



Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services

9:30 a.m. each Sunday
(On Thanksgiving Day,
the worship service
begins at 10:00 a.m.)

Education

Adult forums begin at
11:10 a.m., following
Sunday worship
services

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Life Together

by Pastor Kristine Carlson


What an abundant and eventful time we are in as a congregation! As the trees have turned rich reds and golds, we have experienced our own autumn bounty, far surpassing our goal for our capital campaign, *Reaching New Heights: Match the Grant!* The banner on the front of our church, announcing "Goal Achieved," thrills me every time. Our most generous God has inspired generous giving at every level and every gift counted. Thanks to each of you for your prayers and support, helping assure that our beautiful sanctuary building can continue to function well for us and be preserved for the next generation's worship and service. I am grateful, too, for the good spirits and harmony with which we did this work together and for the partnership of Friends of Christ Church Lutheran who accompanied us in this effort.

God has blessed us, too, with seminary students (four of them!) who will be learning and working in our midst. Welcome to Jo Bauman, Jeanette Bidne, Grace Duddy and Kristine Stedje. Jo's work will focus particularly in the area of pastoral care. Jeanette will be working closely with me in areas of pastoral leadership. Grace will sing in the choir, participate in our process of strategic planning and learn about our non-profit Friends of Christ Church Lutheran. Kris will be involved in pastoral care and worship. These students will be at Christ Church about 10 hours per month and will attend worship frequently. We will learn and grow from their participation and we will be shaping another generation of pastors and leaders for our wider church—truly a rich ministry for us. Seek them out. They want to get to know you!

The month of November brings many rich and significant events to our life together. Sunday, November 7, is *All Saints*. In our worship, we will remember and give thanks for those who have died this past year and for all who have gone before us. That afternoon, at 4:00 p.m., come to a Hymn Festival at Central Lutheran that will feature Pastor Robert Farlee, our choir and myself as a narrator. November is also stewardship month—come to the Adult Forum on November 7 and **bring your pledge to worship on November 14**. We turn 99 this month, celebrating on Christ the King Sunday, November 21, when we also receive new members into our community. At 4:00 p.m. that afternoon, bring your friends and come to a concert in our sanctuary by Mark Kroos—a remarkable musician who plays a double-neck acoustic guitar. Thanksgiving Day worship is November 25 and Advent begins on November 28. You are welcome to all these good things. Invite a friend to come along!

Thanks be to God for these rich blessings. Indeed, God is good.

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Announcements

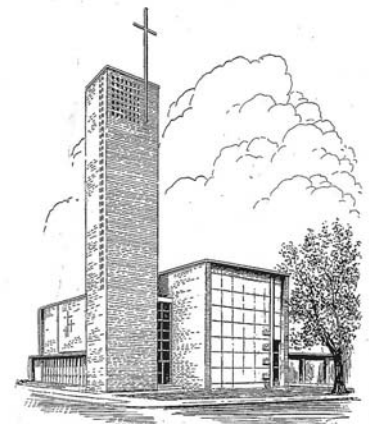
Hymn Festival for All Saints

Sunday, November 7, 4:00 p.m.
 Central Lutheran Church
 333 South Twelfth Street,
 Minneapolis
"With All the Saints in Glory"
 featuring organists
 Robert Buckley Farlee,
 Mark Sedio and Tim Strand,
 and the choirs of
 Christ Church Lutheran,
 Central Lutheran Church,
 and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
(event is free of charge)

Courier Deadline

The next submission deadline is
 November 15 (for the December
Courier). E-mail Jan Radloff at:
jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us or
 submit to the church office.

**Poinsettia and Wreath
 Pick-up**
 Sunday, November 28,
 after church



Adult Forum Schedule

November 7

Led by Kevin Olsen, congregation vice president
Stewardship at Christ Church and in Our Lives

November 14 and 21

Led by Dr. Martha Stortz
Discipleship as Pilgrimage

Dr. Stortz will lead us in a study of the ancient practice of pilgrimage in our post-modern age. She is the Bernhard M. Christensen Professor for Religion and Vocation, Augsburg College, a position she has just assumed after teaching for many years at Pacific Lutheran Theological School in Berkeley, California.

