



## Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

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

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### Life Together by Pastor Carlson

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is soon upon us, starting as late as it can this year. The word *Lent* means “spring” and, with such a late start, you’d think we might be anticipating a warm spring Lenten season. As I write this, however, we are deep in snow with more on the way. Plus, a friend tells me that *Farmer’s Almanac*, which has correctly nailed each of our storms so far, predicts a great winter storm sometime during the third week of March. We shall see what Lent brings in our natural world.

At church, Lent will bring our beloved tradition of midweek Wednesday worship. I hope you will mark your calendars and come to all of it. Ash Wednesday is on March 9, with Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist worship in the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For the next five Wednesdays—March 16, 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13—come to midweek worship in the chapel. There will be a service of Morning Prayer at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch. A service of Night Prayer will begin at 7:00 p.m., preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Our theme for the midweek Lent worship is the same theme as of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year: *Bearing the Name of Christ*. Our preachers will be our own people—some of our seminarians and some members. Each week, one of them will share a reflection on this theme, especially as it relates to baptism. Come and journey together in the name of Christ and in the promises of our baptism this Lent.


I also especially invite you to come to the education hour on Sunday, March 13. From 11:00 a.m. until noon, we will participate in “table talks” together in the classrooms off the atrium. There will be treats to enjoy and a guided discussion—with questions from our Visioning Committee—that will encourage conversation about our sense of the vision and mission of Christ Church Lutheran. We want the input of everyone in this process. Come for good conversation together that will shape the future of our congregation in important ways.

Also, come on Sunday, March 6, as we welcome our former visitation pastor, the Rev. Dr. Melinda Quivik, who will preach at our worship service that morning. Her husband, Fred Quivik, will lead our adult forum (see inside for more information).

*Lent, the future, the past, vision, mission, baptism*—we are entering a rich time together. I look forward to sharing it with you and seeing what happens in our midst as we journey together to the cross and the tomb.

~ Pastor Kristine Carlson

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	<b>Office Hours</b>	
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	<b>Worship</b>	
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour follows at 11:10 a.m.	
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### Announcements

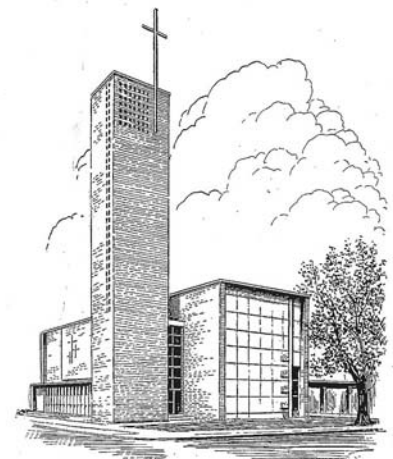
#### Spring Plant Sale

The senior youth group is taking plant orders now through April 10. For details, refer to the article on page 4.



#### Courier Deadline

The next submission deadline is March 15 (for the April *Courier*). Send an e-mail Jan Radloff at: [jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us) or submit content to the church office.



## Readings and Psalms

Date: **March 6**

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

First Lesson: Exod 24:12-18

Psalm: 2 or Ps 99\*

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matt 17:1-9

Date: **Wednesday, March 9**

*Ash Wednesday*

First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or  
Isa 58:1-12\*

Psalm: 51:1-17

Second Lesson: 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

Date: **March 13**

First Lesson: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm: 32

Second Lesson: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Matt 4:1-11

Date: **March 20**

First Lesson: Gen 12:1-4a

Psalm: 121

Second Lesson: Rom 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Date: **March 27**

First Lesson: Exod 17:1-7

Psalm: 95

Second Lesson: Rom 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Date: **April 3**

First Lesson: 1 Sam 16:1-13

Psalm: 23

Second Lesson: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



*\*Contact the church office about which option will be used.*

## Adult Forum Schedule

**March 6**

Fred Quivik will present "Facing Jesus' Three Temptations in an Age of Global Climate Change."

**March 13**

From 11:00 until 12:00, the Visioning Committee will lead discussions related to our congregational vision. Everyone will be invited to join a guided "table talk" conversation in rooms off the atrium to give their input on our vision. There will be treats in each room for people to enjoy. More information will follow in the bulletin.

