



## Welcome to the Light

**MAY 2011**  
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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  
(excluding Memorial  
Day weekend)

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### Visioning

by Grace Duddy, member of the Visioning Committee

Dear Sisters and Brothers,


Greetings from the Visioning Committee! We have been blessed to spend the last few months discerning the past and present identity of Christ Church Lutheran (CCL), as well as where the Spirit might be leading us as we move forward into our next hundred years. Thank you to all who have participated in this process through the adult forum presentations, conversations and questionnaires. Although our team has been guiding the process, we see this as a community effort that necessitates the voice of each person in our community, whether young or old, new member or life-time member. We invite you to continue journeying through this process with us, both through your prayers and your participation in our May 8 adult forum.

The leaders of the Visioning Committee, with the help of the council, began laying the foundation for this committee early in the fall and our Visioning Committee met together for the first time in mid-November. Our first task was to discern "who we are" as a congregation as well as identify some key factors for the future of CCL. After much research and conversation, we created two documents that we presented at the adult forum on January 16. Thank you so much for your attentive listening and discussion at this forum. Based on this forum, we developed a questionnaire with four questions about the present and future of this congregation, focusing specifically on our strengths and possible areas of improvement. This questionnaire was the basis for the "Table Talks" during the March 13 adult forum. Thank you so much for your lively conversation and your willingness to think critically about the present and future of this congregation!

Our committee has been at work processing the information from these Table Talks, as well as the individual questionnaires, giving particular attention to the broader themes present. We think this comment captures well the current feeling of this congregation: "That God is always making all things new. That Christ is at the center. That the Spirit is stirring." We have found that there is a growing sense of confidence and optimism about the future of the congregation, as well as a sense of renewal and openness to change as the Spirit leads us. As a congregation, we are particularly excited about the new, younger people joining our congregation, as well as our energized leadership. We see our congregational community, worship, pastoral staff and adult education program as our primary strengths.

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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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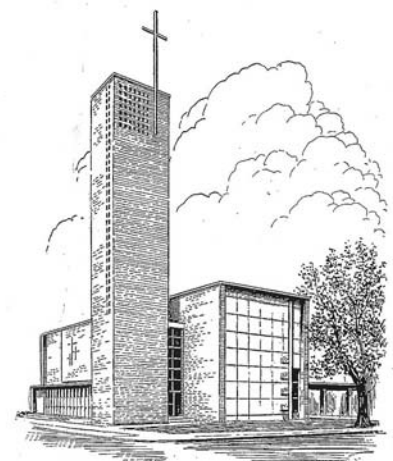
### Announcements

#### Spring Cleanup Day

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the spring cleanup at Christ Church on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Just show up and you'll be put to work! Contact the church office for more information.

#### *Courier* Deadline

The next submission deadline is May 15 (for the June *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: **May 1**

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm: 16

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Date: **May 8**

First Lesson: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm: 116: 1-4, 12-19

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Date: **May 15**

First Lesson: Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm: 23

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Date: **May 22**

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Date: **May 29**

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: 66:8-20

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Date: Thursday, **June 2**

*Ascension of our Lord*

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: 47 or Psalm 93\*

Second Lesson: Eph 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Date: **June 5**

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm: 68:1-10, 32-35

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11



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

## President's Message

*by Gene Bruss*

An open house will be held on May 15 at 11:00 a.m. to honor Stephanie Gustafson, our preschool coordinator. Everyone is invited to attend. After 39 years, our preschool will be closing this year at the end of May. Stephanie has been the coordinator for the past 22 years. In Stephanie, all of the preschool children—past and present—had the best teacher any child could have had. They will always remember their preschool teacher, Mrs. Gustafson, who loved them all.

We wish Stephanie well and thank her for being the coordinator/teacher for the CCL preschool. We sincerely appreciate her dedication and creativity in working with the children over the years.

In addition, I have an update from the property committee on the tower project. Bids on the project have been received and were favorable enough that the property committee is considering items that would be in keeping with the grant. They anticipate a mid-May start, beginning with site preparation, checking out grout and brick samples, and putting up a construction sign. Construction will last for about three months.

## Adult Forum Schedule

**May 1:** Nick Markell will speak again about icons in the life of the church. We have commissioned him to draw an icon for Christ Church Lutheran in our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. He will tell us more about the process to produce this icon and our involvement in that process.

**May 8:** The Visioning Committee will present the vision statement that is emerging from our conversations together—a vision for the future of Christ Church Lutheran—and talk about the mission it calls us into. We will have an opportunity to respond to and refine this vision statement.

**May 15:** As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will lift up our education ministries and the people involved in them. A special part of this celebration will be a thanksgiving for the Christ Church Lutheran Preschool and the work of its director, Stephanie Gustafson, as this particular ministry concludes.

