

Welcome to the Light

Life Together

by Pastor Kristine Carlson

Dear Friends,

A new person is coming to be part of our community for the summer! His name is Kyle Svingen—a senior next year at St. Olaf College. Kyle will be our summer vocational Intern. From June 15–August 22, he will be working full-time at Christ Church Lutheran as part of the ministry staff. He comes at no cost to the congregation, except some supervisory time from me. He’s a wonderful person with much to share—energy, talents and help with our outreach ministry.

I want you to know, briefly, the story of how we got connected with the summer vocational internship program. We were approached this spring by St. Olaf College to see if we would be interested in applying to this program. Some years ago, they received a grant—more than a million dollars—to fund five students in five congregations each summer. This helps the students discern their calling and helps congregations with their ministries. I filled out an application and—the long and the short of it is—we were chosen! Another congregation participating for the first time this year is our neighbor, Holy Trinity Lutheran. The five students will be housed at Luther Seminary and mentored by Dr. Randy Nelson, a retired professor from Luther and a member of Holy Trinity. I will serve as Kyle’s supervisor.

We will welcome Kyle at our worship service on June 20. Throughout the summer, we will have a chance to get to know one another well. He will help our congregation—particularly in our ministry of community outreach. This is another exciting development in our life together. Thank you for our rich, grace-filled partnership in ministry. It is a joy and privilege for me to be your pastor.

Reaching New Heights

Save the date for a celebration to kick off the Christ Church tower restoration campaign:

Sunday, June 20
from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

There will be a picnic style, “launch lunch” (free-will offering to defer the cost). All are invited! You are needed to make this campaign a success. Come to the kick-off for more information.

This is not a checkbook event, but a celebration.



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Worship Services


9:30 a.m. each
Sunday

Adult Forums

11:00 a.m. each
Sunday

(The last day of Sunday school was May 23. It will resume again in the fall.)

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	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday–Friday	
	Worship	
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour for all ages follows at 11:00 a.m.	
	Contacts	
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Council		
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Elders' Board		
Ute Swenson, Bob Swenson and Paul Hanson		

Announcements

Celebratory Lunch

Help us kick off the tower restoration campaign on Sunday, June 20, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

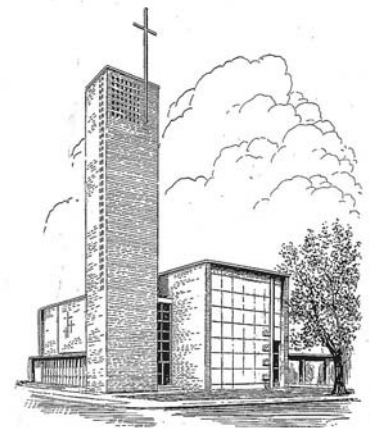
Summer Vocational Intern

Kyle Svingen, a senior next year at St. Olaf College, will be our summer vocational Intern.

Courier Deadline

The submission deadline for the July edition of the *Courier* is **June 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

This is my first *Courier* article since being elected president of the congregation. Thank you for this honor. Also, I want to thank Kay Madson for her outstanding leadership these past two years.

A lot has happened since taking office in February. In April, the congregation approved a \$200,000 fundraising campaign, which includes:

- \$160,000 to match the Save America's Treasures grant to repair the tower and
- \$40,000 for future projects, including a study of what do with the courtyard

We have engaged the services of Elaine Weber Nelson as consultant to help with organizing the fundraising campaign. Several members of our congregation are members of the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran. This group is also doing a fundraising campaign and is working with us, sharing the services of the consultant, using the same materials, and meeting jointly with members of our congregation on the fundraising committee. The Friends of Christ Church Lutheran have offered to pay for one-half the cost of the consultant. This is a wonderful gift to the congregation. I personally want to thank them for doing this.

We plan to launch our campaign in June and hope to have it completed in August. It will be a busy summer. I will try to keep you informed via the *Courier* each month.

Remember Father's Day on June 20

Sonora Dodd first had the idea of a "father's day" while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. She wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, who was a Civil War veteran. Smart was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child.

President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924. Then, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. President Richard Nixon signed the law in 1972, which finally made it permanent.

Source: Website of <http://wilstar.com>.

