



## Welcome to the Light

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**Worship Services**  
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

**Education**  
Adult forums and  
Sunday school will  
resume in September

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### How Do You Reach New Heights?

by Lynn Larson

For Christ Church, *Reaching New Heights: Match the Grant* campaign is an extraordinary, but necessary, challenge to preserve the beautiful building for the future. The previously distributed case statement explains how we can achieve the goal. The project's success depends on the efforts and contributions of many people, which is not unlike other endeavors in life.


To reach new heights on a personal level, we must often depend on others—whether willingly or grudgingly. An adult returns to college later in life, requiring the support of his or her spouse in order to do so. A sports team, facing a championship game, needs strong participation from all team members for a chance at winning. An individual trying to lose weight and improve their health benefits greatly from the encouragement of various supporters. Consider your own pursuits to reach “new heights” and what was needed to make it happen.

For my husband, Kevin, reaching new heights was a literal goal this summer. In July, he reached the summit of Mt. Rainier in Washington. It was a grueling (and rewarding) expedition, partly through ice and snow, made possible by trained guides and the cooperation of his fellow climbers. Some of the climbers decided to pull out before reaching the peak, forcing guides to accompany them back to base camp. The group was left with just enough guides to continue their quest. If one more climber pulled out, Kevin and his friends would be forced to quit, too. It took everyone's effort to stay on track, reaching the 14,410-foot summit. While this is an extreme example of reaching new heights, it further demonstrates the need for people to join together to accomplish a goal. Each participant may have a different role, but all contributions matter. The same is true for the CCL fundraising campaign.

“Reaching new heights” can be difficult and some people may question the value of attempting such feats. A poem by René Daumal, which is posted inside the “shack” that Mt. Rainier climbers use, seems to address this issue from a mountaineering perspective. However, the poem can be interpreted to mean much more: *You cannot stay on the summit forever. You have to come down again... So, why bother in the first place? Just this: what is above knows what is below, but what is below does not know what is above. One climbs, one sees. One descends, one sees no longer, but one has seen. There is an art of conducting oneself in the lower regions by the memory of what one saw higher up. When one can no longer see, one can at least still know.*

Reaching new heights enables someone to have a new perspective, showing what is possible and having an impact even after an endeavor is over.

## Contacts and Information

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	<b>Worship</b>	
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour for all ages follows at 11:00 a.m.	
	<b>Contacts</b>	
	Pastor:	Pastor Kristine Carlson
	Music:	Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee Pastor Martin Seltz
Summer Vocational Intern:	Kyle Svingen	
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Preschool:	Stephanie Gustafson	
Facilities:	Chuck Merrell	
Courier:	Lynn Larson	
<b>Officers</b>		
President:	Gene Bruss	
Vice President:	Kevin Olsen	
Secretary:	Jan Radloff	
Treasurer:	Melody Pauling	
<b>Council</b>		
Elders:	<i>To be determined</i>	
Mission:	Dan Mueller	
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Stewardship:	<i>Open</i>	
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Ute Swenson, Bob Swenson and Paul Hanson		

## Announcements

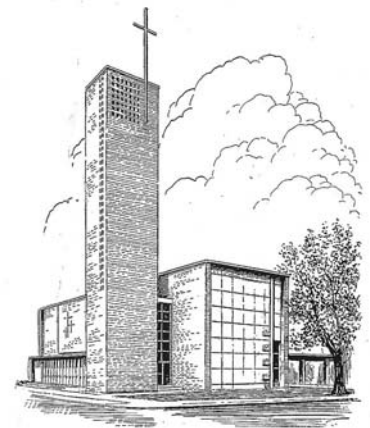
### Farewell to Kyle Svingen

Kyle's short time with us as a vocational intern is coming to an end. A farewell gathering will be held on Sunday, August 15, following the worship service.

### *Courier* Deadline

The submission deadline for the August edition of the *Courier* is **August 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).



## Meals on Wheels Needs Your Help

South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels is in a financial crisis. Right now it is approximately \$20,000 in debt. If this debt is not paid off in the next few months, it will be unable to continue.

Here is an overview of the issues:

- The cost of the meals has been increasing over the last few years and we have not increased the price of the meals enough to cover the rising cost.
- Customers receiving meals are billed at the end of each month. If they can't pay, they are usually carried for a second month. If they are unable to pay at that time, they are cut off, but Meals on Wheels has to absorb the unpaid amount.
- The only income received for the program comes from the money collected for the meals and the sponsoring church donations. We are one of 23 churches in the south Minneapolis program and are committed to provide to financial support. Donations over the last few years from these churches have decreased, further complicating the problem, as inflation and other rising costs are not offset.