**March 20**

Nick Markell will address icons, including their history, their theology, how they are created and their use in the church today. Nick's art is featured in our red worship book, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. As a renowned drawer of icons, he will be working with us during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year to create an icon for Christ Church Lutheran.

**March 27**

A reception in the Luther Lounge will honor lay worship ministers: sacristan, altar guild, assisting ministers, choir, musicians, acolytes, ushers, greeters, prayer writers, lesson readers and more.

## Altar Flowers: Price Increase

The flower shop has dramatically increased the price of flowers. The total cost for the two altar bouquets will now be \$30.00. I was told this is to bring our church in line with what other churches in the area are paying for their flowers. I do believe that the \$12.00 price has been in place for a **long** time, so the increase is not surprising. To request altar flowers, please call me after 6:00 p.m., at 612.727.2952 and then follow up with a call to the church office to relay what you want printed in the church bulletin.

As a reminder, flowers are not placed on the altar during the Lenten season.

– Jan Radloff

## Retirees

There will be no meeting in March. Please plan to attend Wednesday Lenten services at 11:30 a.m., followed by soup lunches. Retirees will cook the March 30 soup lunch. Come, help and/or eat.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

## Spring Plant Sale

This has been one long, cold and snowy winter, so I am ready for some color and warmth. It's time to start watching for the snow melt in the streets and the first robin. It's also time for the spring plant sale! This year, we also offer many vegetables, herbs, shrubs, grasses and perennial plants.

The senior youth group is taking orders now. Just give your order to me or a senior youth kid or place it in the basket at the back of church. Last day to order is Sunday, April 10, and plants will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 15.

– Luann Skrivseth

## Database Needed

The quarterly "giving statements" that church members receive from Jan Radloff are currently produced using outdated technology. To replace the current system, a Microsoft Access database and related reports need to be developed.

If you are an Access whiz and are willing to invest your time and talent, please contact Lynn Larson for more information.

# Happy Birthday to You!

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

3/7 Julia Boser, Gloria Sutherland  
3/8 Joel Eisfelder, Shirley Miller  
3/9 Michael Bergquist  
3/10 Jason Wyatt  
3/11 Ted Buegel  
3/12 Greg Madson  
3/13 Lucille Ebel  
3/16 Renee Bergquist  
3/18 Wendy Noakes, Margaret Graebner  
3/19 Lorelei Brekhus  
3/21 Christine Bier  
3/22 Vivian Bartsch  
3/23 Virginia Buegel  
3/24 Howard Polsfuss  
3/27 Max McGlothlin  
3/28 Phyllis Mattill  
3/30 Mary Lou Doll, Andrew Hokkanen and  
Avis Swenson

## Helping Hands

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

### March and April 2011

Erik Haaland	Dick & Elayne Strom
Daniel Holmgren	Robert Swanson
Melody Pauling	Gary & Janice Wahlstrom
Howard & Erla Polsfuss	Don & Marvel Walmann
Joanne & Martin Seltz	Evelyn & Wally Wermager
Cliff Siewert	
Gary & Luann Skrivseth and family	



## Youth Corner

by Luann Skrivseth

### Senior Youth Group

#### Weekend at Izatys

Meet at church on  
Friday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.  
We will return on Sunday, March 6.

#### Grocery Shopping for Food Shelf

Sunday, March 20, 11:00 a.m.  
Let's go to Costco and Target,  
enjoying a hot dog lunch  
at Costco while we're out.

#### Coming Soon:

#### Longfellow Parish Lock-In

Friday, April 15, at Holy Trinity Church

### Junior Youth Group

#### Movie Night

Friday, March 18, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Bring friends and a snack to share.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

by Mary Bode

It is tradition during a centennial anniversary year to invite former pastors to return to preach. On Sunday, March 6, The Transfiguration of Our Lord, former visitation pastor, the Rev. Dr. Melinda Quivik, will be our guest.