Readings and Psalms

Date: **June 6**

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Psalm: 30

Second Lesson: Gal 1:11-24

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Date: **June 13**

First Lesson: 2 Sam 11:26—12:10, 13-15

Psalm: 32

Second Lesson: Gal 2:15-21

Gospel: Luke 7: 36—8:3

Date: **June 20**

First Lesson: Isa 65:1-9

Psalm: 22:19-28

Second Lesson: Gal 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Date: **June 27**

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm: 16

Second Lesson: Gal 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

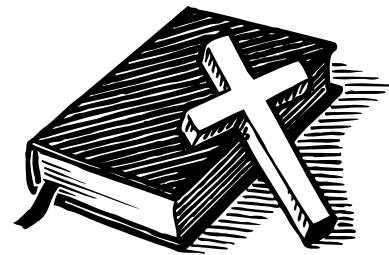
Date: **July 4**

First Lesson: Isa 66:10-14

Psalm: 66:1-9

Second Lesson: Gal 6:[1-6] 7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



Parish News

Baptisms

Baptized on April 18:

- Caleb Edwin Jenkins-Buegel, son of Ted Buegel and Amanda Jenkins; Caleb's sponsors are Wayne and Cheryl Jenkins and James Brandt
- Riley Marie Jenkins, daughter of John Cusick and Chelsey Jenkins; Riley's sponsors are Ted Buegel and Amanda Jenkins

Baptized on April 25:

- Giselle Myra Schoenike, daughter of Scott and Annie (Pedersen) Schoenike; Giselle's sponsors are Steve and Cheryl Baumer

Memorial Service

Florence Veith died on May 4. Her memorial service was held May 22 with Pastor Carlson officiating.

Retirees

We will meet on the **fourth Wednesday—June 23**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Stephanie Gustafson will help us make cards for our CCL friends who can't be with us. Lunch will follow. Please bring a cold dish to share, such as a salad or dessert. Everyone is welcome!

— Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Longfellow Parish News

What: Vacation Church School
Where: Holy Trinity
When: July 14–17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
No registration cost.

The theme is "God Makes a World," taking children on a journey through the story of creation found in the first chapter of Genesis. All children ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome!

Happy Birthday to You!

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

6/3	Clyde Hanson
6/5	John Buegel, Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
6/7	Amanda Girard
6/8	Janet Moede, Pearl Foss
6/10	Melody Pauling
6/12	David Polsfuss
6/14	Julie Brandon
6/15	June Johnson
6/16	Allan Mahnke
6/17	Myrtie Trudeau
6/19	Matt Reiger
6/20	Roger Gomoll
6/21	Lynn Speiker
6/24	Marjorie Meffert,
6/25	Ken Schoenike
6/26	Jim Strom
6/27	Gregory Tindell, Sami Hoss
6/29	Paul Flanders

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	Patricia Solie
Melody Pauling	Dick & Elayne Strom
Elizabeth Pinske	Robert Swanson
Howard & Erla Polsfuss	Avis & Don Swenson
Ardell Rogers	Eleanor Uglum
Joanne & Martin Seltz	Gary & Janice Wahlstrom
Gary & Luann Skrivseth and family	Evelyn & Wally Wermager

Preschool News

by Stephanie Gustafson

Register now for summer classes for preschoolers, occurring July 5–30, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Each week features a different topic. Adult volunteer opportunities are also available.

Also consider registering now for 2010-2011 preschool class! With experienced staff, we have provided 37 years of quality education for preschoolers.

For more information and/or an application form for the summer program, call the church office or visit www.christchurchluth.org/preschool.

Adult Forum Schedule

When: Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
All are welcome! Come and grow in faith and life.

June 6

Senator John Marty will speak about health care.

June 13

Pastor Kristine Carlson and our cantors, Pastor Robert Farlee and Pastor Martin Seltz, will speak about *The Psalms: In Our Worship, In Our Life Together*. Read the book on the Psalms by Dietrich Bonhoeffer that was given out in April. If you need a copy, call the church office. (The title of Bonhoeffer's book is: *Psalms—The Prayer Book of the Bible*. It is published by Augsburg Fortress.)

June 20

Come to the "launch lunch" of our fundraising campaign, *Reaching New Heights*. Also, meet our summer vocational intern, Kyle Svingen.

June 27

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ordinations of our cantors, Pastor Martin Seltz and Pastor Robert Farlee.

Youth Corner

by Luann Skrivseth

Senior Youth Group (8th grade and up)

Trip to Chicago

Our plant sale is over and I am tallying up the amount we earned. Looks like it's time for our summer trip and, this year, we have picked Chicago. We will be staying downtown, near the Navy Pier, Michigan Avenue and Millennium Park. It's going to be great!



Chicago is jam-packed full of things to see. We hope to visit Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, Adler Planetarium and the John Hancock Observatory. Of course, Chicago is also known for its restaurants! How about a Chicago hot dog, deep dish pizza or Italian beef sandwich?

Hopefully, we will have earned enough to do it all. Bring good walking shoes, as we will be on our feet all day. We leave early on Saturday, June 12, and return Tuesday evening, June 15. Watch for my letter and permission slip!

Junior Youth Group

Miniature Golf and Ice Cream

When: Friday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m.
Bring \$5.00 and friends. Scholarship money is always available.



Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Education: Rita Schoenike reported that there are no high school graduates this year.

