

Worship Services

9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education

An education hour for all ages follows at 11:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Lent Services

Wednesdays (11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. throughout March—except March 31)

Holy Week Evening Worship Services

Thursday, April 1
Friday, April 2
Saturday, April 3

(Check the enclosed calendar and/or watch for future announcements)

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Partnership Between Christ Church Lutheran and the Twin Cities Finnish Community

Christ Church Lutheran and the Twin Cities Finnish community are partnering to welcome the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former president of Finland, Martti Ahtisaari, on Sunday, March 7. The morning worship service will include themes of peace and Finnish hymnody. In addition, Osmo Vänskä, conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra, will play his clarinet. Ambassador Ritva Jolkkonen, consul general of Finland in New York, will also be present, and Saana Ensemble, a vocal group known for traditional and non-traditional Finnish music, will sing. We are honored to have their presence and participation at our worship service!

Following the service, President Ahtisaari will be welcomed at the coffee hour, with a short program introducing him to the church and to Twin Cities' organizations and people involved in community and peace issues.


President Ahtisaari will be in Minneapolis for the 22nd Annual Peace Prize Forum, to be held March 5–6 at Augsburg College, where he and his work will be honored. He will present a keynote address on Friday evening, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. For more details, visit www.peaceprizeforum.org.

Two weekday information sessions about the background and work of President Ahtisaari were held at Christ Church Lutheran prior to these events (on February 18 and 25).

The adult forum on Sunday, February 28, features K. Marianne Wargelin, Honorary Consul of Finland in the Twin Cities, speaking about "The History of Finland from Independence through World War II."

Note: Pastor Carlson's *Life Together* feature will return to the *Courier* next month. Meanwhile, she looks forward to the festivities on March 7 and is excited to share on future Sundays more about her January trip to the Holy Land. Please watch for future announcements.

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	Worship	
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour for all ages follows at 11:00 a.m.	
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Announcement

Former president of Finland, Martti Ahtisaari, will join us on **Sunday, March 7**, for the 9:30 a.m. worship service, which will include themes of peace and Finnish hymnody. Osmo Vänskä, conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra, will play his clarinet.

The service will be followed by followed by an 11:00 a.m. coffee hour and reception.



The submission deadline for the April edition of the *Courier* is March 15.

Please bring (or e-mail) content to the church office or e-mail Jan Radloff at: jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Readings and Psalms

Date: **March 7**

First Lesson: Isa 55:1-9

Psalm: 63:1-8

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Date: **March 14**

First Lesson: Josh 5:9-12

Psalm: 32

Second Lesson: 2 Cor 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Date: **March 21**

First Lesson: Isa 43:16-21

Psalm: 126

Second Lesson: Phil 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Date: **March 28** – *Palm Sunday*

First Lesson: Isa 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

Second Lesson: Phil 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56 or
Luke 23:1-49*

Date: **April 1** – *Maundy Thursday*

First Lesson: Exod 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalm: 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Date: **April 2** – *Good Friday*

First Lesson: Isa 52:13—53:12

Psalm: 22

Second Lesson: Heb 10:16-25 or
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

Date: **April 3** – *Easter Vigil*

Second Lesson: Rom 6:3-11

Gospel: John 20:1-18

For the complete list of readings for this service, check with the church office.

**Check with the church office regarding which reading will be used.*

Vicar's View

by Vicar Gretchen Pierskalla

John and I went on our first dog sledding trip in northern Minnesota. Each of us had our own sled with a team of five or six dogs. Eric, our guide, had seven or eight dogs, depending on how they all worked together. The goal was to keep the sleds from getting too far apart on the trails.

When we first arrived at the kennel, each of us spotted a dog that ended up being on our team. Buttercup, a yellow and white Alaskan Husky, caught my eye. She was one of my point dogs—running alongside Dance in the position second from the front, behind the lead dogs. John spotted Auk, a black and brown long-haired Alaskan Husky that looked wild and fierce. He was his wheel dog, running directly in front of his sled next to Moraine.

We traveled between 15 and 20 miles each of the three days. The weather was beautiful—teens and twenties—and virtually no wind. There was fresh powder on the ground and heavy on the trees. It was so heavy, in fact, that some of the birch trees bent over and made tunnels over the path. The sky was patches of blue and light snow. On our last day, there was a huge ring around the sun. Eric said it was called sundogs, caused by ice crystals in the air. It was amazing and beautiful.

During lunch, the dogs would curl up in the snow next to each other to rest. When lunch was over, we would say “Ready to go” and the dogs would stand up. Then “all right” and the dogs would start running. Even though we had a pre-trip lecture and demonstration and three days to practice and experiment, there was something intuitive (or maybe it was counterintuitive) about the whole steering venture. It was all about the dogs. They knew the way. We were just along for the ride. And what a ride it was!

Doing something new can change how we see and experience the world around us. In this season of Lent, may the Spirit lead you to something new, so that you may experience the world and God's love in new ways.

Easter Day Readings

Date: **April 4** – *Easter Day*

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 65:17-25*

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43*

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18*

Parish News

March 7: A Special Sunday

Per pages one and two of this *Courier*, we will welcome former Finnish president, Martti Ahtisaari, and Osmo Vänskä, conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra. Both will join us during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Human Interest

Baptism: Lucy Frances Woestehoff, daughter of Matt and Mary Woestehoff, was baptized February 7. Her sponsors are Amy Pikkarine and Brian Woestehoff. Lucy was born November 22, 2009.

Funerals: Mark Williams passed away February 3. His funeral was held February 7.

Robert Leistico passed away January 12. His memorial service was held February 14.

Retirees

There will be no regular meeting in March, but Pastor Carlson has agreed to speak to us at 1:00 p.m. (after the March 10 Lenten service and soup lunch) at about funeral planning, the new direction we are taking for serving funeral receptions, etc. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and ask questions.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Spring Begins on March 20



(Daylight-Savings Time Begins March 14)

Happy Birthday to You!

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

3/7 Julia Boser, Gloria Sutherland
3/8 Joel Eisfelder, Shirley Miller
3/9 Michael Bergquist
3/10 Jason Wyatt
3/11 Ted Buegel
3/12 Greg Madson
3/13 Lucille Ebel
3/16 Renee Bergquist
3/18 Wendy Noakes
3/19 Lorelei Brekhus
3/21 Christine Bier
3/22 Vivian Bartsch
3/23 Virginia Buegel
3/24 Howard Polsfuss
3/27 Max McGlothlin
3/28 Phyllis Mattill
3/30 Mary Lou Doll, Andrew Hokkanen and
Avis Swenson

Adult Forum Schedule

When: Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
All are welcome to come and grow in faith and life.

March 7 – No adult forum this Sunday.

March 14 – Dr. Greg Owen, consulting scientist at the Wilder Foundation, will talk about homelessness in our community. Greg has studied the issue for many years, directing seven statewide surveys of homeless adults, youth and families. The information obtained from these surveys has been used to gain needed services for homeless people and to support the statewide effort to end long-term homelessness. Greg is also a resident and active volunteer in the Longfellow neighborhood.

March 21 – Anne Long, executive director of Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC), will share exciting things that are happening in PCYC's work with youth in north Minneapolis. (We supported the Children's Gift Sale at PCYC this past December.) PCYC is a social ministry organization of the ELCA, started by students from Luther Seminary more than 50 years ago.

Stewardship is Youth Groups

by Lynn Larson

How do the youth groups exemplify the notion that stewardship is a year-round activity? Maybe you think of the youth fundraising activities and their community service, which are certainly good examples of stewardship. However, stewardship goes deeper than these external contributions, impacting both the adults who lead and the youth who participate.

Luann Skrivseth, youth director for the past 10 years, relayed that she loves getting to know the kids—that they keep her “on her toes.” She cited the summer youth trips as providing some of the most vivid memories. She explained, “It’s the special feeling of camaraderie—working as a team, accepting each other’s differences and enjoying each other’s company. For most kids, this is the first time they have traveled without their family. They have a sense of independence. They have to make wise decisions and learn to compromise because a foolish mistake will affect all of us. Most of all, we laugh a lot! Whatever we do—planning, waiting, learning, eating, playing—we have fun. We seem to find ourselves in the most ridiculous situations and it is delightful.”

Camaraderie, teamwork, acceptance, laughter, compromise, independence, decision-making. The youth groups, similar to Sunday school, help shape young lives, providing—whether they realize it or not—a “training ground” of sorts for life after high school.

As Luann noted, though, “The success of our youth groups has a lot to do with the parents. If we do not have their involvement, we simply do not have a youth group. We have found that parents who are already members become more active as their children participate. I also believe that parents who are searching for a new church home will make their first priority the activities offered to children and teens.” In other words, even when the number of youth is small, we need to appeal to parents and youth alike, creating a strong link that can positively impact the church at large. Youth groups foster stewardship.

Youth Corner

by Luann Skrivseth

Senior Youth Group

Weekend trip in March: We are going to Izaty’s! Movies! Games! Cross-country skiing! I can’t wait. We will be leaving from church on Friday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. and eating dinner on the way up. We will return to church at about 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. Bring appropriate clothes, your permission slip (which I will mail to you) and \$25 for your expenses. Scholarship money is available (thank you so much, Greg and Kay).

Plant sale: Spring is almost here, so it’s time for our biggest fundraiser—the plant sale. We will be collecting orders after the worship service on March 28, April 4 and April 11. I really need your help, so plan to be there.



Summer trip: We still haven’t set the destination or dates of our summer trip. Let me know where you would like to go. As much as I would like to go, you can take France off your list for this year. Maybe Chicago? How about Holden Village?

