



## 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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*Independence Day  
July 4<sup>th</sup>*

### President's Message

by Gene Bruss

The tower repair started on Tuesday, May 30, with two sides being worked on at the same time. While it's exciting to have the work in progress, the grinding of the grout between the bricks has been noisy and dusty.

We may have thought the hard work of the tower project was the fundraising process. After all, it isn't easy to raise that kind of money. As such, we again need to recognize all the efforts of the fundraising committee and the generosity of contributors—members of the congregation, the Friends of CCL and more. However, as with home repair projects, which typically require many trips to the hardware store, the tower project has already had its first surprise.


We were visited by the city's inspection department because a complaint had been filed regarding the dusty conditions around the neighborhood from the grinding of the grout. As such, the job was shut down and the architect was consulted. As a result, it was determined that the sawing process had to change to a wet process. This will require additional steps to complete the work and a change order in the amount of \$2,898.00 was authorized to enable the work to continue. This new expense will reduce the reserve that we have for the project (but not require additional funds from the congregation).

On a positive note, when the cross was removed from the tower on June 13, we could see that it had been made with a splice and could be taken apart, making it easier to handle. The cross is approximately 30 feet high, weighing approximately 500 pounds. It won't be reinstalled until the masonry work on the facade is finished. Life-long CCL member, Dick Gleim, remembers the cross being fabricated by Flour City Architectural Metal Works where he worked for many years.

As the tower repair continues, the architects are working on mortar samples to get the correct color match, as well as looking at various brick samples to match the existing brick as closely as possible.

Special thanks to the Property Committee, especially Darrell Anderson, for being the contact person for the architect and contractor.

## Contacts and Information

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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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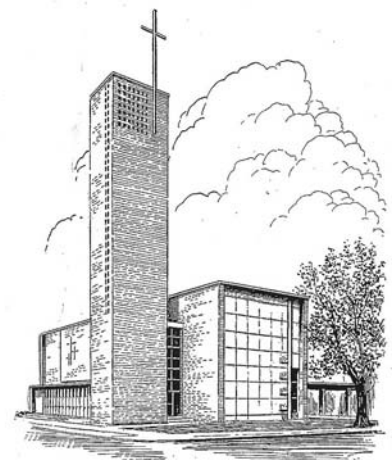
### Announcements

#### July Book Sale

Books will be offered for sale after the worship service every Sunday in July.

#### *Courier* Deadline

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

Date: **July 10**

First Lesson: Isa 55:10-13

Psalm: 65:[1-8] 9-13

Second Lesson: Rom 8:1-11

Gospel: Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

Date: **July 17**

First Lesson: Isa 44:6-8 or

Wis 12:13, 16-19\*

Psalm: 86:11-17

Second Lesson: Rom 8:12-25

Gospel: Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

Date: **July 24**

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm: 119:129-136

Second Lesson: Rom 8:26-39

Gospel: Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

Date: **July 31**

First Lesson: Isa 55:1-5

Psalm: 145:8-9, 14-21

Second Lesson: Rom 9:1-5

Gospel: Matt 14:13-21

Date: **August 7**

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm: 85:8-13

Second Lesson: Rom 10:5-15

Gospel: Matt 14:22-33



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

## A Special Note from Ginny Buegel

I was overwhelmed by the recent love, appreciation and recognition of my years of attendance and service at CCL in the choir.

As a new bride in 1961, the choir was always my first choice for service in the congregation. I was 12 years old when I was recruited for the choir at Trinity Lutheran Church in Toronto, Canada, by our pastor's wife, Gertrude Pollex. It was practice every Thursday for one hour in the parsonage after a 30-minute street car ride. She was also our youth drama director for plays at the church (a multi-talented lady).

It has been a blessing to be in such a welcoming multi-talented congregation and I can't promise 50 more years, but I only hope I have given as much as God and you have been gracious to give to me.

Yours in Christ,

Ginny Buegel

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

November 19, 2011

Gala social hour, banquet, program

November 20, 2011

Eucharist with guest preacher Martin Marty

If you know of a friend of Christ Church Lutheran, a former member or a family member that would be interested in being invited to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, please jot down their name and address and place it in the sacristy mail slot of Mary Bode. We will gladly include them in the guest list. Thank you.