Melinda Quivik most recently taught liturgy and homiletics at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Currently, she is a liturgical scholar living in Houghton, Michigan, with her husband Fred Quivik—a consulting historian and former member of the Christ Church Preservation Committee. Fred will be our guest speaker

during the adult forum on March 6. His topic will be "Facing Jesus' Three Temptations in an Age of Global Climate Change."



We welcome Friends of Christ Church Lutheran (FCCL) members Melinda and Fred Quivik as special guests during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## A Century of Viola Turpeinen

When: Saturday, March 12, 2011

Where: Christ Church Lutheran

Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities Chapter

For more than 30 years, the music of Viola Turpeinen ("The Accordion Princess") and her band filled Finn Halls across the Upper Midwest on warm summer evenings. This beautiful and talented musician from Champion, Michigan, sang and played her way into the hearts of Finnish-Americans, continuing to be fondly remembered two and three generations later. The March 12 event will include:

- 5:30 p.m. informal supper, sharing stories and memories
- 7:00 p.m. lecture by Carl Rahkonen, music librarian, professor and Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year, explaining how Viola captured the hearts of Finnish-Americans
- 8:30 p.m. dance, recreating the atmosphere of the old dance evenings

For more information, go to [www.minnesotafinnish.org](http://www.minnesotafinnish.org). To RSVP for the supper or to send in your stories, e-mail Betsey Norgard at [norgard@winternet.com](mailto:norgard@winternet.com) or call 651.786.5988. Tickets at the door: \$7 supper (RSVP requested); \$10 lecture and \$10 dance or \$15 for both.

## Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2011

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary*

**Stewardship:** Pledges are down 6% from last year; we are not sure about the reason for this. The majority of people who did pledge did not increase the amount of their pledge. Thank you letters are being handed out, giving Kevin the opportunity to thank people personally for pledging.

**Treasurer's Report:** Preliminarily, it appears that the budget deficit will be approximately \$38,500 for 2010. We were short \$18,000 in budgeted income from envelope giving; Preschool income was down because of decreased enrollment. We only experienced 1% growth in envelope giving instead of the 5% growth we had hoped for. Expenses were about \$9,500 lower than budgeted.

Council may meet the third Tuesday of the month instead of the second Tuesday to give Melody more time to compile the current financial reports. Need to verify this change with all council members.

**Pastor Carlson's Report:** Highlights of the last month include:

- Christmas 2010, with a memorable pick-up intergenerational Christmas Pageant after worship on December 19, organized by the Education Committee; family-friendly Christmas Eve worship with wonderful music provided by our choir, cantors and flutist Liz Gomoll, and gift bags handed out to "children of all ages" after worship in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation; Christmas Day Eucharist worship with more great music plus oboist Merilee Klomp.
- Gratitude to Rev. Gordon Braatz for preaching on Dec. 26 and on Jan. 2, while I presided.
- The wedding of Susannah Kristine Carlson and Brian Lawrence Odlaug on December 30.
- The funeral of Donald Weydt, at Morris Nilsen Funeral Home, with burial at Ft. Snelling, on January 5.
- Two baptisms on January 9, The Baptism of Our Lord: Matias Toivo Chen Sarkanen and Sebastien Tristan Edwin Lewis.
- Planning for the funeral of Myrtie Trudeau on January 13, with burial the following day at Ft. Snelling.
- Participation in a group of responders to a doctoral thesis by Rev. Jeff Sartain on "The Pastor as Artist."
- Pastoral counseling and visitation.

Looking ahead:

- Continued work on our strategic planning/visioning.
- Continued celebrations of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation.
- A presentation to the "Worship Dialogue" group of the Twin Cities on January 18, "Preaching the Acts Easter Texts."
- I will be away on Sunday, Feb. 6 (a vacation Sunday). Pastor Seltz will preach and preside.
- There will be a wedding on January 29, Whitney Reiners and Benjamin Wickboldt.

My sons were home for Christmas and New Year's—such a gift! And Christ is born again in our hearts and world. Thank you for the joy and privilege of being your pastor.

Pastor Carlson stated that she is trying to limit non-member weddings to four to six per year; will be meeting with several other people to work out a way to get more revenue from non-member weddings.

