

**Welcome to the Light**

**MAY 2010**  
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**Worship Services**

9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Ascension Day worship service at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 13

**Education**

An education hour for all ages follows at 11:00 a.m. through May 23.

**Life Together**

*by Pastor Kristine Carlson*

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!*

What remarkable worship we had during the Triduum (the Three Days) and on Easter Day! There are so many thanks to extend—for visible leadership, as well as for behind-the-scenes labor:

Thanks to everyone who led in worship—assisting ministers, lectors, acolytes, ushers and greeters. Thanks to our faithful Altar Guild that helped with everything from foot washing on Maundy Thursday to three communion services in four days.

Thanks to our choir that sang such a wonderful range of music; to the special brass group organized by Roger Gomoll for Easter Day that played everything from a new Easter carol by Pastor Robert Farlee to the *Hallelujah Chorus* by Handel; and to flutist Liz Gomoll for lovely descants in our singing. Thanks to our cantors, Pastors Farlee and Seltz, for their inspired guidance and musical leadership in all our worship.

Thanks to the team—led by Vicar Gretchen Pierskalla—that decorated our sanctuary in beautiful Easter gold and yellow and white, and to everyone who gave gifts for flowers and forsythia. Thanks to Phyllis Mattill who oversaw the details of every worship service and to Vicar Pierskalla who organized so many special details for these days.

Thanks to Joanne Seltz, Mary Bode, custodian Chuck Merrell and crew that set up and hosted such lovely receptions in the atrium—after the Easter Vigil and, again, after Easter morning worship. People stayed and stayed, not wanting to leave the beauty of the space, food and fellowship.

Thanks to Pastor Farlee for so many remarkable original musical offerings and for the beautiful bulletins.

Thanks to Chuck Merrell for his selfless, hard work and to David Kutzbach, who assisted him.


Thanks to everyone who came to worship, who invited people to worship—what a journey we had together from death to life. We are now on the other side of the tomb and all that is death in our lives is transformed to life. Thanks be to God.

We look ahead to the coming of the promised Holy Spirit on Pentecost (May 23—wear red to celebrate); to Christ's Ascension (Thursday worship on May 13 at 11:30 a.m., followed by a spring lunch and program); and to Easter worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. As your pastor, I value so much how worship is at the heart of our life together. It is where we find our center, where we find life and food for living. See you there. Bring a friend! People are hungry for such good things.

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## Announcements

### Plant Distribution and Sales

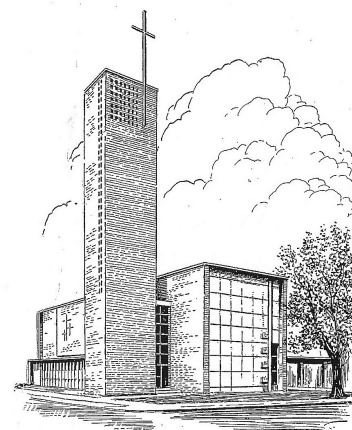
On Sunday, May 16, please pick up your pre-ordered plants and consider an additional purchase. Extra plants will be offered for sale. Help support our youth!



### Courier Deadline

The submission deadline for the June edition of the *Courier* is **May 15**.

Please submit content to the church office or to Jan Radloff at: [jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us).



## The Vicar's View

by Vicar Gretchen Pierskalla

During my vicarage, I have been learning about homelessness or, more specifically, about youth homelessness in Minneapolis and St. Paul. I knew about homeless youth in Seattle and New York, but had no idea there were homeless youth here, too. It is devastating and amazing to hear what some people live through.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) homeless youth programs offer a continuum of holistic services in order to help youth get off the streets and into a safe environment. LSS strives to make certain these youth know they are important and cared for. Their facilities offer a place for Minnesota's homeless youth to turn for safety, dignity and hope.

This past winter, our "blanket project" at CCL included making fleece blankets for Safe House, an LSS overnight youth shelter for single youth ages 16 to 20. Here are two more ways you can learn more and be part of the solution during the month of May:

1. Take a tour of Safe House on Wednesday, May 4, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
2. Attend an LSS-hosted fundraising breakfast to benefit homeless youth on Wednesday, May 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. There is no cost to attend and no minimum contribution required.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending either of these events.