Your 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee,

Pastor Carlson, Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee, Pastor Martin Seltz, Karen Woestehoff and Mary Bode

## Retirees

There will be an indoor picnic on Wednesday, July 27, beginning at 11:00 a.m., which will include a hot dog lunch (no potluck); free-will donation. Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone



## Human Interest

### Baptism

On May 22, Sophia Elayne Hendren, daughter of Jeremiah Hendren and Amy Lindholm, was baptized. Her sponsors are Brady Lindholm, Erik Lindholm, Meredith Strom and Christopher Anderson.

### Wedding

Kevin Olsen and William Stark were married at Christ Church on June 4. Pastor Carlson presided.

### Death

Andrew Schuett died on April 27. His funeral was in Owatonna, Minnesota.

## Just for Fun...Who Said It?

*As I've gotten older, I've become intensely aware of the cost of wasting time. I don't want to be a Luddite, but I don't want to spend too much time looking at a piece of plastic and metal. I want to be free to look at the world around me because that's where my art comes from.*

See answer on page 6

# Happy Birthday to You!

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

7/1	Muriel Heller
7/2	Margaret Doll
7/3	Orville Bruss
7/4	Heather Weimer
7/5	Nicholas Boser
7/7	Mary Bode, Dorothy Iverson
7/8	Adam Schmidt
7/9	Dick Strom, Janice Wahlstrom
7/11	Chuck Merrell
7/13	Kelly Brandon
7/16	Ute Swenson
7/19	Donna Gawreluk, Lillian Hohertz-Foat
7/21	Christine Warner, Patti Shingledecker
7/23	Marilyn Johnston
7/24	Bonnie Nilson, Todd Schoenike
7/25	David Doll, Donna Lindberg
7/26	Sophia Hendren
7/27	Jon Woestehoff
7/30	Leah Skrivseth

## 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 2011

Pat Baehler	Shawn Deresch
Vivian Bartsch	June Johnson
Fred Bentz	Ken Koense
Dori Brandon and family	Simo Sarkanen & Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
Lucille Buelow	Sandra Tindell
Juanita Burke	

## Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2011

*Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary*

### Committee Reports

**Education:** Youth lock-in went well. Planning is continuing for the preschool reception on May 15 and the graduation reception on May 22. Plants from plant sale will be distributed on May 15. Planning is underway for the preschool summer vacation Bible school (VBS) program.

**Mission:** No report

**Property:** Property committee has been working on the tower project and the request from the Finnish group. During the work on the tower project, the church may be without electricity—not sure how long this would be. Need to consider that the summer VBS program will be held in July; we do not want to be without electricity during that time. Are looking at having a contractor out this summer to mud-jack tiles in the courtyard.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Worship:** No report

**Council at Large:** The May 8 adult forum on the proposed CCL vision statement went well. Committee will be meeting next week.

**Treasurer's Report:** Melody distributed the profit-and-loss budget versus actual and the CCL balance sheet through April 30, 2011. We are nearly \$7,000 behind the amount budgeted for envelope giving; we have under-spent \$2,652 in expenses, giving us a minus \$2,057 through April 30.

### Pastor's Report

The council met last on April 27 due to rescheduling because of Holy Week. Highlights since then include:

- The continuing work of the Visioning Committee. After a preparatory meeting on May 5, the Visioning Committee led the forum on May 8. More than two dozen people attended to hear the vision presented and to offer their responses. The vision was received with positive enthusiasm and encouragement to the committee to move ahead toward the development of an implementation plan and strategy.
- Attending the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly at St. Andrew's in Eden Prairie. Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson preached at the opening worship on Friday evening, May 6, and led a Q&A on Saturday. He encouraged us to be an "Emmaus Road" church—welcoming the stranger, celebrating Word and Sacrament, telling others.
- Attending preschool events—the picnic at the end of the year for the current preschool families; the alumni picnic that had a great turnout and much joy in remembering. On Sunday, May 15, during the sending portion of the worship service and then during the forum, the work of Stephanie Gustafson was remembered and celebrated in prayer and praise as she moves to a new position at the preschool of St. Luke's Lutheran in Bloomington.
- The painting project organized by Joanne Seltz (Preservation) and Liz Gomoll (Friends of CCL)—a group of talented and dedicated painters has been painting the Kretzmann Library and the downstairs hallways, refreshing them and making them lovely. The mosaic gifted to us by Jeannette Kretzmann is now hanging over the fireplace in the Kretzmann Library and that room has been reconfigured a bit to make a better space for forums and classes to meet. Thanks to everyone involved!
- Presiding at the wedding of Diana Schmidt and Kellen McWhite on May 14.
- Numerous pastoral care conversations.
- Another forum by Nick Markell, who is working with us in our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year to draw an icon for Christ Church.