### Old Business

**Tower Fund:** \$109,920.62 has been received so far toward the fundraising pledges; 92% of the CCL membership responded to the tower fundraising endeavor. Pastor Carlson, Mary Bode and Karen Woestehoff will be sending out thank you letters to everyone who gave to the tower fund in 2010. Pastor stated that she is enormously grateful to Karen for her help with the tower fund project.

**Organ Fund:** Presently with the architects and the organ designer in Northfield.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Funding Request:** We will have more information after the committee meets tomorrow.

### New Business

**Strategic Planning:** There will be an adult forum this Sunday on strategic planning—taking stock and getting feedback regarding the strengths of the congregation.

# Christ Church Lutheran—March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM Stewardship  7:00 PM Common Committees	2 11:15 AM Preschool Chapel  7:00 PM Visioning Committee	3 6:30 PM Longfellow Parish Basketball  7:00 PM Choir	4 6:00 PM Sr. Youth— Weekend at Izatys Resort, returning Sunday	5 10:00 AM Finnish School
6 <b>Transfiguration</b> <i>100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</i>  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b> 11:10 AM Education	7	8	9 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  <b>11:30 AM Eucharist</b>  <b>7:00 PM Eucharist</b>	10 6:30 PM Longfellow Parish Basketball  7:00 PM Choir	11 No Preschool	12 5:30 PM A Century of Viola Turpeinen  <i>Move clocks ahead 1 hour</i>
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	14	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i>  7:00 PM Executive Committee  7:30 PM Council	16 <b>11:30 AM Worship</b> 12:00 Lunch  6:00 PM Supper  <b>7:00 Worship</b>	17 6:30 PM Longfellow Parish Basketball  7:00 PM Choir	18 7:00 PM Jr. Youth Movie Night	19 10:00 AM Finnish School  10:30 AM Finlandia Foundation Meeting
20 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Sr. Youth Food Shelf Shopping  11:10 AM Education	21 No Preschool Spring Break Week	22 7:00 PM FCCL Board Meeting	23 <b>11:30 AM Worship</b> 12:00 Lunch  6:00 PM Supper  <b>7:00 Worship</b>	24 6:30 PM Longfellow Parish Basketball  7:00 PM Choir	25	26
27 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:10 AM Education	28	29	30 <i>No Retirees</i> <b>11:30 AM Worship</b> 12:00 Lunch  6:00 PM Supper  <b>7:00 Worship</b>	31 6:30 PM Longfellow Parish Basketball  7:00 PM Choir		

**Christ Church Lutheran**  
**Volunteer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services (9:30 a.m.) and Ash Wednesday Services**

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
<b>March 6</b>	Grace Duddy	Donna Gawreluk	Marni Schmidt	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders	Kay Madson	Traci Boser
	Pat Baehler	Jan Radloff		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		
<b>March 9 Ash Wednesday</b>							
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Pat Baehler	Lucille Buelow	Ginny Buegel	Dick Thompson			
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Kris Stedje	Donna Gawreluk	Simo Sarkanen	Jeanne Anderson			
	Jan Radloff	Rachel Mann					
<b>March 13</b>	Jason Bergquist	Donna Torgerson	Lynn Larson	Gary Skrivseth	Kevin Olsen	Melody Pauling	Kelly Brandon
	Chuck Merrell	Lucille Buelow		Michael Jefferis	Will Stark		
<b>March 20</b>	Mary Bode	Sami Hoss	Paul Hanson	Dave Kutzbach	Kris Stedje		Ute Swenson
	Jason Bergquist	Chuck Merrell		Dick Thompson	Jeannette Bidne		
<b>March 27</b>	Simo Sarkanen	Donna Torgerson	Elizabeth Gomoll	Jeanne Anderson	Bob Swenson		Marni Schmidt
	Lucille Buelow	Jan Radloff		Fred Bentz	Ute Swenson		
<b>April 3</b>	Jeannette Bidne	Donna Gawreluk	Kris Stedje	Dave Kutzbach	Howard Polsfuss		Samantha Rice
	Pat Baehler	Lucille Buelow		Dick Thompson	Robert Swanson		