



## Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education  
Adult forums begin at  
11:10 a.m., following  
Sunday worship  
services

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### Christ Church Lutheran – 100 Years!

“Bearing the Name of Christ” is the theme for our centennial celebration. We rejoice and proudly bear the name of Christ in our ministry and life together as Christ Church Lutheran (CCL). With thankfulness for the people of our past, we celebrate our bountiful blessings as we gather in this sacred space to continue serving our loving God. During the year, we will honor the many congregational ministries at CCL begun years ago and now transformed to meet today's needs. Events will include the following. All are invited!

**January 30:** During a special coffee hour, we will honor those who have served in a variety of leadership and service ministries at CCL, such as executive board, council, property, stewardship, mission, elders, finance, stationery, counters, nomination, hospitality, preservation, communication.

**February 27:** We will thank those who have faithfully served local ministries over many years, *Bearing the Name of Christ*, such as Meals on Wheels, Our Saviour's Shelter and Plymouth Christian Youth Center.

**March 6** (Transfiguration Sunday): Dr. Melinda Quivik will be in our midst to preach. She is a beloved former visitation pastor of our congregation who was instrumental in the prayer writing ministry done by laypeople. That same day, Dr. Fred Quivik will conduct our adult forum.

**March 27:** We will recognize those involved with the ministry of worship, including the choir, other musicians, altar guild, sacristan, assisting ministers, acolytes, lectors, prayer writers, ushers and greeters.

In May, we will ask you to schedule a time to have your photo taken at church for the centennial photo directory.


**May 15:** Those serving in educational ministries, such as preschool, adult education, youth, Sunday school and the nursery, will be lifted up.

**Saturday, November 19:** There will be a gala in our gymnasium, including a catered banquet, music and program—to be preceded by a social hour beginning at 4:00 p.m. This will be a ticketed event.

**November 20** (Christ the King Sunday) will be the culmination of our anniversary year. We are honored that theologian Dr. Martin Marty has agreed to preach at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. A reception will follow.

If you are interested in being an event sponsor, please contact a committee member: Pr. Carlson, Pr. Seltz, Pr. Farlee, Mary Bode or Karen Woestehoff.

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	<b>Office Hours</b>	
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	<b>Worship</b>	
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour follows at 11:10 a.m.	
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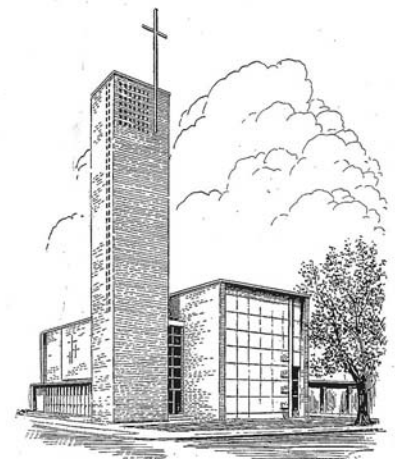
## Announcements

### Congregation Meeting

On January 23, please plan to attend this meeting at which we will address the 2011 church budget and congregational officers.

### Courier Deadline

The next submission deadline is January 15 (for the February *Courier*). E-mail Jan Radloff at: [jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us) or submit content to the church office.



## Readings and Psalms

Date: **January 2**

First Lesson: Jer 31:7-14

Psalm: 147:12-20

Second Lesson: Eph 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Date: **January 9 – Baptism of our Lord**

First Lesson: Isa 42:1-9

Psalm: 29

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matt 3:13-17

Date: **January 16**

First Lesson: Isa 49:1-7

Psalm: 40:1-11

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Date: **January 23**

First Lesson: Isa 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 1:10-18

Gospel: Matt 4:12-23

Date: **January 30**

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm: 15

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 1:18-31

Gospel: Matt 5:1-12

Date: **February 6**

First Lesson: Isa 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalm: 112:1-9 [10]

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 2:1-12 [13-16]

Gospel: Matt 5:13-20



*\*Contact the church office about which option will be used.*

## Adult Forum Schedule

**January 2**

*A Review of Isaiah 7—The Messianic Promise*

John Buegel, Emeritus Professor of Concordia University, will provide a historical background of the political and theological issues that prompted Isaiah's prophecy of the Christ.

**January 9**

*Baptism Celebration for Matias Toivo Sarkanen*

This Sunday, on the Baptism of Our Lord, Matias will be baptized. Afterwards, everyone is invited to a party.

**January 16**

*The Strategic Planning Process for Our Congregation*

Dan Mueller, chair of our Strategic Planning Committee, and Kevin Olsen, vice president of our congregation, will share the strategic planning process of this committee—formed by the church council. We hope to get everyone involved. Please offer your input and reflections.

**January 23**

*Congregational Meeting*

Our congregational meeting was originally scheduled for a Sunday in December that got snowed out! As such, we will hold it on this day. We will consider and vote on our church budget for 2011 and elect congregational officers and leadership.

**January 30**

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event*

During a special coffee hour, we will honor those who have served in a variety of leadership and service ministries at Christ Church Lutheran, such as executive board, council, property, stewardship, mission, elders, finance, stationery, counters, nomination, hospitality, preservation and communication.

## President's Message

The congregation meeting that was scheduled for December 12 (to approve the budget and election of officers for 2011) has been rescheduled for January 23, 2011, at 11:10 a.m. We will also have our annual meeting immediately following this, as the council recommended that we have one meeting rather than two separate ones. Please keep that date open and try to attend. We should be able to conduct both meetings in 60 to 90 minutes.

– Gene Bruss

# Happy Birthday to You!

*If you are not listed here, or, if your birth date is incorrect, please contact the church office.*

- 1 /2 Raymond Peters
- 1/4 LeAnn Marudas, Dylan Larson, Rachel Lokken,
- 1/5 Dorothy Hewitt
- 1/6 Evelyn Wermager
- 1/10 Meyer Schoenike, Christian Schoenike
- 1/11 Donald Weydt
- 1/19 Micah Buckley-Farlee
- 1/20 Daniel Holmgren, Allison Weimer
- 1/21 Marvel Walmann
- 1/25 Kylie Tindell
- 1/26 Caleb Jenkins-Buegel

## Retirees

On Wednesday, January 26, at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Carlson will speak and answer questions about what is going on at CCL. A potluck will follow. Everyone is welcome!

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

## New Members

On November 21, Christ the King Sunday and the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christ Church Lutheran, we welcomed new members Susannah Carlson, Brian Odlaug, Erik Haaland, Daniel Holmgren, Ken Koense and Ben Cherland.

## Helping Hands

The complete schedule for the year is posted in the Concordia room. The coordinators are Phyllis Dunstone and Juanita Burke.

### January and February 2011

John & Virginia Buegel  
Bob Farlee  
Carol Flanders  
Roger & Liz Gomoll  
Paul Hanson  
Lynn Larson

Kay & Greg Madson  
Kathy & Terry Rong  
Larry & Marni Schmidt  
and family  
Rita & Ken Schoenike  
Cathy Sieving



## 2010 Generosity

Congregation members were very generous in 2010. In addition to monetary gifts, donations included: nine quilts to Lutheran Social Services; more than 600 pounds of food to the Salvation Army/Minnehaha Pantry; more than 100 hours to Meals on Wheels and the Shelter and countless volunteer hours to Christ Church Lutheran. Your gifts and time are very much needed and appreciated. Thank you!

## Thank You Note

*My sincere thanks goes out to everyone who has provided support during my illness and recent hospitalization, including Pastor Carlson for her visits, the retirees' group and all who sent cards. I really appreciate it. Thank you.*

*Sincerely,  
Ardell Rogers*

## Annual Giving Campaign from the Stewardship Committee

Thanks to everyone who turned in a 2011 commitment card. Your commitments give us a realistic idea of the ministry we can support, enabling us to be good stewards as we plan for a sustainable budget in 2011.

Here are a few notes from this campaign, as of the end of November 2010:

- Average household commitment is up for 2011, but fewer households have returned commitment cards.
- Total amount committed is less than last year (\$162,277 compared to \$184,160).
- One-third of the congregation uses *Simply Giving*.
- The number of households including Christ Church in their will or estate plan increased 120%.

We take heart in Jeremiah 29:11, which states, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

We are still accepting commitment cards for 2011 giving. If you have questions about this or *Simply Giving*, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee: Kevin Olsen, Melody Pauling or Marilu Peters.

## Another Way to Give

In 2010, members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans donated more than \$900 to Christ Church through the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. Christ Church Lutheran is the second highest recipient of these dollars in the city of Minneapolis!

These donations make a big difference in our congregation and the lives of others. In a year, it could fund one of these ministries:

- Meals on Wheels, the Minnehaha Food Pantry, the Shelter at Our Saviors and Lutheran World relief
- Sunday school and adult forums
- Mission outreach
- Congregational hospitality

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funds through Thrivent Choice Dollars. Here's how it works:

- Eligible benefit members received a letter last summer about their designated Choice Dollars for 2010.
- Potential amounts range from \$25 to \$500 for each eligible benefit member.
- You can automatically direct your designated Choice Dollars by setting up a recurring direction.
- Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of Lutheran organizations nationwide, including CCL, by visiting <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/> or by calling (800) 847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice."
- You can also contact your Thrivent Financial representative if you have questions.

If you are an eligible benefit member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and haven't already made your 2010 designation or are thinking about your 2011 designation, please consider the ministries of Christ Church Lutheran.

## Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2010

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary*

**Missions:** To get an idea of who to call for help on particular community service projects, a one-page flyer will be available at church services for congregation members to complete to indicate areas of interest.

**Education:** Sunday school was held on November 7; a pick-up Christmas pageant will be held December 19, following coffee fellowship. Youth activities: Poinsettia delivery on November 28; Minneapolis area ELCA-sponsored Celebration of Compassion (Nuts for Nets) on November 10; PCYC service project.

**Stewardship:** The annual pledge drive is winding down. Thus far, 18 commitment cards have been returned for a total of \$82,000. Total pledges for 2010 were \$184,000.

