



## Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education  
Adult Forums  
11:10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
(following Sunday worship  
services and fellowship)

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### Celebrate God's Abundance

by Grace Duddy, Stewardship Chair

Dear Friends,

One of the first things that struck me about Christ Church Lutheran when I began attending last fall was the congregation's self-identification as a "party church." We are a congregation that loves to celebrate and loves a good party. However, our partying extends beyond good fellowship; we are a congregation with a profound reason to celebrate: abundant gifts from God.

We serve a God of unbelievable abundance, who continually provides for us. We see this abundance in the intricate beauty of creation, the sacrificial love of Christ, the fresh wind of the Spirit and the beautiful faces of those in our community. As our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaches, we look back and see how God has abundantly blessed this church community in times of trial and renewal. God has sustained us through heart-breaking decisions, empty pews and fears of having to close. However, God continues to restore our congregation to new life.


We have welcomed the people that God has brought through our doors. We have grown together as a community that is unafraid to get out of our pews to share the peace with strangers and neighbors. We have "reached new heights" with our tower campaign and made a focused effort to achieve a balanced budget. More importantly, we have followed the Spirit's leading into new avenues of ministry within our church community and surrounding city. How can we help but celebrate?

During the next month, we will be **Celebrating God's Abundance**. We will hear temple talks about how God has been moving in our midst. We will have opportunities to celebrate God's abundance in our community through three different adult forums. On Sunday, **October 9**, Professor Fred Gaiser from Luther Seminary will lead a discussion on Deuteronomy 14:22-26, a very provocative passage on stewardship and celebration. On Sunday, **October 23**, we will view and discuss a fascinating film, "Celebrate What's Right with the World," by Dewitt Jones of National Geographic. On Sunday, **October 30**, we will end our annual stewardship campaign with an all-church celebration. We invite you to join us for all three events!

As we celebrate God's active presence at Christ Church Lutheran past, present and future, I invite you to consider how God is calling you to financially support the mission and ministry of Christ Church. We continue to be challenged in this way. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. God has entrusted these things to our care, so that we may join in God's abundance, as well as share with others. What we do with our money matters to God. Your gifts not only enable our congregation to celebrate God's abundance together in weekly worship, but also reach out to the surrounding community so that all people may know God's extravagant love.

Come! Celebrate with us!

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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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Secretary:	Jan Radloff
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### Announcements

#### Building Tours

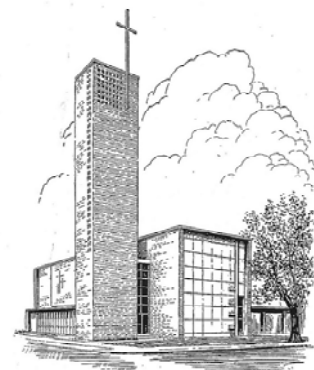
Beginning January 2012, docent-led tours of Christ Church will occur the second Sunday of each month, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the courtyard.

#### Upcoming Adult Forums

Grace Duddy's article on the front page noted a few upcoming adult forums. For more information and a complete list through year-end, please contact the church office.

#### Courier Deadline

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



## Readings and Psalms

Date: **October 2**

First Lesson: Isa 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Second Lesson: Phil 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matt 21:33-46

Date: **October 9**

First Lesson: Isa 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Second Lesson: Phil 4:1-9

Gospel: Matt 22:1-14

Date: **October 16**

First Lesson: Isa 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Second Lesson: 1 Thess 1:1-10

Gospel: Matt 22:15-22

Date: **October 23**

First Lesson: Lev 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

Second Lesson: 1 Thess 2:1-8

Gospel: Matt 22:34-46

Date: **October 30**—Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Jer 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Second Lesson: Rom 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

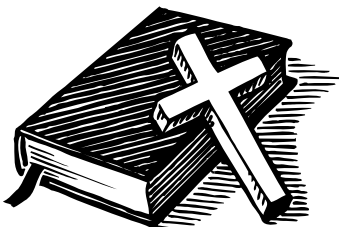
Date: **November 6**—All Saints Sunday

First Lesson: Rev 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matt 5:1-12



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Thank you to all who were present for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary photo-shoot! Documenting this milestone is important for our future as a congregation.

Invitations to the culminating weekend of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary events have just been mailed. We are looking forward to this special celebration in November.

We are very pleased to tell you the banquet will be catered by people some of you may know. Carol and Paul Hinderlie are chefs and former owners of the famous Harborview Cafe in Pepin, Wisconsin. They were also directors/chefs at Holden Village in Washington. Our gala, "A Foretaste of the Feast to Come," is Saturday, November 19. It will begin upstairs in the education building at 4:00 p.m. with wine and appetizers. Then we will move to the gym/auditorium for our banquet. After a salad of mixed greens with homemade dinner rolls, we will have an entrée of pork loin with seasonal vegetables. (A vegetarian option will be available on request.) Servers from Luther Seminary will allow us to be served at our tables and enjoy conversation with each other. A short program will follow dinner while we enjoy dessert and coffee.

