



Welcome to the Light

## Our Leipzig Friends Are Coming!

On Saturday, October 6, fourteen members of the Sophienkirchgemeinde congregation of Leipzig—most of them from the Church Council—will arrive at MSP airport. We were sorry to learn recently that Pastor Helge Voigt, who lived and served here at Christ Church Lutheran in 2016, is not well enough to travel, so he and his wife Anke will not be in the group. However, Morrie Wee knows everyone else in the group—from his experience as their exchange pastor during the year that Helge and Anke were at Christ Church—and he says that they are all wonderful people. We hope you will have a chance to get to know them.

There will be several ways to meet and welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ. Some of you will be hosting them in your homes (deep thanks for that service!). Our Leipzig guests will all be at worship on Oct 7, so you will be able to meet them that morning after worship. And on Tues, Oct 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., there will be a Happy Hour Reception at Christ Church for the group, and you are invited to meet them then. Mark these times on your calendar and come to welcome and meet these friends from Leipzig! They are eager to meet you.

You could also offer to drive some of them to the events we have planned, in case their hosts are unable to. For instance, on Monday, October 8, we will be showing them around the State Capitol and parts of Minneapolis. On Tuesday afternoon of that week they will be visiting several different ministries in Minneapolis (prior to the Happy Hour). On Wednesday, the plan is to visit the Eagle Center down the Mississippi Valley.

On Thursday, we will visit churches and drive as far as Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. On Friday we will drive up to Mille Lacs. If you would like to drive on one or more of these days, contact Morrie Wee (952-797-4628).

We were blessed by Helge Voigt and his family when they were here; we are certain to be blessed by these friends of theirs, who have been so inspired by Helge’s enthusiasm for Christ Church that they want to come and see for themselves. Let’s show them the friendship and hospitality that Helge and Anke have told them about.



*A typical afternoon “Kaffe und Kuchen” in Leipzig. The woman on the right facing the camera, Sylvia Berger, will be visiting us, along with Karsten Kossensjans, Ilona and Lutz Unbekannt, Steffen and Tobias Berlich, Mandy and Nina Ruhnou, Brunhild Ulbrich, Renate Ramin, Antje Arnoldt, Margrit Rennert-Beuchel, Doreen Prigan, and Pastor Michael Günz.*

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### Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### Sunday Worship

Eucharist 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship

#### October through May

Godly Play for children ages 3–6, 11:05am–12:00

Spark! for children ages 7 & up, 11:05am–12:00

Educational forum, 11:15am–12:15pm

### Staff

Pastors	Pastor Kristine Carlson Pastor Erik Haaland
Cantors	Pastor Robert Farlee Pastor Martin Seltz
Office Administrator	Erica Doss Rodriuez
Children’s Minister Director	Tyler Egge
Facilities	Chuck Merrell
Courier Team	Hilary Gebauer Marc Katz Pastor Kristine Carlson

### Congregation Council

President	Matthew Courtney
Vice President	Dan Mueller
Secretary	Kate Haugen
Treasurer	Melody Pauling
Council Members	Hilary Gebauer Max Herzberg DeAne Lagerquist Marcus Nooney Rachel Slater

## October Birthdays

- 10/6 Gene Bruss  
Matthew Courtney
- 10/10 Lena Kniebel  
John Schmidt
- 10/11 Sarah Selden
- 10/15 Thea Bodurtha
- 10/16 Kate Haugen  
Max Herzberg
- 10/19 Sylvia Bergquist  
Photios Zeris
- 10/21 Colin Watkins
- 10/22 Jason Bergquist  
Juanita Burke
- 10/23 Hilary Gebauer  
Rosie Peters
- 10/24 Michelle Hovey
- 10/25 Victoria Perbix
- 10/26 Susan Stugelmeyer
- 10/27 Eleanor Uglum
- 10/30 Tim Hokkanen

*If you are not named above, and should be, or your birthdate is inaccurate, call the church office at 612-721-6611.*

