



## Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education  
Adult forums will  
resume in September

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### Life Together—June 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

I've got school on my mind these days with four graduations in my extended family plus Todd Brandon's in our church community. In addition, it's time to say "farewell" to two of our seminarians as they end their academic year and head into the next chapters of their ministry. Kristine Stedje will move to Arthur, North Dakota (just north of Fargo), where she will serve as vicar for a year. Jeanette Bidne has been assigned to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod where she is awaiting call. We have treasured both of these gifted women. They are truly a blessing to the church. It has been our privilege to be in ministry for awhile with them.

Another thing putting school on my mind is, of course, these last days of our Christ Church Lutheran Preschool. Endings have hard aspects as we let go, but we have been having many good times, too, in this ending. The director, Stephanie Gustafson, planned wonderful picnics at the end of the school year—one for the current student body and one for alums, which brought back many families touched by our preschool program over the years. I will always treasure the image of Mrs. Gustafson, surrounded by dozens of alums and their parents, posing for a group photo—she was absolutely glowing.

Many heartfelt and wonderful words about the preschool and Mrs. Gustafson were shared at the reception on May 15. I want to say again, "Thank you for your good and faithful work for the sake of the children." Stephanie Gustafson has accepted a similar position at St. Luke's Lutheran in Bloomington. We rejoice with her in this next opportunity and know she will do so well. We also look forward to the continued participation of Stephanie and Gary in our life together.


School is on my mind also because of summer preschool at Christ Church Lutheran. During the month of July, there will be weekday classes from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children ages 3 to pre-kindergarten. Each week will have its own theme. The first week, July 5–8, will be Vacation Bible School (VBS). I am so excited to be offering a week of VBS! The other three weeks will focus on science (July 11–15), music (July 18–22) and art (July 25–29). *If you can help with summer preschool, please call the church office or speak to me.*

We will also be welcoming our second St. Olaf College summer vocational intern, Scott Krepsky. He will work closely with our summer preschool, as well as in other areas of our ministry. We look forward to getting to know Scott. Looking ahead, this fall we will welcome our new vicar, Will Starkweather, a student at Luther Seminary, along with his wife Molly. He will be with us half-time for two years. It will be wonderful to have a vicar in our midst again.

A gift of Christ Church Lutheran is our love of learning and mentoring, of guiding people as they grow, and as they discern their vocations. What a rich ministry! Thank you for the joy of sharing it with you.

Pastor Kristine Carlson

## Contacts and Information

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	<b>Worship</b>	
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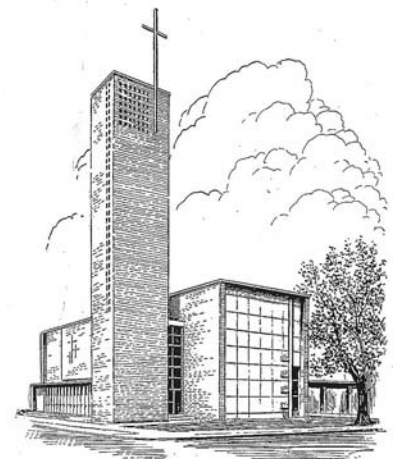
### Announcements

#### Book Sale

During the month of June, bring books to be donated in a box or bag marked “Book Sale” to the education wing. Books will be offered for sale after the worship service every Sunday in July.

#### Courier Deadline

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

Date: **June 12**

*Day of Pentecost*

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Date: **June 19**

*The Holy Trinity*

First Lesson: Gen 1:1—2:4a

Psalm: 8

Second Lesson: 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: Matt 28:16-20

Date: **June 26**

First Lesson: Jer 28:5-9

Psalm: 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Lesson: Rom 6:12-23

Gospel: Matt 10:40-42

Date: **July 3**

First Lesson: Zech 9:9-12

Psalm: 145:8-14

Second Lesson: Rom 7:15-25a

Gospel: Matt 11:16-19, 25-30



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

## Thank You and Goodbye

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for honoring me your with kind words and gifts during the church service and reception for Education Sunday on May 15. The framed photo of the preschool classroom, copied from the one in the Christ Church archives, is truly a treasure.