We have purposely set the time of our gala to end early in order for all to be rested and ready for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Eucharist on Sunday, November 20. Special pre-service music will begin at 9:30 a.m., with worship beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Carlson will preside and Dr. Martin Marty will preach our anniversary sermon. Dr. Marty resides in Chicago and is a well-respected theologian, as well as a friend of Christ Church. Our choir and the Longfellow Brass will add to the festival worship.

Following worship will be a special coffee reception for all to attend. We hope you will be part of this special weekend in the life of our congregation. Your prompt RSVP for the gala will help in our planning.

Your 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee,

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

## Retirees

We will meet on Wednesday, October 26, at 11:00 a.m. Vicar Will Starkweather will tell us about his background and how he plans to help us at CCL this coming year. A potluck lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

# 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

## The Vicar's View

by William Starkweather

*Grace and peace.* They are words of blessing and welcome that the apostle Paul used frequently in his epistles. They are also the words tattooed on my wrists, symbols of my story that remind me of where I have been and the journey I am on.

While we may not all have tattoos, we certainly all have stories—stories of sadness and joy, despair and hope, hurt and healing. These stories help define who we are and how we interact with others. We weave them into the stories of those around us, continually creating something new and alive. As we walk together these next two years, I look forward to hearing your stories, sharing my own and seeing what new thing God is doing in us all.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve as your vicar and for the welcome that you have extended to me. May our time together (and the stories we share) be richly blessed.

*Grace and peace to you, sisters and brothers of Christ Church Lutheran.*

## Quote on Stewardship

(provided by Grace Duddy)

*Thus the beginning of stewardship will always be the radical announcement that God is not for sale and does not exist to be served. God simply gives. Enjoy it—as an act of worship—as did those eating and drinking Israelites celebrating the tithe. And the second announcement will proclaim the identity of the human as being in the image of God, in conversation with God, appreciating, in awe, wonder, and suffering love, the vocation to tend the creation—including even money.”*

~ Frederick J. Gaiser in “Rethinking Stewardship: Our Culture, Our Theology, Our Practices” (Word & World Supplement Series 6: 2010, 55)

## 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

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 August 16, 2011

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary*

### Committee Reports

No reports from the property and stewardship committees.

**Education:** VBS/preschool program went well; youth went mini-golfing; working on fall adult education and Sunday school, youth activities. On a trial basis, nursery will be held in the upper nursery.

**Mission:** Had a successful Night Out on August 2; 12-15 people showed up; corn feed event on August 4 had a good turnout. Sent yearly designated mission budgeted expenses to the church office for processing. Will be serving a meal at Safe House during the second half of September; are working on advertising handout to post within the community.

**Worship:** Working on scheduling a meeting

**Council at Large:** Are moving forward with the visioning efforts; Elaine Nelson Weber is helping with the planning.

**Treasurer's Report:** We are receiving some contributions for the cost of the summer cooling system; summer preschool broke even, may have made some money. Tower bills are coming in and we are applying for reimbursement from the National Park Service. Had an increase in contractor fees; we are pretty close to using the matching funds. A small group will discuss the \$14,000 deficit in projected envelope giving in the next few weeks.

### Pastor's Report (submitted in writing)

Highlights from the past three weeks (council last met on July 26) include:

- **Neighborhood Night Out.** We hosted our block party with the leadership of Michael Jefferis, Erik Haaland and Scott Krepsky. Neighbors expressed great interest in our tower project (no complaints).
- **Longfellow Corn Feed.** Christ Church hosted a table staffed by Michael Jefferis and Erik Haaland. An estimated 1,800 people strolled around the park that evening. It was a good chance to visit with neighbors, including Gary Schiff, our city council member, who expressed gratitude for his times at Christ Church and wants to do lunch.
- **Mid-term evaluation with Scott Krepsky, St. Olaf summer intern.** Scott has worked diligently and with such good spirits, in leading our summer preschool, overseeing the church office when Stephanie was out, helping me in my work at church during my mother's illness in July, visiting with members about the church, providing pastoral care, serving as assisting minister in worship. Scott has very fine gifts for pastoral ministry.
- **Rapson Hall conversation with summer architecture class on August 10.** This class studied our church this summer. Scott and I attended their final, juried reports and were invited to respond. The class also attended a worship service to see this building in action. A number of them remarked about how "organic" the worship seemed to them to be—"at one with" the building, all of a piece. They felt very welcomed, too.
- **Summer preschool program.** Wrap-up conversation with Liz Karlen and Scott Krepsky about the program; plus, visioning ministry for children and families in our neighborhood and our preschool program for next summer. Liz Karlen is willing to serve as the director of next summer's preschool program.
- Several **pre-marriage meetings** for upcoming weddings.
- **Pastoral counseling** conversations, several centering on vocational issues.
- Godspeed and **farewell** for Scott Krepsky on Sunday, August 14.
- **Visioning** meeting to vision our worship life together; meeting with Elaine Weber Nelson to help plan this stage.