- November 14: Stories and photos from Dr. Stortz's pilgrimage across Spain on the pilgrim trail to Santiago de Compostela.
- November 21: An overview of "pilgrimage."

November 28

Led by Pastors Robert Farlee and Martin Seltz
Worship Matters

Acoustic Guitar Concert

Time: 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 21, 2010

Cost: Free-will offering

Place: Christ Church Lutheran

Come hear acoustic guitarist Mark Kroos play in our wonderfully acoustic church.

Mark Kroos is one of the only touring double-neck guitarists in the world. His almost strictly instrumental style is characterized by open harmonies, polyphonic textures and an incredible tapping technique. He is as entertaining to watch as he is to listen to. Drawing influence from folk, Celtic, Indie and even punk rock artists, as well as other great acoustic guitarists, such as Michael Hedges, Andy Mckee and Justin King, Mark Kroos has developed his own edge to the acoustic guitar. Visit www.markkroos.com for more information about this artist.

Readings and Psalms

Date: **November 7 (All Saints Sunday)**

First Lesson: Dan 7:1-3, 15-18 or

Job 19: 23-27a*

Psalm: 149 or Psalm 17:1-9*

Second Lesson: Eph 1:11-23 or

2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17*

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31 or Luke 20:27-38*

Date: **November 14**

First Lesson: Mal 4:1-2a

Psalm: 98

Second Lesson: 2 Thess 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Date: **November 21**

First Lesson: Jer 23:1-6

Psalm: 46

Second Lesson: Col 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Date: **November 25 – Thanksgiving**

First Lesson: Deut 26:1-11

Psalm: 100

Second Lesson: Phil 4:4-9

Gospel: John 6:25-35

Date: **November 28**

First Lesson: Isa 2:1-5

Psalm: 122

Second Lesson: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Matt 24:36-44

Date: **December 5**

First Lesson: Isa 11:1-10

Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Lesson: Rom 15:4-13

Gospel: Matt 3:1-12



*Contact the church office about which lesson choice will be used.

Retirees

There will be no meeting in November.
Happy Thanksgiving!

– 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.

- 11/6 Gary Bier
- 11/7 Cordell Bryan, Ethan Happe, Joan Messick, Abby Tindell
- 11/8 Angela (Anderson) Weicherding
- 11/17 Lucille Buelow, Helia Matthew
- 11/19 Myrna Murken
- 11/22 Lucy Woestehoff
- 11/23 Todd Brandon, Riley Jenkins
- 11/24 Cammie Bergsrud
- 11/25 Jesse Roberts, Jr.
- 11/26 Fred Bentz
- 11/27 Samantha Rice, Darrell Anderson
- 11/28 Edna Bull, Gary Skrivseth, Matt Woestehoff

Baptism

Victoria Marie Wall, daughter of Charles and Valerie (Vadnais) Wall, born June 25, 2010, was baptized on October 3. Her sponsors are Christina and Matthew McGlothlin, Monica Eiden and James Lalley.

Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) Children's Gift Sale

The Senior Youth Group will be collecting money and purchasing gifts for the PCYC Christmas gift sale again this year. Last year, we raised \$546 and purchased more than 100 gifts. We are setting 100 gifts as our goal again this year. Gifts will be purchased in the \$5 to \$8 range and we would like to focus on gifts for teens.

Please join us in this wonderful service project. We will be accepting donations after the worship service on November 7 and 14. You can also send us a check, payable to Christ Church Youth, for your donation. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our youth to watch our gifts make a difference. Please be generous!

Helping Hands

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

November and December 2010

Darrell & Jeanne Anderson	Dan & Sharon Mueller
Mary Bode	Marilu Peters
Gary & Stephanie Gustafson	Cliff Siewert
Wynn & Marilyn Johnston	Dick Thompson
Jeannette Kretzmann	Marion Williams
Donna Lindberg	



Youth Corner

by Luann Skrivseth

Senior Youth Group

Raking For Handiworks Sunday, November 7, 11 a.m.

Bring your rake and your gloves.
The Longfellow Parish youth groups
will be joining us.
Dinner will be provided.

Nuts About Nets! Wednesday, November 10 Meet at church at 5:30 p.m.

This is a celebration of compassion for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative at Central Lutheran Church, sponsored by the Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA. I must order tickets ASAP so I need to know if you can attend! CCL will pay for your ticket and Pastor Carlson will be joining us.

Poinsettia & Wreath Delivery Sunday, November 28, after church

I need your help delivering poinsettias and wreaths during the education hour.

Collecting Gifts for PCYC Sundays, November 7 and 14

We can all sit together in church!

PCYC Children's Gift Sale Saturday, December 11 Meet at church at 10:30 a.m.

I will be volunteering at the sale from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is really fun—you won't want to miss it. Mark your calendars!

Junior Youth Group

Movie Night! Friday, November 26, 7:00 p.m.

Bring a snack to share.

Preschool News

by Stephanie Gustafson

Our school year is off to a great start! Most families were able to attend our fall picnic in September and our Bike Day was a big hit in October. The children rode, walked and/or ran a total of 503 laps around the gym. That's equivalent to approximately 23 miles!

As I write this article, we are now preparing for our Halloween costume party and trick-or-treating in the atrium hallway. That will be followed by parent-teacher conferences in early November. Soon, our classroom will be scented with the wonderful smells of our "spice-y" turkeys. Come see what's happening in the Preschool...just follow your nose!

Thank You Note

We are at a complete loss for words—our son Matias is a gift beyond our furthest expectations. The lavish baby shower on September 5 will remain in our memories always. Matias' cards, outfits, blankets, books, CDs, nursery decorations and furniture form a lifetime collection.

Praise to the Almighty,
the King of Creation!

Yi-ru Chen- and Simo Sarkanen

Painting Party

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities?

A painting party will occur in the education wing on Friday, November 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Wear your painting clothes. All materials will be provided, including pizza!

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Missions: Meals on Wheels has received more than \$1,500 in donations. Missions will work on outreach ministry during the stewardship drive.

Property: Reviewed items from the August meeting. Update: Chuck will spend \$1,800 for the protective stage curtain; clean-up day is set for October 23. To bring to Council: Property Board would like to start the process for letting the bid go to the architect.

Stewardship (submitted in writing): November 14 will be Commitment Sunday; theme for annual giving campaign—Celebration, Commitment and Calling.

Communication (submitted in writing): Wrapping up visitor brochure project; ordered small printed envelopes from Chippewa Printing.

Treasurer's Report: Council reviewed the CCL balance sheet and the profit & loss budget through June; budget has a deficit of over \$14,000; expenses are more than what was budgeted—the gas bill was high, but it should even out over the summer. Bell Tower account (3042) will be included as a new asset of the congregation and will be used to pay fundraising expenses and all expenses related to the tower repair.

Pastor Carlson's Report (submitted in writing): Some highlights of the past month include:

- Farewell to Kyle Svingen, our St. Olaf College summer vocational intern.
- Meeting with four seminary students interested in doing their contextual education at CCL.
- Preaching, on August 29, at my first call congregation, Oak Grove Lutheran in Richfield, Minnesota, at their 75th anniversary celebration.
- Working with the Communications Committee to produce the "Welcome to Christ Church Lutheran" brochure, distributed at worship on September 12.
- A shower for Matias Toivo Sarkanen, home from the hospital!
- Organizing our Adult Forum series for the fall, helped by a generous gift from a member of our congregation to help pay honoraria.
- Meeting with several couples interested in getting married at CCL. There has been increased interest from non-members since CCL was included in an article in *Knot* magazine last spring. Working with Joanne Seltz on a wedding manual that can be e-mailed.
- Receiving the news that Valspar has given us a paint grant for the cinderblock walls, upstairs and downstairs—we will provide the muscle power. Thanks to the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran and the Preservation Committee.
- Beginning to vision an arts & crafts room/ministry—we have been offered two looms to house here; this could be the seeds of more arts ministry.
- The beginning of extended and bi-weekly conversations with the Longfellow Lutheran Parish pastors about the "big picture" of ELCA presence and ministry in our greater neighborhood.