God's work. Our hands.

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## Youth Homelessness

The Lutheran Social Services website cites the following:

According to Wilder Research, young people unaccompanied by parents face multiple challenges:

- 34% of youth said that neglect from parents played a role in their homelessness
- 49% of youth said they suffer from mental health problems
- More than half said they have experienced physical or sexual abuse

## Readings and Psalms

Date: **May 2**

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: 148

Second Lesson: Rev 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Date: **May 9**

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Second Lesson: Rev 21:10, 22—22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29 *or* John 5:1-9\*

Date: **May 13** – *Ascension of Our Lord*

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: 47 *or* 93

Second Lesson: Eph 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Date: **May 16**

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm: 97

Second: Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Date: **May 23** – *Day of Pentecost*

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 *or* Gen 11:1-9\*

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b

Second Lesson: Rom 8:14-17 *or*

Acts 2:1-21\*

Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Date: **May 30** – *The Holy Trinity*

First Lesson: Prov 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: 8

Second Lesson: Rom 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Date: **June 6**

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Psalm: 30

Second Lesson: Gal 1:11-24

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

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

## Parish News

### Senior Youth Group Plant Sale

Didn't submit your plant order on time? Need more plants to fill in your garden or pots? Want to help the senior youth group earn their way to Chicago in June? Here's your second chance...

On Sunday, May 16, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., come to the Christ Church courtyard to purchase plants. Thrivent is no longer offering matching funds, so our youth group will not receive the \$500 we usually earn. This year, your purchase is especially important to us!

– Luann Skrivseth

### Retirees

In lieu of our regular meeting, come to the Ascension Day service on May 13 at 11:30 a.m., followed by a spring brunch and entertainment in the Concordia room (freewill donation). Everyone is welcome, including friends!

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

*I know God won't give me anything  
I can't handle. I just wish He didn't  
trust me so much.*

– Mother Teresa

# Happy Birthday to You!

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

5/2 Cliff Siewert  
5/10 Tillie Wiklander  
5/12 Elias Selden, Patricia Solie  
5/15 Eb Revsbeck  
5/18 Anders Carlson-Wee, Shay Roberts  
5/20 Bill Dunstone, Ardell Rogers  
5/22 Dick Gliem, Donna Torgerson  
5/24 Tony Girard  
5/26 Stephanie Gustafson, Marilu Peters and  
Jeff Sutherland  
5/27 Jennifer Sutherland  
5/28 Christian Bergsrud  
5/30 Harriet Rabe

## 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.

May 2 – Pastor Kristine Carlson will share stories and perspectives about her January trip to the Holy Land. Hopefully, she'll have photos to share, too! (She's still working on that PowerPoint!)

May 9 and 16 – Dr. Sarah Henrichs, New Testament professor from Luther Seminary, continues her Bible study series on the Book of Acts and the early church.

May 23 – Dr. John Ferguson, the Elliot & Klara Stockdal Johnson professor of organ and church music, and minister of music to the student congregation, St. Olaf College, will talk with us about the organ that has been offered to us by the Holtkamp Organ Company in Cleveland, Ohio—an organ that Dr. Ferguson has played and knows well.

May 30 – Due to the Memorial Day weekend, there will not be a forum or Sunday school.

## Preschool News

by Stephanie Gustafson



The chickies have hatched and are growing quickly! Come see them before they leave for their new home.

The school year is almost over. Watch our classroom and courtyard garden blossom with color before we leave for the summer.

Registration is now open for the CCL summer program and the preschool 2010/2011 school year. Tell your friends and neighbors!

Visit [www.christchurchluth.org/preschool](http://www.christchurchluth.org/preschool) for more information.