Mission: Will be making a donation to the Lake Street fire victims fund from Designation Missions; will put together an informational brochure about outreach opportunities; the website needs to be updated with the names of the organizations we support.

Property Board: Plan to jack up one of the courtyard blocks this summer and are exploring different options for installing a light over the second door into the courtyard.

Stewardship: Working on reminders for the congregation to remember CCL in estate planning and plans for acknowledging donations and memorials; agreed on a letter for non-members who contribute frequently. There is a Longfellow Parish joint stewardship event in May.

Communications: Working on the CCL website, new note cards with the CCL logo and new pew cards (along with the Mission committee). *Courier* will have its own page on the website. Due to privacy concerns, there is the need to be careful regarding information that is included in the *Courier*. CCL youth will have a full page on the website. Working on three identities of CCL to go with our mission statement.

Treasurer's Report: Melody requested \$1,000 for training and accounting help to learn QuickBooks. She has been in contact with an accountant, Cheryl Davis, who was recommended by Ted Contag's office. Motion made and approved to allocate \$1,000 for 12.5 hours of accounting help and training. Kevin Olsen reported that the first quarter offerings were \$74,749.50. This amount included donations to the tower repair and carillon funds.

Committee night treats are assigned as follows: Property (May); Stewardship (June); Education (July); Mission (August); Council (September).

Sunday Morning Sign-Up Sheet: Melody is the only council member signed up at this time (June). There was a suggestion that perhaps the ushers could be asked to lock the education building doors.

Organ: There seems to be interest in pursuing the organ project. Someone has offered a fair amount of money toward the organ fund. John Ferguson, director of organ music at St. Olaf College, will speak at the adult forum on May 23. He is familiar with the Holtcamp organ and it was his suggestion that this organ would work well for Christ Church.

Tower Fundraising: At the congregation meeting on April 14, the voters will be asked to approve four items. Motion by Gary Gustafson, second by Kevin Olsen, that the council approves bringing the four proposals to the congregation to be voted on individually. Motion carried.

We have a proposal from the consultant; Friends of CCL will pay one-half and the congregation to pay one-half of the consultant cost. Kevin Olsen, Vicar Pierskalla and Gene Bruss have agreed to serve on the fundraising committee and will make a formal request to Friends. Motion by Kevin Olsen; second by Dan Mueller to ask Friends to pay one-half the cost of the fundraiser consultant position. Motion carried.

The property board will work with the architects to avoid duplication of work. Motion: To approve the proposal for grant administrator with the scope of work directed with cooperation of the property board following the duties and tasks listed on the proposal. Motion carried.

Pastor Carlson was attending a conference in Valparaiso, Indiana, so she was unable to attend the meeting.

Vicar Pierskalla's Report: Activities during the Lenten season included worship services, preaching and coordinating the Easter flowers. She will leave notes regarding the flower set-up for next year. Stated that there will be a stewardship event offered to the Longfellow parish and other Lutheran churches regarding stewardship/annual pledge campaign. Worked with transformational ministry for the April 24 event.



June 2010

Christ Church Lutheran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Communic. & Common Committees	2	3 7:00 PM Longfellow Lutheran Parish	4	5
6 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Adult Forum with Senator John Marty	7	8 6:30 PM Executive Committee 7:30 PM Council	9	10 7:00 PM Fundraising Committee	11	12 <i>Sr. Youth Leave for Chicago</i>
13 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Forum with Pr. Carlson & Pr. Farlee— "Psalms in Our Worship"	14 <i>FLAG DAY</i> 	15 9:00 AM Stationery <i>Sr. Youth Return from Chicago</i>	16	17 7:00 PM Fundraising Committee	18 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal	19 3:00 PM Wedding— Stephanie Randall & Adam Livingston
20 <i>FATHER'S DAY</i> 9:30 AM Eucharist 10:45 AM Fundraising Launch	21 <i>SUMMER BEGINS</i>	22 7:00 PM FCCL Board	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 AM Eucharist	28	29	30			

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
June 6	Gretchen Pierskalla Jason Bergquist	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Paul Hanson	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	Chuck Merrell	Ute Swenson
June 13	Mary Bode Phyllis Mattill	Sami Hoss Andy Hokkanen	Simo Sarkanen	Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis	Loren Wiklander Kinzie Wiklander	Juanita Burke	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
June 20	Simo Sarkanen Jan Radloff	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Lynn Larson	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Melody Pauling	Marni Schmidt
June 27	Jason Bergquist	Heather Weimer	Todd Schoenike	Dick Gliem	Howard Polsfuss Erla Polsfuss	Ginny Buegel	Luann Skrivseth
	Phyllis Mattill	Allison Weimer		Doris Gliem	Robert Swanson		
July 4	Gretchen Pierskalla Lucille Buelow	Phyllis Mattill Jan Radloff	Marni Schmidt	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Phyllis Dunstone	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen