



Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education
Adult forums resume
this month; please refer
to the calendar

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Life Together—September 2011

Dear Friends,


September is here! With it comes the startup of many good things in our life together at Christ Church Lutheran. Here is a look at what this month is bringing to us.

- **Welcome to our new vicar, Will Starkweather, and his wife, Molly Wright Starkweather.** Will starts on September 1 and will be with us half-time—about 20 hours a week. His office is in the orange room. He's eager to meet you and to get involved in pastoral work here. Molly has an MA in English literature and teaches at St. Cloud State. There will be a Q&A time with Will after worship on the second Sunday in September.
- **Welcome Sunday is September 11.** We will commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with remembrance and prayers for the healing of our nation and the nations of the world. Following worship, during the coffee hour, there will be a time for welcoming new and long-time friends.
- **Adult forums resume on Sunday, September 18, at 11:10 a.m.** We will welcome renowned scholars of Muslim-Christian relationships—Adil Ozdemir, of the University of St. Thomas, on September 18, and Charles Amjad-Ali, of Luther Seminary, on September 25. Bring a friend to these timely adult forums that will explore our common ground as Muslims and Christians.
- **The celebration of our 100th anniversary continues.** Following worship on Sunday, September 18, we will take an all-congregation photo outside on the front lawn. We want to document how good we're looking at 100 years old! (The rain date for the photo is Sunday, September 25.) Also, save the following dates for our 100th anniversary celebration—a dinner on Saturday, November 19, and worship with Dr. Martin Marty preaching on Sunday, November 20.
- **Sunday school for children and youth.** Watch the Sunday worship bulletins for word about the start of Sunday school and youth programs.
- **New room arrangements.** Our nursery is upstairs, located next to the family-friendly restroom in the education wing. If you come to worship with young children and need the nursery, you are welcome to use the door at the front of the sanctuary—on the pulpit side—to get to and from the nursery. You're invited to sit toward the front on the pulpit side, too. We welcome children to worship! For September and October, adult forums will be in the classroom behind the upstairs nursery, giving us forum space on the main floor of the church. The seating will be our comfortable molded chairs and PowerPoint works well in this classroom. The Luther lounge will be available for coffee and fellowship. Please give us your feedback on this arrangement.

I ask you to hold these things in your prayers and listen for how the Spirit is stirring you to be involved in them. You are a valued part of the ministry here. We are enriched by you and we pray that your participation in our life together deepens your faith, gives purpose and fullness to your life, and offers connections with others that bring you joy and rich relationship. I am very much looking forward to our ministries this fall—I hope you are, too, and that you will be a part of them!

Pastor Kristine Carlson

Contacts and Information

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| | Office Hours |
| | 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday–Friday |
| | Worship |
| | 9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour follows at 11:10 a.m. |
| Contacts | |
| Pastor: | Pastor Kristine Carlson |
| Music: | Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee Pastor Martin Seltz |
| Youth: | Luann Skrivseth |
| Office: | Stephanie Okoneski |
| Facilities: | Chuck Merrell |
| Courier: | Lynn Larson |
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| President: | Gene Bruss |
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| Member-at-large: | Dan Mueller |

Announcements

Courier Deadline

The next submission deadline is September 15. To submit content, send an e-mail to Jan Radloff at: jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us or give to the church office.

Model of Church Building



*University of Minnesota
architecture students studied
Christ Church, building models
as a class project*

Readings and Psalms

Date: **September 4**

First Lesson: Ezek 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Second Lesson: Rom 13:8-14

Gospel: Matt 18:15-20

Date: **September 11**

First Lesson: Gen 50:15-21

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Second Lesson: Rom 14:1-12

Gospel: Matt 18:21-35

Date: **September 18**

First Lesson: Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Second Lesson: Phil 1:21-30

Gospel: Matt 20:1-16

Date: **September 25**

First Lesson: Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Second Lesson: Phil 2:1-13

Gospel: Matt 21:23-32

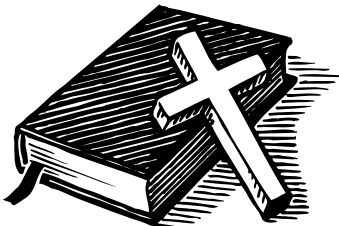
Date: **October 2**

First Lesson: Isa 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Second Lesson: Phil 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matt 21:33-46



Message from the President

by Gene Bruss

The tower construction project is getting closer to being completed. It has gone well. When the project began, we had complaints from the neighborhood about dust and noise. This was controlled by adding water to the grinding process, alleviating problem, but taking longer to do the work, as well as increasing the cost.

The contractor has informed the Property Board that they are trying to finish by September 2. Xcel Energy will be moving the electric lines in the alley. By moving the lines, we can work on the chimney without an extended power outage.

July was one of the most humid months we have ever had. This caused high humidity problems in the lower level of the church and education building. The Property Board purchased more dehumidifiers; running them along with fans took care of the problem. Many thanks to the Property Board for their time and energy to improve the moisture problem. Special thanks to Chuck Merrell for all the extra time spent resolving the situation.

