



Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education
Adult forums begin at
11:00 a.m., following
Sunday worship
services

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Reflections from the Holden Village Trip 2010

Following are excerpts from some of the participants' reflections of the Holden Village trip this past summer.

Awaiting the day of departure with enthusiasm to see if the experience of two years ago could be duplicated or surpassed... This trip did not disappoint. Food—great. Fellowship and fun—great. Intellectual challenge—considerable. Nature at its best. Physical challenge and renewal. In other words, another excellent challenging, satisfying trip to Holden.

– Virginia Buegel

Holden is a beautiful place to learn and explore. I enjoyed learning more about the mine and hanging out in the evenings with our group, laughing and listening to insightful conversations.

– John Pierskalla

Robbie climbing trees and cliffs; hiking up to Hart and Holden Lakes (amazing views and lots of bugs!); learning about God's promises to everyone through Abraham; reading Robert Frost in the mountains; Robbie's excitement about hiking and new experiences and declaring himself the "King of the Marmots."

– Kevin Olsen

High points: mountains, excellent coffee, salmon, bread, interesting people, cherries and apricots, deer and ground squirrels, hiking trails, Butch Thompson and getting to know CCL people on trip better. Low points: beans, rice, pots of brown sloppy "natural" peanut butter, blue grass evening service, time spent in getting there and back, stress for dog in kennel at home.

– Mike Jefferis


Hearing sounds of laughter, song and conversation; wind in the trees; roar of rushing water in the creek; birds' songs; the ancient school bus engines, shifting gears and crushing gravel on the road; the bell rings to invite all to the meal or next event; while hiking on the trails, you may hear conversation with companions, boots on gravel...and, if you are lucky, you might also hear the drumming of ptarmigan or grouse or the chatter of marmot.

– Vicar Gretchen Pierskalla

... There was much beauty in this place; opportunities for walking in the woods; sitting quietly in solitude or with companions. There were discussions led by wise and compassionate individuals; there was opportunity for learning of artisans. There was much singing and lovely music...

– Marilu Peters

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Announcements

Sunday School

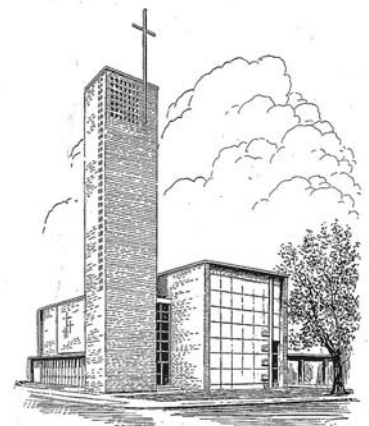
Kids, parents and anyone who would like to become involved, join us on Sunday, October 10, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss plans for the current education year.

Walmann Anniversary

Help celebrate the Walmann's 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 16, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the church auditorium.

Courier Deadline

The submission deadline for the November edition of the *Courier* is **October 15**. Please submit content to the church office or to Jan Radloff at: jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us.



President's Message

by Gene Bruss

I want to thank all of you who have given so generously to the campaign, *Reaching New Heights: Match the Grant*. At our council meeting on September 14, Pastor Carlson stated we had reached our goal of \$200,000. Also, a special thanks to the Friends of CCL for their help in achieving this milestone. We can now go ahead with hiring the architect to do the drawings. After the drawings are completed, we can begin the bid process for a contractor. Tower construction will take place next spring.

Even though we have reached our goal, pledges can still be made to the campaign. The property board has a long list of things that need work or repair—our courtyard is a high priority.

Adult Forum Schedule

October 3 – Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore, an ordained pastor and professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary

Dr. Shore will introduce a fascinating book by Brian D. McLaren, *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith*, which will guide upcoming forum conversations. It tackles 10 difficult, but important, questions that are at the core of the Christian faith.

October 10 – Pastor Carlson

This fall, we welcome a number of students from Luther Seminary who will be doing their fieldwork here. Welcome and meet them, hear their stories and learn about their ministries in our midst.

October 17, 24 and 31 – Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore

The Gospel According to Paul? We regularly hear readings from Paul's letters during Sunday worship services. Even so, many contemporary preachers gravitate toward the gospel as their basis of their sermons because, perhaps, the gospel stories are more vivid and/or Paul's writing often seems disconnected from real life. What might we be missing in the readings from Paul? In this three-week Bible study, we will examine how his letters proclaim the gospel today.

