1:00-5:00pm

Christ Church Lutheran
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mail@christchurchluth.org | www.christchurchluth.org
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am
Kristine Carlson and Erik Haaland, Pastors
Robert Buckley Farlee and Martin A. Seltz, Cantors
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
A National Historic Landmark
January 12

Baptism of our Lord
Pastor Haaland

We begin our forum series in this new year with a Bible study on today’s Gospel Reading—the Baptisting of Jesus by John as portrayed in Matthew’s Gospel. Questions abound: What is the meaning of Jesus’ baptism—and why should Jesus (the Son of God!) need to be baptized? Further, how is John’s baptism related to the baptism of the early Christians—the baptisms that took place after Jesus’ death and resurrection, and after the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost? Finally, what does any of this mean for us today? Pastor Haaland will lead this question-filled Bible study.

January 19

The Church behind the Iron Curtain
Almut Furchert

In light of our synodical connections to the Evangelical Church in Leipzig, Germany, this forum will offer glimpses into the life of the church behind the Iron Curtain. Almut Furchert will share her experiences and impressions growing up in a Lutheran parsonage in the former East Germany.

Dr. Almut Furchert is a licensed psychologist, philosopher of religion, and practicing trauma therapist. Her latest book, Das Leiden fassen, explores the existential dimensions of inner sufferings spanning from despair to illumination.

January 26

J. S. Bach, Cantata 161
Paul Westermeyer

A week before our Music Series offering of Presentation Vespers, we learn about J. S. Bach’s Cantata 161, Komm, du süße Todesstunde, which will be featured during the 4:30pm vespers service on 2 February. This lovely cantata, “Come, sweet hour of death,” is often associated with the festival of the Presentation of Our Lord.

Dr. Paul Westermeyer, Emeritus Professor of Church Music at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he taught, served as the Cantor, and directed the Master of Sacred Music degree program.

February 2

Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership
Michele Braley

Criminal justice asks, “What law was broken and what punishment is deserved?” Restorative justice asks, “What harm was caused and how can that harm be repaired?” Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership receives referrals of juveniles arrested in our neighborhood for shoplifting, theft, property damage and other low-level offenses. Using a restorative conference process, SLRJP includes the youth, parents, those directly impacted, and community members in a conversation to explore the harm caused and to develop an agreement with the youth to repair the harm. Michele Braley, Program Manager for SLRJP, will talk about her organization’s unique and important work in our neighborhood. This forum is presented in conjunction with the Music Series event Presentation Vespers that later afternoon. All offerings received during this vespers service will go to support the work of SLRJP.

February 9

Preparing for Our Annual Meeting
Announcements, details, and discussion led by the church council to prepare for next week’s annual meeting.

February 16

Annual Meeting
After coffee and fellowship, come back to the sanctuary for the annual meeting. We will receive official 2013 reports, welcome new council members, and conduct any new congregational business.

February 23

Caring for Creation: Climate Change and Coral Reefs
Chuck Dayton

Chuck Dayton, a retired environmental lawyer with a strong interest in the climate crisis, spent two and a half months this past summer sailing across the South Pacific to study the health of coral reefs. On that trip he visited French Polynesia, the Cook Islands, and Tonga and became a firsthand witness of the impact of rising temperatures in the ocean. He works with Interfaith Power and Light to address the importance of creation care among people of faith.

March 2

“What Will Make Our Hearts Sing?”
A Proposed Corporate Sabbatical
Pastoral Support Committee

The pastoral support committee is submitting a request for funding of a combined pastoral and corporate sabbatical in 2015 to the Lilly Foundation based on a theme of arts participation. While details are still being fleshed out, our initial planning includes offering classes for the community, a time of retreat away available for all, travel and learning for Pastor Carlson, community meals, and worship together. Help us create a vision for what we hope will be an exciting time of renewal for all.