Meals on Wheels is one of the most beneficial outreach programs for the disabled and aged that serve the community. It needs your financial help if it is going to be able to continue. Several members from our Christ Church retirees group have already given generously, but more is needed to reach the minimum \$1,000 each sponsoring church has been asked to contribute. Please give with your heart, as you are able, making a check payable to Christ Church with a note of "Meals on Wheels" on the memo space, placing in the collection plate or mailing to the church office.

Thank you for your consideration of this important need.

– Howard and Erla Polsfuss, coordinators

## Readings and Psalms

Date: **August 1**

First Lesson: Eccles 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm: 49:1-12

Second Lesson: Col 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Date: **August 8**

First Lesson: Gen 15:1-6

Psalm: 33:12-22

Second Lesson: Heb 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Date: **August 15**

*Mary, Mother of Our Lord*

First Lesson: Is a 61:7-11

Psalm: 34:1-9

Second Lesson: Gal 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

Date: **August 22**

First Lesson: Isa 58:9b-14

Psalm: 103:1-8

Second Lesson: Heb 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Date: **August 29**

First Lesson: Prov 25:6-7 or Sir 10:12-18\*

Psalm: 112

Second Lesson: Heb 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Date: **September 5**

First Lesson: Deut 30:15-20

Psalm: 1

Second Lesson: Philemon 1:21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



\*Contact the church office regarding which reading will be used that day.

## Retirees

Join us on Wednesday, August 25, at 11 a.m. for Bingo. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift, if you have one. A potluck lunch will follow.

Everyone is welcome!

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

## Plant Sale Results

The Senior Youth Group earned a whopping \$1,569.78 from our spring plant sale! Thank you! We also received donations from a number of church members.

The money was put to very good use during our Chicago trip in June. Our congregation members are the best.

Thank you!

– Luann Skrivseth

## Youth Corner

by Luann Skrivseth

Senior and Junior Youth Groups  
Miniature Golf and DQ

**Friday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Meet at church.

Bring \$5.00 and friends.  
Scholarship money is always  
available.

# Happy Birthday to You!

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

- 8/1 Glen Polsfuss
- 8/2 Olaf Carlson-Wee
- 8/3 Greg Madson (G.T.), Chris Schmidt
- 8/5 Kay Madson, Loren Wiklander
- 8/6 Alan Graebner
- 8/8 Linda Petro
- 8/11 Don Swenson
- 8/12 Noah Buckley-Farlee, Danielle Tucker
- 8/14 Peter Doll
- 8/15 Jan Radloff, Joanne Seltz, Karen Woestehoff
- 8/16 Gloria Johnson
- 8/17 Henry Polsfuss
- 8/21 Bernice Eisfelder, James Gawreluk
- 8/22 David Petro, Sandra Tindell
- 8/23 Roxie Bergsrud, Wally Wermager,  
Richard Thompson
- 8/25 Jamie Hembroff, Lucas Reiger
- 8/26 Terra Girard
- 8/27 Bob Swenson, Lisa Smetana
- 8/28 Henri Kukkonen
- 8/29 Luann Skrivseth
- 8/31 Gerald Girard

## Helping Hands

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

### July and August 2010

Gene Bruss	David Kutzbach
Marie Dammann	Jan Radloff
Lucille Ebel	Patty Story and family
Dick and Doris Gliem	Bob and Ute Swenson
Muriel Heller	Donna Torgerson
Michael Jefferis	Max Wipperman



## Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2010

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary*

**Education:** Board is working on Sunday school for next year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Melody Pauling is finishing QuickBooks training with Cheryl Davis; the first quarter will be completed soon after. There are adequate funds (\$38,000.00) in the checking account to pay staff. Ted Contag from Thrivent will meet with the finance committee on June 15 at 6:00 p.m.; anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

**Pastor Carlson's Report:** The fundraising effort is very gratifying. It's a great committee with a high level of commitment, having accomplished a tremendous amount in a short time. Grant consultant, Erin Coryell, has been very helpful with paperwork. The fundraising effort is now being called "Reaching New Heights: Match the Grant!" In addition, there have been more conversations and meetings about the possible organ project.