These forums are made possible through a generous gift from Juanita Burke

Readings and Psalms

Date: **October 3**

First Lesson: Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm: 37:1-9

Second Lesson: 2 Tim 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Date: **October 10**

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm: 111

Second Lesson: 2 Tim 2:8-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Date: **October 17**

First Lesson: Gen 32:22-31

Psalm: 121

Second Lesson: 2 Tim 3:14—4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Date: **October 24**

First Lesson: Jer 14:7-10, 19-22 *or*
Sir 35:12-17*

Psalm: 84:1-7

Second Lesson: 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Date: **October 31 (Reformation Sunday)**

First Lesson: Jer 31:31-34 *or* Isa 1:10-18*

Psalm: 46 *or* Psalm 32:1-7*

Second Lesson: Rom 3:19-28 *or*

2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12*

Gospel: John 8:31-36 *or* Luke 19:1-10*

Date: **November 7 (All Saints Sunday)**

First Lesson: Dan 7:1-3, 15-18 *or*

Job 19: 23-27a*

Psalm: 149 *or* Psalm 17:1-9*

Second Lesson: Eph 1:11-23 *or*

2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17*

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31 *or* Luke 20:27-38*



*Contact the church office about which lesson choice will be used.

Retirees

We meet on Wednesday, October 27, at 11:00 a.m. to have a discussion on the importance of health care directives. There will also be help available for filling out the related forms, if you need it. A potluck lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome!

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Meals on Wheels Fund Drive Update

Thanks to all of you who have contributed so generously to the request for special financial support for Meals on Wheels. Our original goal was to raise \$1,000 to reduce the current deficit. At the present time, we have received more than \$2,000 from congregation members, the stationery group and retirees group.

Although the other participating churches have been responding as they are able, the need for additional funds remains. If you haven't had the opportunity to give, please consider doing so. All contributions will be much appreciated.

– Howard and Erla Polsfuss,
coordinators

Happy Birthday to You!

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

10/6	Gene Bruss
10/9	Nathan Bier
10/11	Sarah Selden, Kinzie Wiklander
10/17	Jill Shingledecker
10/19	Sylvia Bergquist
10/22	Jason Bergquist, Juanita Burke
10/23	Marie Dammann, Rosie Peters
10/27	Eleanor Uglum
10/30	Tim Hokkanen



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 2010

Pat Baehler	Shawn Deresch
Vivian Bartsch	Bill and Phyllis Dunstone
Fred Bentz	June Johnson
Dori Brandon	Simo Sarkanen and
and family	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
Lucille Buelow	Lee and Susan Schuett
Juanita Burke	Sandra Tindell



Youth Corner

by Luann Skrivseth

Sunday School

for kids, parents and anyone else
who would like to be involved!

Sunday, October 10, 11:00 a.m.

Come and meet the other parents, kids, and other caring adults. Let's talk together about our hopes and dreams for the Christian education of our children. Members of the education committee will be there, too. Together we'll shape a year of learning about and growing in Bible knowledge, faith, and Christian life.

Senior and Junior Youth Groups

SUNDAES & SARDINES

Friday, October 22, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars! It's the event we look forward to every year.

Bring your parents and your friends!

Coming soon:

Senior Youth Group

Sunday, November 7 (after church)

Raking with the Longfellow Parish youth groups for the Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Senior Youth Group

Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Help our senior youth earn money for their summer trip and brighten your home for the holidays! Order one or more Gertens (greenhouse) poinsettias (five colors and two sizes available) and don't forget a welcoming wreath for the door.

We will be taking orders October 10-24. The order form is a separate attachment.



Preschool News

by Stephanie Gustafson

It's the beginning of another school year and we have 10 wonderful families bringing 10 fun and inquisitive children to class with Mrs. Gustafson and Mrs. Millay. This year, we want to "pull out all the stops" and put to use everything our program has to offer. It should be a very fun year. Feel free to volunteer to be a part of it!

CCL's "Summer Program for Preschoolers" was a huge success and may, quite possibly, be the direction that Christ Church's educational outreach ministry will take when the current preschool program closes in May 2011. In the meantime, **you** can be part of the transformation process by helping to plan: 1) how to close this 39-year-old program with the grace and dignity it deserves and/or 2) what family-friendly program will take its place.

For more information, contact Stephanie Gustafson (preschool director) or the church office.

Table Prayer

Pastor Carlson shared the following prayer during her sermon on September 19. It is one of her father's favorites. Many people requested a copy, so we decided to include within the *Courier*.

*We look to Thee, O Lord,
for food to nourish our bodies,
for grace to strengthen our spirits,
for love to enrich our lives.
Give us grateful hearts
as we partake of Thy bounty.
And make us ever mindful
of the needs of others. Amen.*

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Education: Letters have been sent to families, asking for commitment to Sunday school. A Sunday school will be set up once a month for those who want to attend and may begin the third Sunday in September.

Missions: Served at Our Savior's shelter; had a table at the Longfellow Corn Feed, where they displayed the CCL national landmark plaque. South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels, as well as the Metro Lutheran, is in need of funding. Safe House e-mailed a list of supplies needed for students.