Junior Youth Group

Game night: Mark your calendar for Friday, March 12, from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. We had so much fun at January’s game night that we decided to do it again. If I do remember correctly, Gary and Tanner want a rematch. If you couldn’t make it last time, don’t miss it! I even bought a new Pictionary with updated words. Bring a friend or two—there is room for all.

Helping Hands

The people on the Helping Hands list, scheduled for two months at a time, are called upon to help with various services—mainly those involving funerals, special events requiring food and other activities. The complete schedule for the year is posted in the Concordia room. The coordinators are Phyllis Dunstone and Juanita Burke.

March and April 2010

John & Virginia Buegel	Barb Revsbeck
Bob Farlee	Kathy & Terry Rong
Carol Flanders	Larry & Marni Schmidt and family
Clyde Hanson	Rita & Ken Schoenike
Roger & Elizabeth Gomoll	Cathy Sieving
Lynn Larson	Don & Marvel Walmann
Kay & Greg Madson	

Thank You Note

Thank you for the prayers and cards sent to Mark Williams during his battle with cancer. Thank you to the pastors for their visits. Thank you to everyone for your words of support to Mark and the family. Thank you to both staff and congregation for the beautiful funeral service.

Sincerely,
The family of Mark Williams

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2010

by Melody Pauling (council secretary at that time)

Mark Williams believed the 2009 deficit will be less than the \$60,000 budgeted.

On March 7, Martti Ahtisaari, former president of Finland and Nobel Peace Prize winner, will worship at Christ Church Lutheran (CCL) and present an adult forum.

Pastor Carlson leaves for the Holy Land on Friday.

CCL Leadership Retreat to be held after worship on February 21. The retreat will address the: CCL identity, 100th anniversary, Save America's Treasures grant match and CCL structure.

Preschool

Stephanie Gustafson presented a proposal for a preschool summer arts program, designed to generate some income and promote the preschool.


Congregation Meeting

At the meeting in February, someone will report on finances, Kay Madson will report on accomplishments, and Gene Bruss will present goals for next year.

Goals

The council agreed on the following goals:

1. Balanced budget plan—complete stage II (having less than a \$30,000 deficit for 2010)
2. Balanced budget plan—stage III (have a balanced budget in 2011)
3. 100th anniversary celebration
4. Save America's Treasures strategy
5. Communities assessments
6. Nursery renovation
7. Mission identity and strategy
8. Aligning CCL structure with mission

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	<p>1</p> <p>March 2010</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 PM Commun. Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Common Committees</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Basketball</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Finnish School</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Eucharist with reception and adult forum/ children's event following</p> <p>11:00 AM Building Tour</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Preschool igloo "meltdown"</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Executive Board</p> <p>7:30 PM Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM Funeral Planning 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Basketball</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Set clocks forward at bed- time—Daylight Savings Time begins</i></p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Eucharist</p> <p>11:00 AM Education Hour</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Meals-on- Wheels delivered this week</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Basketball</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Finnish School</p> <p>Good Earth Village Youth Overnight</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Eucharist</p> <p>11:00 AM Education Hour</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM FCCL Board Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 PM Longfellow Parish @ Bethany</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Basketball</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>No School— Staff Prep Day</i></p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM Eucharist</p> <p>11:00 AM Education Hr.</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>School spring break begins</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>April 1</i></p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p><i>April 2</i></p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p><i>April 3</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Finnish School</p> <p>8:30 PM Worship</p>

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

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery
March 7	Simo Sarkanen Gretchen Pierskalla	Kelly Brandon Kinzie Wiklander	Lynn Larson	Jeanne Anderson Fred Bentz	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Juanita Burke	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
March 14	Mary Bode Phyllis Mattill	Donna Torgerson Chuck Merrell	Paul Hanson	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Howard & Erla Polsfuss Robert Swanson	Melody Pauling	Luann Skrivseth
March 21	Gretchen Pierskalla Phyllis Mattill	Heather Weimer Allison Weimer	Marni Schmidt	Dick & Doris Gliem	Patty Story Bob & Ute Swenson	Ginny Buegel	Traci Boser
March 28	Jason Bergquist Phyllis Mattill	Sami Hoss Andy Hokkanen Chuck Merrell	Simo Sarkanen	Gary Skrivseth	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	Phyllis Dunstone	Patty Story
Thur., April 1 7:00 p.m.	Gretchen Pierskalla Donna Gawreluk	Phyllis Mattill Chuck Merrell	Marni Schmidt	Gary Skrivseth			
Fri., April 2 7:00 p.m.	Gretchen Pierskalla	Phyllis Mattill	Mary Lou Doll				
Sat., April 3 8:30 p.m.	Gretchen Pierskalla Phyllis Mattill	Donna Gawreluk Chuck Merrell		Jeanne Anderson			
April 4 Easter Sunday	Simo Sarkanen Gretchen Pierskalla	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill Melody Pauling Gene Bruss	John Buegel	Dick & Doris Gliem Fred Bentz	Loren Wiklander Kinzie Wiklander	Howard Polsfuss	Volunteer needed