I have been blessed to be employed as the preschool director/teacher at Christ Church for 22 years and I am leaving with many memories of my time here. From the beginning, I had hoped to retire from this position, but that wasn't meant to be. The closing of the preschool also terminated my employment.

I am a "school marm" at heart, so I have accepted a position as the new lead preschool teacher at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Because it is a part-time position, I will continue to work the other two part-time jobs I began last fall.

During the past 22 years, we have **all** celebrated and cried, laughed and loved and lost, shared and bonded, built life-long relationships. I will leave with memories that are worth more than money can buy.

Stephanie Gustafson, director/teacher of Christ Church Preschool Learning Center, 1989–2011



## Retirees

Come to the Ascension Day service on Thursday, June 2, at 11:30 a.m. This will be followed by a chicken alfredo lunch from Fat Lorenzo's, as well as entertainment. It is a free-will donation; everyone is welcome.

Also, our regular meeting will occur on Wednesday, June 29, at 11:00 a.m., including a potluck lunch. Come and share some of your favorite memories of Christ Church. Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

## Member Appreciation

*(anonymous submission)*

Congratulations and thank you, Ginny Buegel, for 50 years of singing in the Christ Church choir (one-half of the existence of our congregation). She has sung under six choir directors (Bill Niebuhr, Wally Pelz, Wayne Burcham, Larry Young, Bob Farlee and Martin Seltz). During that time, the choir gave various concerts, including joint performances with other church choirs; they also made an LP record. Ginny sang a solo on that recording and has sung other solos in several major choral works.

*Across the river and through the snow,  
to all those rehearsals she did go.  
In the dark of night and Sundays  
bright, she steadfastly sang with all her  
might.*

*In the alto section she was stalwart—  
she assisted the sopranos—  
she did her part.  
For her long and faithful tenure, we are  
grateful, to be sure.*

Thank you, Ginny, for your valued service in our choir and to this congregation!

# 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,  
6/19 Erik Haaland, Matt Reiger  
6/20 Roger Gomoll  
6/21 Lynn Speiker  
6/24 Marjorie Meffert  
6/25 Ken Schoenike, Victoria Wall  
6/26 Jim Strom  
6/27 Gregory Tindell, Samantha Hoss  
6/29 Paul Flanders

## Member Death

Christ Church was recently notified that Ruth Freudenthal, a life-long church member who was living in Wisconsin, passed away on December 21, 2010. She was 95.

## 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	Michael Jefferis
Susannah Carlson	David Kutzbach
Bill & Phyllis Dunstone	Brian Odlaug
Dick & Doris Gliem	Jan Radloff
Clyde Hanson	Bob & Ute Swenson
Muriel Heller	Max Wipperman

## Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2011

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary*

### Committee Reports

**Education:** Preschool reception on May 15; graduation reception for Todd Brandon on May 22; summer preschool VBS will be held in July. Youth went to Izaty's for the weekend in March; in April, took plant orders.

**Mission:** Our Saviour's Shelter meal was organized by Rachael Mann; 56 individuals were served on April 25. Possible future outreach opportunity: bike ride from CCL on Saturday mornings.

**Property:** Motion by Gary Gustafson, second by Melody Pauling, to approve the signing of tower contract for \$202,000, with the stipulation that if more money is needed for any items on the list, or if more things come up, Darrell Anderson will bring to council to approve. Motion passed. Plans to repair/replace elevator are on hold.

**Treasurer's Report:** We are behind in envelope giving; income is at *minus* \$4,000+; this is being made up in building use; the budgeted 5% increase in envelope giving has not happened. Expenses are under budget by about \$1,600. Investments continue to do well.

**Tower Contract:** Darrell Anderson brought the tower repair contract to be signed by congregation president, Gene Bruss. The bid came in at \$202,000; the architect fees are \$34,000. The money raised by the tower fundraiser will cover additional items: arcade column repair, interior of the tower clean-up and repair, repair/reattach the tower ladder, and plumbing repair in the tower (needed to remove rainwater from the tower). At some point, CCL will be without electricity as the power lines are moved/taken down. The National Park Service and the City of Minneapolis Historic Society have approved the construction plans; the plans have been forwarded to the State of Minnesota Historic Society for their review.