Thank You Note

Thank you for your prayers, cards and memorials for our mother and to all of you who attended and participated in the celebration of her life. Pastor Carlson's message helped relay many of our mom's wonderful attributes. Martin's music brought the melody to life of the songs she loved. Jan's assistance with the floral arrangements was greatly appreciated. Joanne and everyone who assisted provided a wonderful reception.

Your expressions of caring gave our family comfort.

Sincerely,

The family of Pearl Foss

Retirees

Please come to the Concordia room on Wednesday, September 28, at 11:00 a.m. to participate in a discussion of the book *Heaven is for Real*. It is a little boy's story of his trip to heaven and back. A potluck lunch will follow.

Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

100th Anniversary Celebration

November 19, 2011
Gala social hour, banquet, program

November 20, 2011
Eucharist with guest preacher
Martin Marty

If you know of a friend of Christ Church Lutheran, a former member or a family member that would be interested in being invited to the 100th anniversary event, please jot down their name and address and place it in the sacristy mail slot of Mary Bode. We will gladly include them in the guest list.

Thank you.

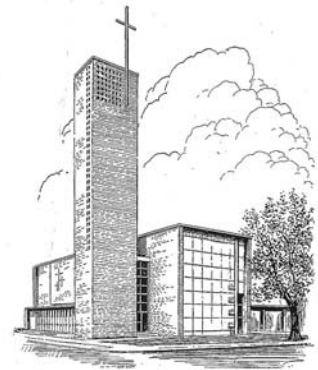
Your 100th Anniversary Committee,

Pastor Carlson
Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee
Pastor Martin Seltz
Karen Woestehoff
Mary Bode

Happy Birthday to You!

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

9/2 Julie Parkos
9/4 Scott Schoenike,
9/5 Zachary Swanson
9/11 Tyler Larson
9/12 Tim Brandon, Barb Revsbeck
9/14 Prince Faulk, Giselle Schoenike, Will Painter
9/15 Susan Schuett
9/17 Dori Brandon
9/18 Dorothy Koop
9/20 Brian Woestehoff
9/24 Amanda Gregg, Kathleen Rong
9/26 Kevin Olsen



Helping Hands

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

September and October 2011

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| Darrell & Jeanne Anderson | Donna Lindberg |
| Mary Bode | Dan & Sharon Mueller |
| Ben Cherland | Marilu Peters |
| Gary & Stephanie Gustafson | Dick Thompson |
| Wynn & Marilyn Johnston | Marion Williams |
| Jeannette Kretzmann | |

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2011

Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Committee Reports

Education: Summer preschool program has been very successful; are planning the fall adult forum schedule—have received a \$1,000 donation for adult forum speakers; are planning fall Sunday school.

Mission: Served Our Saviour's Shelter meal last Monday; working on National Night Out (August 2) Longfellow Corn Feed (August 4).

Property: Fee increase request from MacDonald & Mack (discussed earlier).

Stewardship: Grace Duddy is working on stewardship.

Worship: Did not meet; no report

Council at Large: Visioning Committee has met with Elaine Weber-Nelson to plan and organize for the next steps.

Treasurer's Report: Envelope giving is behind budget by \$11,629.98. We need to figure out a plan to make up this difference in the next three months. Kevin and Pastor Carlson, with input from Melody, will meet to discuss the budget concerns. There was also discussion about fees that are charged for non-member weddings. Pastor Carlson will study this issue further.

Our vicar from Luther Seminary will be starting in September. Luther Seminary is paying one-half his salary and CCL is paying one-half—\$550 per month. This money will be taken from the Making a World of Difference budget, as well as the Buege Scholarship Fund. Pastor Carlson will check in with Luther Seminary re: the vicar.

Organ Task Force: Members of the Organ Task Force attended the council meeting to bring information on what the task force is considering; where they are in the decision-making process (how to make a decision on whether and how to pursue the offer of the Holtkamp organ). Kevin and task force members are in the process of developing a timeline for the organ project. Once a draft has been completed, it will be presented to the council for review.

At this time, the task force is not at the point of recommending a proposal to the council. There are many things to be considered, including the preservation aspect. They would like to contract with Elaine Weber-Nelson to obtain her guidance—perhaps through four to five hours of her time. The task force also requests approval to approach a small number of potential donors to assess their interest in donating money for a new organ.

Motion by Kevin; second by Rita: "The task force requests funding in the amount of up to \$500 of Ms. Weber-Nelson's consultation time. The task force also requests council approval to begin exploratory conversations with members and other interested parties related to project fundraising." Motion passed. Funding will come from the Organ Trust Fund.