## Helping Hands for October

- Jeanne & Darrell Anderson  
Mary Bode  
Molly Boes Ganza  
Stephanie & Gary Gustafson  
Marilyn & Wynn Johnston  
Donna Lindberg  
Greg Madson  
Denise Morelock & Jeff Adams  
Sharon & Dan Mueller  
Katie Swanson & Noah Niermann  
Carmen O’Halloran & Jason Weber  
Marilu Peters  
Vanessa Rempel & Matt Courtney  
Rachel Slater

*All church members are part of Helping Hands. You may be asked to help with Sunday Coffee and hospitality related events as needed. Mary Bode is the coordinator. Call the church office to connect with her.*

## Baptisms

Pastor Carlson baptized Tyler Michael Schultz (son of Amanda Schultz and grandson of Julie Schultz) on 09/09/18.

## In Memory of Mary Lou Doll

This beautiful (looking and sounding) piano for the church balcony has been donated in memory of Mary Lou Doll, long-time participant in musical activities at Christ Church. It was given by her sister, Virginia Hoyt, and will be much appreciated!



## Lectionary Readings for October

### October 7

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Psalm 8

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

### October 14

First Reading: 1 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

### October 21

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

### October 28

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 126

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

## B.A.S.I.C. — Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Come on Wednesday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. in the Concordia room for the October B.A.S.I.C. meeting. Lunch will be potluck. Check the Sunday bulletins for further information. Everyone is welcome! Invite a friend.

## From the Church Council

### Update for October

At this time of the season's turning, when darkness and coolness arrive earlier with each evening, Max reflected on the grace we find through service and learning. He read from a poem of Wendell Berry that encourages us to "learn by little the desire for all things," which we ultimately discover are ultimately grounded in God's creation.

We received several updates. The Executive Committee has been interviewing several highly qualified applicants for the Office Administrator and Children's Ministry Director positions. It is hoped that these positions will be filled in early- to mid-October. Council expressed gratitude for the great response we've seen to these open positions and for the congregation's continued support for these investments in our life together.

We received an update on plans to host members of the *Sophienkirchgemeinde*, Pastor Helge and Anke Voigt's congregation in Leipzig, Germany. Council approved the planning committee's recommendation to provide up to \$2,500 to help support their 10-day visit, during October 6-15. We look forward to continuing this exchange of faith and mission.

### [Untitled] by Wendell Berry

Learn by little the desire for all things  
which perhaps is not desire at all  
but undying love which perhaps  
is not love at all but gratitude  
for the being of all things which  
perhaps is not gratitude at all  
but the maker's joy in what is made,  
the joy in which we come to rest.



**Don't forget to direct  
Choice Dollars®**

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If you accumulate Choice Dollars, please consider directing yours toward Christ Church Lutheran.

So far in 2018, Christ Church Lutheran has received \$6,471 through the Thrivent Choice® program. Many thanks!

## Save the Dates

### All Saints Day — Sunday, November 4

Come to remember and to give thanks. We will light candles in remembrance of all who have died, and read the names and ring a bell for each member and beloved one who has died this past year. Scripture readings will offer comfort and hope. And we will feast at the Lord's Table with all the saints. Mark your calendars and come to this All Saints special service.

### Stewardship brunch — Sunday, October 21, following worship

Watch Sunday bulletins and emails for information about this wonderful event and plan to come!

## Courier Closeup — Howard Polsfuss

This month Closeup features Howard Polsfuss who has been a member of Christ Church Lutheran for 91 years!

### When did you start attending Christ Church Lutheran and what brought you here?

I go way back! My parents were very active at the very beginning of the church. My Uncle William was a charter member. I was born in 1927 and Reverend Deckman, the first long-serving senior pastor, baptized me. I've been a member ever since. I met my wife Erla in confirmation class. Phyllis Dunstone was also in that class, I've known her since kindergarten.

### Do you live in the neighborhood?

I now live in Nokomis Square cooperative south of Minnehaha Parkway. For the first eight years of my life we lived next door to the house that Pastor Farlee lives in now, just south of Lake Street. We have lived in the area my whole life.

### What about our church keeps you coming back?

I have a long history at Christ Church Lutheran. I went to Sunday school with about 250 other kids! I was confirmed here in 1941. Erla and I were married in the Parish hall in 1949. Our three children were baptized here. We spent 60 years singing in the choir! We never considered going anywhere else.

### Do you have any stories to tell about your time here or about events or activities you have been involved in?

I have served on almost every board in the church. I always felt I took away more than I gave from those experiences. Erla and I were co-chairs for the South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels for about 20 years. I think this gave me the most personal satisfaction, directly helping people. There have been six senior pastors

and five choir directors during my time, all hard-working, dedicated people. I played basketball and softball with people like Bill Dunstone and Cliff Siewert. We lost many good friends when the church split from the Missouri Synod in the late 1970s. That was heart-wrenching. But overall, it's all been a wonderful experience.

### How does Christ Church Lutheran help you live and share your faith?

Church has always been a big and important part of my life all of my life, so helpful to me in good times and bad. If I miss my worship service I really miss it.

### What do you do when you're not in church?

I went to the University of Minnesota and got a BA degree. I worked in human resources for Rayette corporation for six years. Then I worked as a sales manager for a smaller company, Warner Tool, for 35 years.

### What can you tell us about yourself that we may not have known?

When I became a vice president of Warner, I did a lot of traveling throughout the United States and Europe. We even went to New Zealand and Australia. Erla went with me. It was a lot of fun!

### Do you have anything else to share?

I started Tai Chi a year ago and I've really enjoyed it. I feel it's been beneficial both from a health and spiritual standpoint

*"Closeup" is a Courier feature to help us get better acquainted with our fellow members. If you would like to share your story in "Closeup," call Donna Lindberg at 651.552.8499.*



## Sanctuary Roof Update

A crew-and-a-half worked hard to get our roofing project mostly finished as quickly as possible. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make this project go as smoothly as possible, particularly Bob Davis who was on site daily, overseeing the project. We were blessed with almost two weeks of good weather, which helped the roofers do their work. The finishing work will be completed soon. We are grateful for the Legacy Grant from the State of Minnesota that we received through the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran, and for the match of that grant through our Second Century Campaign.



*A sea of plastic protects the sanctuary during the roofing project.*



*Crane dumping white gravel on the roof for less heat gain during the summer.*



*Church Custodian, Chuck Merrell recycles aluminum and copper.*

## **October Forums**

### **October 7 — Planned Giving Colin Watkins**

Join Christ Church member Colin Watkins for a forum where we will learn about how you can give to the Christ Church Lutheran endowment fund with a planned gift. Colin will talk about why planned giving is good for the financial health of the endowment fund and our congregation's mission and future; lay out strategies for making planned gifts; and help you understand which of those strategies is the best option for you. Come and learn!

Colin Watkins has served on our Church Council, has served as Co-Treasurer with Melody Pauling, and is a member of the Endowment Committee.

### **October 14 — Poverty Rev. Ron Johnson**

It is almost certain that people attending this forum know of poverty only from a rather safe distance. We read reports of people in various parts of the world living on less than \$1.00 per day, with resources too modest to permit a healthy diet, adequate shelter and access to medical care. It is, however, not only in distant places that poverty thrives. It is present in this country and city. One need only drive along Hiawatha Avenue at about 26th Street to see a tent city. The causes of poverty, whether worldwide or in our community, are many and often complex. But in this presentation, Ron Johnson will argue that poverty need not be permanent. There are solutions. An essential requirement is the exercise of moral and political "will."

Ron Johnson, a member of Christ Church and resident of the Longfellow neighborhood, is a retired Lutheran pastor. He is a former pastor of neighboring Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

### **October 21 — Stewardship Brunch**

See the bulletin for information about this wonderful event! Plan to come!

### **October 28 — Voices of Hope: Singing for Transformation Siri Caltvedt**

Voices of Hope is the choir program for women incarcerated at Minnesota Correctional Facility-Shakopee. Christ Church Lutheran member Siri Caltvedt has been involved in the program since July 2017, evolving her role from "Outside" Singer to Voice Class Instructor. Learn, laugh, cry, and sing about incarceration in America, issues particular to women's incarceration, and the transformative role the choir plays in the lives of all participants.

Siri Caltvedt received her Master in Music in Voice and Piano Performance from the University of South Dakota. She runs her own music lesson business just a zig and a zag from Christ Church Lutheran and is active as a soprano in the Twin Cities.

## Breathing New Life Into the Song of Christ

World renowned organist, Dr. Martin Jean, played to a full house for the dedicatory organ recital on Sunday, September 30th. Over 250 people joined us in celebrating this momentous occasion. Martin Jean opened the recital with a few remarks, including sharing his impressions of what it meant to be in, and perform in, such a historic landmark. The program, which was recorded, included works from a range of composers including J.S. Bach, Paul Manz and our very own Robert Farlee. The final piece on the program also include a solo by Christ Church member Siri Caltvedt.



# The Little COURIER

*Jesus said, "Let the children come!"  
At Christ Church Lutheran, we welcome  
children and their families to the font, to  
the table, and to worship.*

*Children's Ministry at Christ Church Lutheran—October 2018*

## **Come to Sunday School! For all children ages 3 and up!**

On Sunday, September 23, our Sunday School education program started up again for this new school year, with Godly Play in the Blue Room for children ages 3 – 6/7, and Spark! for children ages 6/7 and up.

### **Godly Play**

Godly Play is a wonderful curriculum that tells a Bible story each week to the children, with visual aids that help the story come to life for them. They wonder together about it after hearing it. And then they participate in activities related to Bible stories that are meaningful to them.

### **Spark!**

Spark! is a curriculum that uses the readings we hear in worship on a Sunday morning and involves the children in discussion and activities that help these readings relate to their lives.

*If you have questions about these programs, or want to enroll your child in Sunday School, speak to Pastor Carlson or call the church office. We encourage all children to come!*

*We are very grateful to the teachers who teach our children well! If you are interested in helping or teaching in a classroom, speak to Pastor Carlson or call the church office.*



**Soon you will be hearing about a new Children's Ministry Director! We will announce this in worship as soon as we can. An exciting year lies ahead for Children's Ministry at Christ Church Lutheran.**

# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Preservat, Property	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Stwrdsph	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00am Finnish Language School; 6:00pm Leipzig guests arrive
<b>7 Sunday</b> 9:30am Eucharist •	Sunday School •	Forum •	11:15am German Host	Orientation		
	<b>8</b> Leipzig group in town	<b>9</b> 4:30pm - 6:30pm Happy Hour with the Leipzig guests; 7:00pm Preservat, Property	<b>10</b> 10:00am Stationry; Leipzig group in town	<b>11</b> Safe House Meal; 5:30pm Executive; 7:00pm Choir; 7:30pm Project Mngmnt; Leipzig group in town	<b>12</b> Leipzig group in town	<b>13</b> Leipzig group in town
<b>14 Sunday</b> 9:30am Eucharist •	Sunday School •	Forum •	11:00 a.m. Docent-led	building tour		
	<b>15</b> Leipzig guests de- part; Couri- er deadline	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Endowment	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00am Finnish School
<b>21 Sunday</b> 9:30am Eucharist •	Stewardship Brunch •	7:00pm FCCL Board				
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00am - 3:00pm Beer Club
<b>28 Sunday</b> 9:30am Eucharist •	Sunday School •	Forum				
	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:00am BASIC			