Old Business

Fundraising: Have exceeded our goal of \$200,000; more than 60% of CCL giving units have pledged.

Preschool: Ten children attending. Teacher, Stephanie Gustafson, is assisted by one part-time aide.

The summer program was an overwhelming success, with the science unit being the biggest draw.


Organ Project: Anticipate the design from Chris Holtkamp to arrive soon.

100th Anniversary Committee: Members of the committee are Mary Bode, Bob Farlee, Martin Seltz, Pastor Carlson and Karen Woestehoff. There is the possibility of commissioning: a hymn; artwork; an icon, which would be centered around Christ as our church.

New Business

Proposal for Strategic Planning: Dan and Kevin have prepared a handout, "Setting a Direction for Our Congregation's Future." Would like a steering committee of four to five members—Pastor Carlson and Gene Bruss will meet to propose more names; need to focus on a few key things that go to the heart of what we are as a congregation. Moved and carried: Approve the strategic planning resolution.

November 2010 — Christ Church Lutheran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day 6:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Common Committees	3	4 12:00 PM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM Basketball 7:00 PM Choir	5 No Preschool 6:00 PM Painting Party	6 10:00 AM Finnish School <i>Turn back clocks at bedtime</i>
7 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education, Sr. Youth Raking, Building Tour	8	9 7:00 PM Executive Committee 7:30 PM Council	10 9:00 AM Stationery 6:00 PM "Nuts for Nets" Youth Event at Central Lutheran	11 6:30 PM Basketball 7:00 PM Choir	12	13
14 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i>	16 7:00 PM FCCL Board	17 10:15 AM Preschool Chapel 7:00 PM Preservation Committee	18 6:30 PM Basketball 7:00 PM Choir	19	20 10:00 AM Finnish School 10:30 AM T.C. Finnish
21 <i>Christ the King</i> Christ Church Lutheran's 99th Anniversary 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education 4:00 PM Mark Kroos Guitar Concert	22 Meals on Wheels Delivered This Week	23	24 Preschool Closed No Retirees 7:00 PM Choir	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed 10:00 AM Worship	26 Office and Preschool Closed 7:00 PM Jr. Youth - Movie Night	27 Sr. Youth - Poinsettias and Wreaths Delivered
28 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education <i>Poinsettia & Wreath Pick-up</i>	29	30	Sunday, November 7, 4:00 PM CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 333 South Twelfth Street, Minneapolis <i>"With All the Saints in Glory"</i> featuring organists Robert Buckley Farlee, Mark Sedio and Tim Strand, and the choirs of Christ Church Lutheran, Central Lutheran Church, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church			

Christ Church Lutheran

Volunteer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services (9:30 a.m.) and Thanksgiving Day (10:00 a.m.)

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
November 7	Phyllis Mattill	Kelly Brandon	Simo Sarkanen	Jeanne Anderson	Carol Flanders	Phyllis Dunstone	Samantha Rice
	Jan Radloff	Kinzie Wiklander		Fred Bentz	Juanita Burke		
		Phyllis Mattill					
		Melody Pauling					
		Chuck Merrell					
November 14	Mary Bode	Sami Hoss	Mary Lou Doll	Dave Kutzbach	Bob Swenson	Howard Polsfuss	Traci Boser
	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Ute Swenson		
November 21	Simo Sarkanen	Donna Torgerson	Paul Hanson	Gary Skrivseth	Kevin Olsen	Kay Madson	Ute Swenson
	Jan Radloff	Phyllis Mattill		Michael Jefferis	Will Stark		
		Jan Radloff					
		Chuck Merrell					
		Gene Bruss					
November 25	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill	Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach			
10:00 a.m.				Dick Thompson			
November 28	Phyllis Mattill	Kelly Brandon	Marni Schmidt	Jeanne Anderson	Howard Polsfuss	Chuck Merrell	Luann Skrivseth
	Donna Gawreluk	Kinzie Wiklander		Fred Bentz	Erla Polsfuss		
					Robert Swanson		
December 5	Simo Sarkanen	Donna Torgerson	Lynn Larson	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders	Melody Pauling	Mary Lou Doll
	Phyllis Mattill	Donna Gawreluk		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		