**May 22:** TBD

**May 29:** Memorial weekend; no forum

## Retirees

No regular meeting in May. Come to the Ascension Day worship service on Thursday, June 2, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and entertainment will follow (no potluck). Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

## Wedding Invitation

Kevin Olsen and Will Stark wish to invite the community of Christ Church Lutheran to join in the celebration of their wedding on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow at the church. If you are able to attend, please notify them by May 22 by talking with them at church or contacting Will at 651.353.2628 or at [will@starkpreservation.com](mailto:will@starkpreservation.com).

## Preschool News

by *Stephanie Gustafson*

By the time you read this, the baby chicks will have hatched! We have a wide variety of breeds this year and they are all adorable. They leave for the farm on May 14, so visit them soon!

The cocoon has been broken and “Alleluia” is awake from its Lenten sleep. It’s time to celebrate! Christ has risen, the chicks have hatched and the Preschool Alumni Picnic is almost upon us. There’s still time to RSVP. Help us spread the word to anyone who has **ever** been a part of our program. We’d love to see you and them at this celebration of our 39-year preschool history. For more information, call the church office or visit the preschool webpage at: [www.christchurchluth.org/preschool](http://www.christchurchluth.org/preschool).

# 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,  
Jeff Sutherland  
5/27 Ken Koense, Jennifer Sutherland  
5/28 Christian Bergsrud

Also, a belated “happy birthday” goes to Pat Baehler, whose March 18 birthday was inadvertently left out in the March edition of the *Courier*.

## 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 2011

Gene Bruss  
Susannah Carlson  
Bill & Phyllis Dunstone  
Dick & Doris Gliem  
Clyde Hanson  
Muriel Heller

Michael Jefferis  
David Kutzbach  
Brian Odlaug  
Jan Radloff  
Bob & Ute Swenson  
Max Wipperman



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We are also interested in how we might use our other strengths (e.g., building facilities, music) as tools for outreach. As we look forward, we would like to improve our outreach both to the neighborhood community and specific communities, such as seminaries and colleges, architectural groups, Finnish community, appreciators of traditional worship and music, etc., giving special attention to youth and families.

We also hope to better understand and articulate our congregational identity as well as increase our visibility. However, as we consider the future, it is also imperative that we focus ourselves on what is most important, staying true to our identity, while also moving in new directions as the Spirit leads. Thank you so much for your participation, vulnerability and intentionality in these discussions, and in these comments that seemed to emerge out of the heart of a community excited about who we are and where God is leading us.

As we approach our May 8 adult forum, the visioning team is further exploring our outreach, congregational community and worship and how they fit into the present and future of our congregation. At the adult forum, we will present our vision for these three areas, as well as some possible scenarios of what our congregation might look like in five years. We hope that you will come and join us as we envision where the Spirit is leading us as a congregation. Each person has shaped our community, thus each voice is important as we seek to move forward together into our next hundred years.

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation, we look forward to seeing you at the adult forum on May 8!

## **Bearing the Name of Christ 2011** *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar of Events*

<b>Sunday, January 30</b>	Reception to honor leadership ministries
<b>Sunday, February 27</b>	Reception to honor mission outreach ministries
<b>Sunday, March 6</b>	Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Melinda Quivik  Guest forum speaker Dr. Fred Quivik
<b>Sunday, March 20</b>	Guest forum speaker artist Nick Markell
<b>Sunday, March 27</b>	<i>To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold</i> commissioned hymn introduced  Reception to honor worship ministry
<b>Sunday, May 1</b>	Guest forum speaker artist Nick Markell
<b>Friday and Sunday May 13 and 15</b>	Photo sessions for church directory
<b>Sunday, May 15</b>	Reception to honor education ministry
<b>Fri.–Sun., May 27–29</b>	Photo sessions for church directory
<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	Gala Banquet 4:00–7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, November 20</b>	Anniversary Eucharist with guest preacher Dr. Martin Marty



## DRAFT Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2011

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary (minutes are pending council approval)*

### Committee Reports

**Education:** The Board is planning for the preschool celebration on May 15; a graduation party will be coordinated with graduate, Todd Brandon. Summer preschool to be held in July. Youth group is organizing the Easter memorials; plant sale is in progress; will shop for Minnehaha Pantry with Souper Bowl donations.

**Missions:** Working on membership ideas; placing fliers at the U of M School of Architecture. Easter service announcements will be placed in the *Longfellow/Nokomis Messenger*. CCL is serving at the Shelter April 25.

**Worship:** "Bearing the Name of Christ" is the theme of our Lenten services. Holy week planning is continuing; Eucharist ministry training for lay ministers to bring the Eucharist to homebound members will be March 27.

**Property:** Working on the Tower Project; discussing repair of the elevator; looking into handicapped access.

**Council Member At-Large:** Visioning committee is compiling information gathered from the group meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** We ended up with a budget deficit of approximately \$12,000 for 2010; our goal is to have no budget deficit for 2011.