Kyle Svingen, St. Olaf College summer vocational intern, will be with us June 15–August 22; he will be using the youth office.

Florence Veith's memorial service was very moving. Aimee Appell's ordination was a rare event in the life of the congregation. Pastor thanked everyone who worked hard in preparing for the occasion. Pastor attended Aimee's graduation and said that Aimee was selected to receive the preaching award (an award which Pastor Carlson received when she graduated from seminary).

Looking ahead, there will be more of the same: fundraising efforts, organ project, preschool, etc. Pastor will be attending the PEW (Partners for Evangelism Worship) in Houston June 21–24 and will be preaching at the opening event. Pastor Seltz and Pastor Farlee are also attending.

**Vicar Pierskalla's Report:** Vicar Pierskalla reported that it is a challenge to be winding down when things are ramping up. Her last Sunday at CCL will be July 11. She will be traveling to Holden Village with the group from CCL from July 16–25. She has attended various meetings, assisted with Florence Veith's funeral, helped with the youth plant sale, spoke at Sunday school, led a staff meeting, led the last preschool chapel, and coordinated Aimee Appell's reception. She will be preaching on June 27 and June 11, working with Kyle Svingen and then saying her goodbyes.

**Fundraising Update:** Dan Mueller reported they are working on the case statement. We will be setting up a line of credit with Thrivent to cover expenses until income from the fundraising effort comes in. Melody has set up a line for fundraising expenses and will also be setting up a fundraising bank account with Thrivent.

**Preschool:** There was lengthy discussion regarding options for the future of the preschool. This has been tabled until the next meeting. Pastor Carlson and Gene Bruss will meet with Stephanie Gustafson to discuss.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:** Will be meeting Wednesday, June 9.

**Organ Proposal:** Pastor Carlson reported that there continues to be conversation within the congregation about the organ project. Chris Holtkamp was at CCL last week, meeting with Pastor Seltz, Pastor Farlee, Max Wiperman, Fred Bentz, Joanne Seltz and architect Bob Mack regarding the impact of putting in the organ. Fred Bentz and Bob Mack are convinced this could work for the church. This could be a big piece of our transformation as a congregation and a big step for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Council has been asked to approve \$10,000 to cover the cost of a Designer Retainer Agreement with the Holtkamp Organ Company. This matter will be brought to the congregation for approval at a special congregation meeting on June 27.



# August 2010

## Christ Church Lutheran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>National Night Out (Neighbors)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Communic. Committee</p>	5	6	7
<p>8</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM Common Committees</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Stationery</p>	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>10:45 AM Farewell to Intern Kyle Svingen</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 PM Executive Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM and 5:00 PM <i>Reaching New Heights</i> Social Events</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM FCCL Event</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM FCCL Board</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 AM Retirees</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AM and 5:00 PM <i>Reaching New Heights</i> Social Events</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship</p>	30	31				

**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
<b>August 1</b>	Phyllis Mattill	Donna Torgerson	Todd Schoenike	Max Wipperman	Carol Flanders	Melody Pauling	Ute Swenson
	Jan Radloff	Kyle Svengen		Fred Bentz	Juanita Burke		
<b>August 8</b>	Simo Sarkanen	Phyllis Mattill	Marni Schmidt	Gary Skrivseth	Kevin Olsen	Ginny Buegel	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
	Lucille Buelow	Chuck Merrell		Michael Jefferis	Will Stark		
<b>August 15</b>	Jason Bergquist	Donna Torgerson	Lynn Larson	Dick Gliem	Loren Wiklander	Phyllis Dunstone	Mami Schmidt
	Jan Radloff	Phyllis Mattill		Doris Gliem	Kinzie Wiklander		
<b>August 22</b>	Mary Bode	Kinzie Wiklander	Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach	Howard Polsfuss	Howard Polsfuss	Luann Skrivseth
	Jason Bergquist	Sami Hoss		Dick Thompson	Erla Polsfuss		
					Robert Swanson		
<b>August 29</b>	Simo Sarkanen	Donna Torgerson	Paul Hanson	Max Wipperman	Bob Swenson	Kay Madson	Traci Boser
	Jan Radloff	Kyle Svengen		Fred Bentz	Ute Swenson		
<b>September 5</b>	Phyllis Mattill	Chuck Merrell	Melody Pauling	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders	Chuck Merrell	
	Mary Bode	Lucille Buelow		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		