**Visioning:** Dan Mueller introduced the members of Visioning Committee: Luann Skrivseth, Jason Berquist, Grace Duddy and Pastor Carlson; and Julie Brandon, who was unable to attend. Dan described process the committee had used; council reviewed vision statement. The plan should drive our budget in future years.

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

- The culmination of Lent in Passion Sunday, then the Three Days, and Easter Day. Warmest gratitude to everyone involved with the Lenten and Easter Week services—the worship leaders, the choir, cantors, Longfellow Brass and everyone who decorated the sanctuary.
- Introducing our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary hymn, "To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold," with text by Pr. Susan Briehl and tune by Pr. Robert Farlee—a treasure for us and for the wider church.
- The continuing work of our Visioning Committee. A vision for the future of Christ Church Lutheran is emerging, along with a vision for mission. Very exciting!
- Blessing, in worship, and sending our new Eucharistic Ministers, each assigned to bring the Meal to a homebound member once a month—Taylor Brorby, Ben Cherland, Josh Messner, Sally Messner, Kristine Stedje, Erik Haaland, Mary Bode, Paul Hanson. A great help to me in pastoral care.

### Old Business

**Organ Project:** Pastor Carlson reported that the organ project is in a waiting mode right now.

### New Business

**Request to register Ben Cherland as a candidate for rostered ministry in the ELCA:** Ben is asking CCL to be a sponsoring congregation that will agree to support him in this effort and register him as a candidate with the larger church. Motion by Kevin Olsen, second by Brian Odlaug, for congregation to register Ben as a candidate for rostered ministry. Motion passed. Money from the Buege Scholarship Fund can be used.

**Vicar assignment from Luther Seminary:** Will Starkweather will be our vicar for the next two years.

**St. Olaf Summer Vocational Intern** is Scott Krepsky; he will start in mid-June.

**Synod Assembly:** Gene and Pastor Carlson will be attending the opening service of the Synod Assembly. Motion by Dan Mueller, second by Gary Gustafson, for congregation to give \$100 to the Minneapolis Area Synod, using money from the Designated Mission Future Considerations.

# Christ Church Lutheran–June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Ascension Day</i>  <b>11:30 AM Worship,</b> followed by program and luncheon	3  3:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	4  2:00 PM Kevin Olsen & Will Stark Wedding
				Meals on Wheels		
5  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Bldg. Tour	6	7  6:00 PM Stewardship  7:00 PM Common Committees	8  9:00 AM Stationery	9	10	11
12  <i>Pentecost</i>  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>	13	14	15  <i>Courier</i> Deadline	16	17  Wedding Rehearsal	18  3:00 PM Deeg/Gilmer Wedding
19  <i>Father's Day</i>  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>	20	21  7:00 PM Executive Committee  7:30 PM Council	22  12:00 PM Staff Meeting	23	24	25
26  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>	27	28  7:00 PM FCCL Board Meeting	29  11:00 AM Retirees	30	<b>Book Sale</b>  During the month of June, bring your books to be donated in a box or bag marked "Book Sale" to the education wing.  Books will be for sale after church every Sunday in July.	

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

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
<b>Ascension Day, 11:30 a.m. service</b>							
<b>June 2</b>	Phyllis Mattill	Lucille Buelow	Ginny Buegel	Michael Jefferis			
<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		
		Jason Bergquist					
		Chuck Merrell					
<b>June 12</b>	Grace Duddy	Sami Hoss	Josh Messner	Max Wiperman	Howard Polsfuss	Pat Baehler	Karen Woestehoff
	Ben Cherland	Phyllis Mattill		Fred Bentz	Robert Swanson		
		Ben Cherland					
		Gene Bruss					
<b>June 19</b>	Taylor Brorby	Donna Torgerson	Paul Hanson	Gary Skrivseth	Kevin Olsen	TBD	Traci Bose
	Mary Bode	Phyllis Mattill		Michael Jefferis	Will Stark		
<b>June 26</b>	Simo Sarkanen	Phyllis Mattill	Liz Gomoll	Dave Kutzbach	Carol Flanders	TBD	Samantha Rice
	Lucille Buelow	Chuck Merrell		Dick Thompson	Juanita Burke		
<b>July 3</b>	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill	Mary Lou Doll	Max Wiperman	Michael Jefferis	TBD	Ute Swenson
	Pat Baehler	Jan Radloff		Fred Bentz			