### Reminder: Mother's Day is May 9

From the book *The Wisdom of Children: A Book of Quotes from and About Kids*, edited by Carol Key-Gangi: *Mothers are like water; they help you grow. Without them, you would wither and die, but too much water will always kill a flower.*

— Cassie, age 16

## Helping Hands

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

### May and June 2010

Nancy Foley  
Melody Pauling  
Elizabeth Pinske  
Howard & Erla Polsfuss  
Ardell Rogers  
Joanne & Martin Seltz  
Gary & Luann Skrivseth  
and family

Patricia Solie  
Dick & Elayne Strom  
Robert Swanson  
Avis & Don Swenson  
Eleanor Uglum  
Gary & Janice Wahlstrom  
Evelyn & Wally Wermager

## Youth Corner

by Luann Skrivseth

### Senior Youth Group (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

**Plant sale:** Plants will be delivered to CCL on Saturday, May 15. Please plan to be at church by 10:00 a.m. I'll bring donuts! I need everyone here to help separate orders. Bring your parents, too. The plant sale and distribution will be on Sunday, May 16. Plan to be at church by 9:30 a.m. for the plant set-up.

**Mini-golf:** After our hard weekend of work selling plants, let's go play mini-golf. Right after the plant sale on Sunday, May 16, we'll head to the Centennial Lakes putting course for 18 holes. Bring \$8.00.

### Junior Youth Group

**Movie night:** Friday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

### Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday school for the current school year on is May 23.

## Thank You Note

Alleluia *à la mode* and the Easter brunch were appreciated by all. Special thanks to Joanne Seltz and the Hospitality Committee.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed pies and to Don Wallman for the breakfast eggs.

— Mary Bode

## Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2010

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary*

**Education:** Forty-five youth attended the lock-in; pancake fundraiser brought in \$250; Souper Bowl - \$382; money was given to Minnehaha Food Shelf. Youth going to Izaty's third weekend in March. Adult forum planning has been given to the Education Board; they are looking for suggestions for adult forum topics.

**Mission:** Working on pew cards.

**Transformational Ministry:** Arts program is scheduled for April 24. Three different artists will be teaching classes; congregation is invited.

**Stewardship:** Discussed role of the stewardship committee and goals for 2010; Zaccheus Ministry; Frequent-Giver-Letter; prayerful support for Save America's Treasures grant. Will follow up with the suggestion to share stewardship committee role with other Longfellow parishes. Lynn Larson has been writing *Courier* articles to broaden stewardship beyond financial giving.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stephanie O. has been helping out. Christmas gift checks were given to staff. Bank statements will be reconciled. Melody Pauling will have a QuickBooks report for the next council meeting. Melody has been contacting other churches, asking how they handle their accounting.

**Save America's Treasures (SAT) Grant:** Will Stark attended the council meeting—emphasized the need of the council to understand the obligations of the congregation to follow the terms of the grant. Motion carried to ask the Property Committee to submit a written high-level timeline regarding repair of the tower. Discussed the hiring process for a grant administrator. Motion carried to set up a task force consisting of Pastor Carlson, Kevin Olsen and a member of the property committee to find and contract with a grant administrator.

**Fundraising Recommendation:** Reviewed a February recommendation from the Friends of CCL and the CCL Preservation and Property Committee—motion carried to accept the recommendation. A congregation meeting is needed (scheduled for April 18) to ask for approval to raise money to match the SAT grant.

**Capital Campaign:** Reviewed the resume of a possible consultant for the Capital Campaign. CCL and Friends of CCL will work together on a common campaign. Need to begin the fundraising campaign before summer. Vision and strategies will be presented to the congregation at the April 18 meeting.

**Council Leadership Retreat:** Kevin Olsen provided a summary of the February 21 retreat.

**Organ Proposal:** Pastor Carlson reported that both members and non-members have asked for more details regarding the organ; looking for guidance on how to proceed.

**Church Check Signers:** Council approved Gene Bruss, Kevin Olsen, Melody Pauling and Jan Radloff.

**Pastor Carlson's Report** (submitted in writing): Contextual student, Stephanie Vos, from Luther Seminary will be spending 10 hours per week at CCL, attending worship and singing in the choir. She will be at CCL throughout the summer. Bob Lestico's memorial service was well received. Several people have expressed interest in having the same kind of funeral service. Presided at the burial of Mark Williams at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Attended the board meeting of the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission in Chicago. Lenten midweek worship theme is "Sabeel, Jesus is Our Way and Our Water Along the Way." Pastor thanked the congregation leaders—especially Pastor Robert Farlee, Mary Bode, Chuck Merrill and David Kutzbach—for all their hard work on Sunday, March 7, for the Service of Peace and subsequent program in honor of the visit by the former President of Finland, Martti Ahtisaari.