Property: Ken and Chuck will continue lighting upgrades; new thermostat will be installed in pastor's office; Gary is reviewing insurance. Gary and Darrell will create a list for fall clean-up. Lounge kitchen will have new counter tops and cabinet hinges.

Stewardship: Working on fall pledge campaign.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account has a balance of approximately \$18,000. Moved by Melody Pauling and passed by council that \$15,000 be taken from either the Thrivent account or from the endowment interest account and put into the CCL checking account. Melody will check with Ted Contag for the best plan.

Council reviewed the CCL balance sheet through May 31, 2010. We are almost \$20,000 over budget; want to keep account at \$30,000 for the entire year. It was noted that envelope giving is behind the budgeted amount; Synod has not yet been paid. Melody will send them \$9,000 for the current year.

Pastor Carlson's Report (submitted in writing): Highlights of the past month include:

- Bidding farewell and godspeed to Vicar Gretchen Pierskalla and working with intern Kyle Svingen
- Continuing to work on the fundraising campaign; working with 100th anniversary committee
- Joining the CCL group at Holden Village
- Three weeks of vacation with family—thanks to Pastors Farlee and Seltz for filling in and to Erik Haaland for preaching on August 8
- Welcoming Matias Toivo Sarkanen, son of Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen and Simo Sarkanen

Looking ahead:

- *Reaching New Heights: Match the Grant* activities; working with Elaine Weber Nelson
- Planning on how to function as pastor without a vicar for next year
- Engaging in strategic planning for the congregation
- Receiving the design from Christian Holtkamp for a potential new organ

Old Business

Fundraising: More than \$50,000 in pledges received to date.

Preschool: Pastor Carlson and Gene Bruss met with Stephanie Gustafson, who agreed to be the sole teacher and limit enrollment to 10 students. Stephanie expressed gratitude to have this one more year of preschool.

Organ: We are waiting to receive the design. Gene will talk with Pastors Farlee and Selz regarding the organ committee reviewing the design when it is received.

100th Anniversary: Pastor Carlson stated that this is a very vibrant, energetic committee. The 100th anniversary will begin on Christ the King Sunday this fall, culminating with the 100th anniversary on the Christ the King Sunday in 2011.

Summer Intern: Pastor Carlson expressed gratitude to St. Olaf College and the Lilly Foundation for Kyle's presence at CCL for the past ten weeks. He was a wonderful addition to CCL this summer.

New Business

Strategic Planning Committee: Kevin Olsen and Dan Mueller had volunteered to be on the Strategic Planning Committee; they will meet with Pastor Carlson and bring a proposal to council in September.



October 2010

Christ Church Lutheran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 AM Finnish Language School
3 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00AM Education Hour	4	5 7:00 PM Common Committees	6	7 12:00 PM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM Choir	8	9
10 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Adult Forum and Sunday School Mtg.	11	12 7:00 PM Executive Committee 7:30 PM Council	13	14 7:00 PM Choir	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i>	16 10:00 AM Finnish School 2:00 PM Walmann Anniversary
17 8:30 AM Altar Guild 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Educ. Hour	18 9:00 AM Preschool Bike Day	19 9:00 AM Stationery 6:00 PM Investment Meeting	20	21 7:00 PM Choir M.E.A. — No School	22	23 9:00 AM Fall Cleanup 3:30 PM Wedding
24 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Educ. Hour 3:00 PM Architectural Lecture & Tour	25 Serve at the Shelter	26 7:00 PM FCCL Board	27 11:00 AM Retirees	28 7:00 PM Choir	29	30
31 Reformation Day 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Educ. Hour				<p>You are invited to celebrate of the 50th wedding anniversary of Don and Marvel Walmann Saturday, October 16, 2:00–5:00 PM in the Christ Church auditorium</p>		

**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
October 3	Phyllis Mattill Mary Bode	Donna Torgerson Chuck Merrell	Simo Sarkanen	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Loren Wiklander Kinzie Wiklander	Howard Polsfuss	Traci Boser
October 10	Simo Sarkanen Phyllis Mattill	Kelly Brandon Kinzie Wiklander	<i>to be determined</i>	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Kay Madson	Ute Swenson
October 17	Jason Bergquist Lucille Buelow	Sami Hoss Phyllis Mattill	Paul Hanson	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	Chuck Merrell	Luann Skrivseth
October 24	Mary Bode Jan Radloff	Phyllis Mattill Lucille Buelow	Lynn Larson	Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis	Howard Polsfuss Erla Polsfuss	Melody Pauling	Mary Lou Doll
October 31	Simo Sarkanen Mary Bode	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill Mary Bode	Marni Schmidt	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Bob Swenson Ute Swenson	Ginny Buegel	The Brandons
November 7	Phyllis Mattill Jan Radloff	Kelly Brandon Kinzie Wiklander	Simo Sarkanen	Jeanne Anderson Fred Bentz	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Phyllis Dunstone	Samantha Rice