**Worship** (reported by Pastor Carlson): There will be assistant minister and lector training this coming Sunday. Advent services will be held December 1, 8 and 15 at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account is balanced through the end of October. Investments did not increase as much as was reported last month; this had something to do with a stock sale. Envelope giving is lower than budgeted, but envelope income has picked up recently. Deficit as of end of October was about \$30,000.

- Discussion on how to best use memorial funds from Harriet Rabe's family. ELCA recommends that half of memorials go to the endowment account. Harriet was very involved with the food shelf. Motion: Split Harriet Rabe memorial funds 50/50 between endowment fund and mission fund. Motion carried.

**Pastor Carlson's Report:** Highlights of the last month include:

- All Saint's Sunday event at Central Lutheran was well-attended.
- Received an autographed book from Nick Hayes at the Friends' event. Would like the council to thank the Friends for the extraordinary efforts for the Nick Hayes event and for their effort curating the event.
- Harriet Rabe's funeral; working with her family was a privilege.
- Six or seven new members will join CCL on Christ the King Sunday. Music, worship and preaching have been a drawing card; they love the community.
- Looking ahead: Christ the King is the 99<sup>th</sup> birthday of CCL; looking forward to next year's many special events.

Joanne Seltz attended the council meeting, bringing a mosaic designed by Bob Rickels and given to the Kretzmans. Jeanette Kretzmann is donating the mosaic to CCL; it will be hung in the Kretzmann Library.

Joanne handed out the Conservation Easement Agreement, which has been approved by the Preservation Committee and the Property Committee. Motion: Move and second that we accept the Conservation Easement Agreement. Motion carried.

### Old Business

**Fundraising Update:** Karen Woestehoff is working on getting a report organized.

**Organ Project:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Committee requests \$12,000. Motion: Authorize the anniversary committee to spend the anniversary trust and use up to \$6,000 of endowment interest, as needed. Motion passed.

**Thrivent Line of Credit:** This document has been signed by Gene.

### New Business

**Proposal for Strategic Planning:** Still recruiting members; steering committee will be meeting soon.

**Congregation Meeting:** Will occur December 12 at 11:10 a.m. and include election of officers.

**Budget:** Kevin Olsen reviewed budget handouts and is requesting any feedback within the next few days; will have all figures up-to-date when executive board meets in three weeks. Motion: Council to give general approval to the budget, subject to final adjustments by the executive board. Motion passed.

# Christ Church Lutheran – January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  <i>New Year's Day</i>
2  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Bldg. Tour	3  Preschool Resumes	4  6:00 PM Stewardship  7:00 PM Common Committees	5	6  No Choir	7	8  7:00 PM Poijat Concert and Dance
9  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b> incl. baptism of Matias Sarkanen  11:10 AM Baptism Party	10	11  7:00 PM Executive Committee  7:30 PM Council	12  7:00 PM Commun. Committee  8:00 PM 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee	13  12:00 PM Staff Meeting  7:00 PM Choir	14	15  10:00 AM Finnish School  Courier Deadline
16  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	17 <i>M.L.K. Jr. Day</i>  Office Closed No Preschool	18	19  7:00 PM Preservation	20  7:00 PM Choir	21	22
23  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Congregation Meeting	24  No Preschool Staff Prep Day  Meals on Wheels Delivered All Week	25  7:00 PM FCCL Board	26  11:00 AM Retirees— Pr. Carlson, Speaker	27  7:00 PM Choir	28  No Preschool MnELEA  4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal	29  10:00 AM Finnish School  4:00 PM Wickboldt/Reiners Wedding
30  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	31					

**Christ Church Lutheran**  
**Volunteer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services (9:30 a.m.)**

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
<b>January 2</b>	Kris Stedje	Phyllis Mattill	Lynn Larson	Jeanne Anderson	Kevin Olsen	As of the <i>Courier</i> deadline, prayer writers and nursery workers were not yet identified.	
	Jeannette Bedne	Jan Radloff		Fred Bentz	Will Stark		
<b>January 9</b>	Jeannette Bedne	Phyllis Mattill	Paul Hanson	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders		
	Lucille Buelow	Donna Gawreluk		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		
<b>January 16</b>	Grace Duddy	Donna Torgerson	Mary Lou Doll	Dave Kutzbach	Bob Swenson		
	Rachel Mann	Donna Gawreluk		Dick Thompson	Ute Swenson		
<b>January 23</b>	Rachel Mann	Kelly Brandon	Simo Sarkanen	Jeanne Anderson	Howard Polsfuss		
	Kris Stedje	Donna Gawreluk		Fred Bentz	Robert Swanson		
<b>January 30</b>	Pat Baehler	Sami Hoss	Marni Schmidt	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders		
	Jeannette Bedne	Lucille Buelow		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		
<b>February 6</b>	Kris Stedje	Donna Torgerson	Lynn Larson	Dave Kutzbach	Kevin Olsen		
	Pat Baehler	Donna Gawreluk		Dick Thompson	Will Stark		