Looking ahead:

- Welcoming Will Starkweather, our Luther Seminary vicar, starting September 1
- Planning for Sunday, September 11—the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragedy.
- Organizing adult forums for September–December.
- Our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations continue.
- The introduction of our vision, identity and mission proposal to the congregation.
- The conclusion of our tower project and rededication of our restored tower—a successful campaign!

*Summary of Council Meeting Minutes continued on next page*

**Old Business**

**Increase in fees from MacDonald & Mack Architects:** Was the result of finding more things needing to be done. We believe this increase will be covered by the matching grant.

**Organ Project:** A small group met recently; Kevin will help with the process. There is a lag in getting information back from the Historical Society; they are asking for something in writing regarding the design. See also update below.

**New Business**

**Pearl Foss Memorials:** The Preservation and Property boards will be meeting and could come up with a short list of special projects for using the funds; will present to Pearl's family for their consideration.

**Check from Norman Lewis and Laurence Davin** (friends of Simo and Yi-ru Sarkanen, whose son was baptized at CCL with Matias): We received a donation of \$1,000 to be used for general church funds or any other need.

**Summer Preschool Program:** Pastor presented a wrap-up report. Would like a \$500 stipend for Liz Karlen, director, and \$200 for Rachel Dana, music week teacher, which would come from the summer preschool program income. Motion by Rita to give \$500 to Liz Karlen and \$200 to Rachel Dana; second by Kevin. Motion passed.

**Archives:** Due to the moisture/water problem in the basement this summer, the archive room needs to be moved. The proposal is to temporarily move the archives to the balcony of the gym.

**December Congregation Meeting Date:** Meeting re: budget and election of officers will be December 11, 2011.

**Property Board Concern:** The Property Board contacted Service Master re: the water/mold problem at CCL. Service Master will not guarantee their work unless an environmental hygienist first does an assessment of the problem. The cost for this assessment would be \$2,000, which would probably come from the facilities maintenance and repair budget. The council supports the professional assessment of the mold problems and environmental issues at CCL.

**Announcement:** Pastor Carlson shared a letter from Susan Briehl, who was commissioned to compose our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary hymn, "To Christ We Belong." Susan wrote about attending the convention in Seattle (attended by Pastor Farlee and Pastor Seltz), expressing her joy at hearing the hymn being sung at the convention.

**End of Council Minutes**

**Organ Task Force Update**  
by Pastor Seltz

The organ task force has met several times over the summer to continue its work. Erik Haaland agreed to be chair of the group, which also includes Fred Bentz, Taylor Brorby, Gene Bruss, Paul Hanson, Chuck Merrell, Will Stark, Max Wiperman, and the pastor and cantors.

The feasibility of the proposal to acquire the refurbished historic 1949 Holtkamp pipe organ is receiving intense study. One sub-group of the task force has approached the Minnesota Historical Society for consultation on preservation issues in light of CCL's landmark status, and another is examining financial and fundraising aspects of the proposal.

The task force plans to report back to the congregation during the adult forum time on Sunday, December 4. Task force members welcome your comments and questions.

# Christ Church Lutheran—October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 AM Altar Guild <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b> 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour 11:10 AM Education 12:00 PM Chair Repair	3	4 7:00 PM Common Committees	5	6 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal  7:00 PM Choir	7 4:00 PM Wedding  7:00 PM Seward Montessori Fundraiser	8 10:00 AM Finnish Language School
9 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	10	11 9:00 AM Stationery	12	13 7:00 PM Choir	14	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i>
16 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	17	18 7:00 PM Executive Committee  7:30 PM Council	19	20 7:00 PM Choir	21	22 10:00 AM Finnish Language School
23 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	24	25 7:00 PM FCCL Board Meeting	26 11:00 AM Retirees— Vicar Starkweather Q&A	27 7:00 PM Choir	28	29
30 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	31 Halloween					 <p>CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN</p>

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Head Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Prayer Writers</b>	<b>Nursery Workers</b>
<b>October 2</b>	Taylor Brorby Pat Baehler	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Marni Schmidt	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	Kay Madson	Luann Skrivseth
<b>October 9</b>	Pat Baehler Erik Haaland	Phyllis Mattill Chuck Merrell	Daniel Holmgren	Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Melody Pauling	Karen Woestehoff
<b>October 16</b>	Simo Sarkanen Will	Sami Hoss Phyllis Mattill	Lynn Larson	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Howard Polsfuss	Paul Hanson	Traci Boser
<b>October 23</b>	Mary Bode Jason Bergquist	Donna Torgerson	Paul Hanson	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Grace Duddy	Kelly Brandon
<b>October 30</b>	Jason Bergquist Will Starkweathe	Phyllis Mattill Taylor Brorby	Mary Lou Doll	Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis	Bob Swenson Ute Swenson	Sally Messner	Ute Swenson
<b>November 6</b>	Taylor Brorby Rachel Mann	Phyllis Mattill Jan Radloff	Simo Sarkanen	Jeanne Anderson	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	Erik Haaland	Marni Schmidt