**CCL Archives Proposal:** Paul Daniels, archivist, ELCA Region 3 Archives, archivist/curator from Luther Seminary presented a proposal to provide custodial care for the Christ Church Lutheran Saarinen architectural collection of drawings, watercolor renderings, blueprints, photographs and accompanying text materials. CCL would be provided with scanned print copies and electronic versions of the material; CCL would retain both copyright and ownership of the Saarinen architectural archives.

ELCA Region 3 Archives would commit to assuming scanning costs up to \$3,000 in the first year of the agreement; they propose that CCL provide up to \$250.00 in the first year of the agreement. It is hoped that, working together, the Preservation Committee of CCL and ELCA Archives can secure some larger grants. It was suggested that CCL put a line item in the budget for \$250.00 for subsequent years. The \$250.00 will be taken out of the Historical Preservation fund for 2011. Insurance coverage for the collection would be provided by Luther Seminary. Moved by Melody Pauling and seconded by Gary Gustafson that we approve the custodial care agreement. Motion passed.

**Elevator Repair:** Will Stark reported that he is applying for a grant to repair or replace the elevator in order to bring it up to code.


**Old Business:** Tower fundraiser.

**New Business:** Committees reports are to be submitted electronically three days before the council meeting.

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

- Participating in the work of our Visioning Committee—great gratitude to this hard-working committee, to the leadership of Dan Mueller and Kevin Olsen helped by Jason Bergquist, Luann Skrivseth, Grace Duddy and Julie Brandon.
- Meeting with, and welcoming at our worship service on March 13, five new members: Taylor Brorby, Amanda Jenkins-Buegel and Alex Jenkins, Josh Messner and Sally Messner.
- Two 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations: 1) February 27 commemorating the ways people in this congregation have been involved in Missions and 2) March 6 welcoming former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Melinda Quivik, to preach and preside, and her husband Dr. Fred Quivik, who led the adult forum.
- Interviewing six seminary students, candidates for the two-year, half-time vicar position that has been approved for 2011-2013 by the church council.
- Meeting with Liz Karlen, a preschool parent who has agreed to direct our summer preschool program. Meeting with Finnish Consul Marianne Wargelin and others to discuss the possible use and rental of space in our church building by the Finnish community.
- Being invited to apply for another St. Olaf Summer Vocational Intern
- Pastoral care visits; presiding at the wedding of Amanda Jenkins and Ted Buegel; meeting with other couples wishing to be married in our church.

# Christ Church Lutheran—May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>11:00 AM Bldg. Tour</p> <p>11:10 AM Education</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM Stewardship</p> <p>7:00 PM Common Committees</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 PM 2010-11 Preschool Picnic</p>	<p>5</p> <p>No Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Spring Cleanup Day</p> <p>10:00 AM Finnish School</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>11:10 AM Education</p>	<p>9</p> <p>No Preschool—Teacher's Prep</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 PM Preschool Alumni Picnic</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:00 PM Wedding of Dianna Schmidt and Kellen McWhite</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>11:10 AM Education</p> <p><i>Courier Deadline</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Stationery</p> <p>7:00 PM Executive Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Council</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:15 PM Staff Luncheon</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p> <p>11:10 AM Education</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No Retirees</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Last Day of Preschool</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Memorial Day</i></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 PM FCCL Board Meeting</p>				 <p>CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN</p>

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Head Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Prayer Writers</b>	<b>Nursery Workers</b>
<b>May 1</b>	Grace Duddy	Sami Hoss	Ben Cherland	Dave Kutzbach	Howard Polsfuss	Paul Hanson	Traci Boser
	Kris Stedje	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Robert Swenson		
		Kris Stedje					
		Chuck Merrell					
<b>May 8</b>	Kris Stedje	Phyllis Mattill	Liz Gomoll	Jeanne Anderson	Kevin Olsen	Sally Messner	Kelly Brandon
	Taylor Brorby	Donna Gawreluk			Will Stark		
		Taylor Brorby					
		Gene Bruss					
<b>May 15</b>	Taylor Brorby	Donna Torgerson	Josh Messner	Max Wiperman	Kris Stedje	Kay Madson	Ute Swenson
	Donna Gawreluk	Phyllis Mattill		Fred Bentz	Jeanette Bidne		
		Donna Gawreluk					
		Melody Pauling					
<b>May 22</b>	Simo Sarkanen	Phyllis Mattill	Taylor Brorby	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders	Pat Baehler	Marni Schmidt
	Jeanette Bidne	Jan Radloff		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		
		Jeanette Bidne					
		Chuck Merrell					
<b>May 29</b>	Pat Baehler	Phyllis Mattill	Paul Hanson	Jeanne Anderson	Howard Polsfuss	Paul Hanson	Samantha Rice
	Ben Cherland	Grace Duddy			Robert Swenson		
		Ben Cherland					
		Gene Bruss					
<b>Ascension Day</b>							
<b>June 2</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Phyllis Mattill	Lucille Buelow	Ginny Buegel				
<b>June 5</b>	Erik Haaland	Donna Torgerson	Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach	Bob Swenson	Melody Pauling	Luann Skrivseth
	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Ute Swenson		