Pastor's Report

This month, I want to highlight some of the main projects I am involved with, helping to lead at Christ Church Lutheran—projects that are giving articulation and shape to the life of this community and to our future together:

- **The Visioning Committee.** Headed by Dan Mueller and Kevin Olsen, this committee has been meeting at least monthly and, in addition, meeting with the congregation and in its own subcommittees, to articulate the identity, vision, and mission of Christ Church Lutheran, and a mission strategy for living them out.
- **The Tower Project.** This has been an ongoing project for over a year now. Last summer, we were in the thick of *Reaching New Heights* and raising funds to match the generous grant we received from Saving America's Treasures. This summer, we are in actual construction mode, with workers on site every day, up on swing stages

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to grind out the mortar and replace broken bricks on the Tower, and in other areas of the church. Gratitude to Darrell Anderson and the Property Committee for leading us so well in this project. I have been involved particularly with communications with the neighborhood and with those who are in our building during the week.

- **The Summer Preschool Program.** We are coming to the end of a very successful second season for our Summer Preschool Program. Great gratitude to Scott Krepsky, St. Olaf College Summer Vocational Intern, for being the lead teacher for two weeks and a helper for two other weeks. We have had up to 18 children participating each week in this program. The weeks have focused on: Vacation Bible School, Science, Music, and Art. Our other teachers have been Liz Karlen and Dana Gabriel. Helpers from the congregation include: Erik Haaland, Luann Skrivseth, Mary Lou Doll, Lucille Buelow, and myself. Our church secretary, Stephanie Okoneski, oversaw the registration. Each week, we have had parents fill out evaluation forms which have indicated much enthusiasm and appreciation for this program. Now we need to assess and hold conversations with these teachers and families to inform our next steps of outreach to them. We have made good connections this summer with these families.
- **100th Anniversary Celebration.** This fall, we will move into the final stretch of our 100th anniversary commemorations with the drawing of an icon, special forums, our stewardship campaign, All Saints, and the weekend of Christ the King Sunday when there will be a feast on Saturday and festival worship with Dr. Martin Marty preaching on Sunday morning. And then we will turn 101 and enter our next century of ministry and mission—a very exciting time!
- **The Organ Project.** A group of a dozen people has been considering proposals from Chris Holtkamp, organ designer and builder, as well as considering preservation issues involved in a new organ design, plus assessing our present organ, exploring other options, and exploring an approach to fundraising for this potential project.
- **Ongoing mentoring.** This summer, we have been truly blessed with Scott Krepsky, our St. Olaf College summer vocational intern. During the month of July, he has taken a lead position with our preschool—teaching and helping. In addition, he has been covering the church office for two weeks while Stephanie Okoneski is on vacation. During the month of August, he will be working closely with me in pastoral care, parish administration, and outreach. He is wonderful!

During the past month, I also presided at a wedding (Crystal Richardson and Keith Creech, July 16); met with a number of couples planning fall weddings; and presided at the funeral of Pearl Foss on Sunday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m. Thank you for the privilege and joy of being your pastor.

Old Business

Preschool: Discussed having conversations about visioning for the fall and reaching out to the preschool families.

Tower Project: Will probably go until the end of August; a neighborhood event will be held in September.

New Business

MacDonald & Mack Architects: Gene will contact Darrell Anderson for clarification regarding the letter from MacDonald & Mack requesting additional fees for the tower project. Council will vote on this in August or, if needed, the executive committee will meet before then.

End of Council Minutes

Christ Church Lutheran—September 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 Vicar Will Starkweather Begins 7:00 PM Visioning | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Building Tour 11:10 AM Education | 5 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed | 6 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Common Committees | 7 | 8 7:00 PM Choir | 9 | 10 10:00 AM Finnish Language School |
| 11 <i>Welcome Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Fellowship | 12 | 13 | 14 9:00 AM Stationery | 15 7:00 PM Choir Courier Deadline | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:30 AM Eucharist 10:45 AM Congregation Photo 11:10 AM Education | 19 | 20 7:00 PM Executive Committee 7:30 PM Council | 21 | 22 7:00 PM Choir | 23 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal | 24 10:00 AM Finnish Language School 3:00 PM Wedding |
| 25 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education | 26 | 27 7:00 PM FCCL Board | 28 11:00 AM Retirees | 29 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir | 30 4:00 PM Wedding | |

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 |
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| September 4 | Simo Sarkanen Taylor Brorby | Phyllis Mattill Chuck Merrell | Ben Cherland | Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson | Michael Jefferis | Pat Baehler | Traci Boser |
| September 11 | Grace Duddy Erik Haaland | Phyllis Mattill Jan Radloff | Daniel Holmgren | Max Wipperman Fred Bentz | Carol Flanders Juanita Burke | Erik Haaland | Kelly Brandon |
| September 18 | Jason Bergquist Chuck Merrell | Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill | Lynn Larson | Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis | Howard Polsfuss | Grace Duddy | Ute Swenson |
| September 25 | Rachel Mann Ben Cherland | Sami Hoss Phyllis Mattill | Simo Sarkanen | Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson | Bob Swenson Ute Swenson | Paul Hanson | Samantha Rice |
| October 2 | Taylor Brorby Pat Baehler | Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill | Marni Schmidt | Max Wipperman Fred Bentz | Kevin Olsen Will Stark | Kay Madson | Luann Skrivseth |