**Vicar Pierskalla's Report** (submitted in writing): Preached at mid-week Lenten services; provided pastoral care with home and hospital visits; led opening devotions and attended several CCL meetings; prepared Sunday bulletins; taught adult Bible study; attended Spring Assembly Conference, Longfellow Lutheran Parish meetings. Had vacation time in February.



# May 2010

## Christ Church Lutheran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 10:00 AM Finnish School
<b>2</b> 9:30 AM <b>Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Ed. Hour/ Bldg. Tour	<b>3</b>  No Preschool	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Communic. Committee  7:00 PM Common Committees	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  7:00 PM Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  9:00 AM FCCL Board Retreat
<b>9</b> Mother's Day  9:30 AM <b>Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Education Hour	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Executive Committee  7:30 PM Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Ascension Day 11:30 AM <b>Eucharist</b> 12:30 PM Lunch 7:00 PM Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Finnish School  Submission deadline for June <i>Courier</i>
<b>16</b> 9:30 AM <b>Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Education Hour	<b>17</b>  Meals-on- Wheels delivered Mon.–Fri.	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Stationery	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7:00 PM Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 AM <b>Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Education Hour	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM FCCL Board Mtg.	<b>26</b> No Retirees - Come to Ascension Day Worship and Lunch	<b>27</b>  No choir	<b>28</b>  Last day of Preschool	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 AM <b>Eucharist</b>	<b>31</b> Memorial Day  Office closed					

Sr. Youth will distribute plant orders on Sunday, May 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## Christ Church Lutheran

### Volunteer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services (9:30 a.m.) and Ascension Day (11:30 a.m.)

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
<b>May 2</b>	Phyllis Mattill	Donna Torgerson	Simo Sarkanen	Dick Gliem	Patty Story	Melody Pauling	Luann Skrivseth
	Gretchen Pierskalla	Donna Gawreluk		Doris Gliem	Heather Weimer		
		Gretchen Pierskalla			Allison Weimer		
		Chuck Merrell					
<b>May 9</b>	Mary Bode	Heather Weimer	Todd Schoenike	Jeanne Anderson	Loren Wiklander	Ginny Buegel	Traci Boser
	Phyllis Mattill	Allison Weimer		Fred Bentz	Kinzie Wiklander		
		Phyllis Mattill					
		Melody Pauling					
<b>May 13</b>	Gretchen Pierskalla	Phyllis Mattill	John Buegel	Dick Gliem			
	Lucille Buelow	John Buegel		Doris Gliem			
	Gretchen Pierskalla	Kelly Brandon	Lynn Larson	Dave Kutzbach	Bob Swenson	Phyllis Dunstone	Patty Story
	Donna Gawreluk	Kinzie Wiklander		Dick Thompson	Ute Swenson		
<b>May 16</b>		Phyllis Mattill			Avis Swenson		
		Gene Bruss					
		Donna Torgerson	Marni Schmidt	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders	Howard Polsfuss	Marni Schmidt
		Phyllis Mattill		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		
<b>May 23</b>	Gretchen Pierskalla	Gretchen Pierskalla					
		Melody Pauling					
		Chuck Merrell					
		Sami Hoss	John Buegel	Dick Gliem	Howard Polsfuss	Kay Madson	Dori Brandon
<b>May 30</b>	Jason Bergquist	Andy Hokkanen		Doris Gliem	Erla Polsfuss		
	Phyllis Mattill	Phyllis Mattill			Robert Swanson		
		Gene Bruss					
		Donna Torgerson	Paul Hanson	Dave Kutzbach	Kevin Olsen	Chuck Merrell	Ute Swenson
<b>June 6</b>	Gretchen Pierskalla	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Will Stark		
	Jason Bergquist						