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- Welcoming numerous guests and newcomers to Christ Church Lutheran, who have responded warmly to our worship and to our community life. One—the wife of an ELCA bishop—told me she had phoned her husband after worshipping at our church on May 15 and she said to him, “I think I have found a gold mine.”
- For a few days this past week, I was in Madison, Wisconsin, attending the graduation of my oldest son, Kai, from the university, where he received an MFA in poetry. A happy and proud day!

Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor.

Addition to Pastor’s Report:

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The icon will be ready in the fall. Anniversary dates will continue to be published in the Sunday bulletins, so everyone is aware of the event dates. Events should also be published in the area newspapers; former members contacted.

### Old Business

**Organ Project:** We will soon be receiving the new drawings; more things will be happening in the near future.

### New Business

**Building Use/Rental Request from the Finnish Group:** The Property Committee has suggested the formation of a task force to study the request from the Finnish group to rent space at CCL. These groups are now meeting in different buildings; they would like a central place to meet—a place to “call their own.” The task force would meet with the Finnish group to find out what they are asking for and what we would need to do to accommodate them and then present a recommendation to the council at the July council meeting on whether to go forward and how to proceed.

**Budget Line Responsibilities:** As noted above, Melody furnished copies of the profit and loss versus actual report; she had tentatively assigned responsibility for the line items and went through the report, asking council members for input as she went along. Some changes were suggested and/or made. Council also went through the balance sheet showing the trust funds responsibility. It was stated that a procedure needs to be established for writing checks from these funds.

**Announcements:** Reminder to get Courier articles in by the due date.



The contextual students have pretty much finished their assignments. Kris Stedje has been assigned as a vicar in Arthur, North Dakota. Grace Duddy will be returning to CCL next fall.

Pastor Carlson said she will be taking a two-week vacation to travel to Bellingham, Washington, for her son’s graduation. She plans to leave on June 6, returning by June 19.

### End of Council Minutes

Answer to “Who Said It?” on page 4: Actor Robert Redford (as reported in the *The Wall Street Journal* on December 30, 2010, in an article titled, *Cultural Resolutions*).

# Christ Church Lutheran—July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b> 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	5 9:00 AM Preschool Program ~ Vacation Bible School  7:00 PM Common Committees	6	7	8	9
10 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>	11 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Program ~ Science	12	13	14 Wedding Rehearsal	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i>	16 Crystal Richardson & Keith Creech Wedding
17 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>	18 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Program ~ Music	19 7:00 PM Exec. Commit. 7:30 PM Council	20	21	22	23
24 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>	25 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Summer Preschool Program ~ Art	26 7:00 PM FCCL Board Meeting	27 11:00 AM Retirees	28	29	30
31 <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>	<b>Book Sale</b>					
	<p><i>Who?</i> You!  <i>What?</i> Shop at the book sale.  <i>When?</i> Every July Sunday after the worship service.  <i>Where?</i> The yellow room in the atrium.  <i>Why?</i> To fund reupholstering of the library and Luther Lounge furniture.</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>July 3</b>	Jason Bergquist Pat Baehler	Phyllis Mattill Jan Radloff	Mary Lou Doll	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Michael Jefferis	Pat Baehler	Ute Swenson
<b>July 10</b>	Rachel Mann Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill Lucille Buelow	Lynn Larson	Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Sally Messner	Marni Schmidt
<b>July 17</b>	Erik Haaland Mary Bode	Taylor Brorby Chuck Merrell	Marni Schmidt	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Bob Swenson Ute Swenson	TBD	Samantha Rice
<b>July 24</b>	Simo Sarkanen Pat Baehler	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Paul Hanson	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Howard Polsfuss Robert Swanson	TBD	Luann Skrivseth
<b>July 31</b>	Mary Bode Jan Radloff	Sami Hoss Phyllis Mattill	Marni Schmidt	Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	TBD	Luann Skrivseth
<b>August 7</b>	Grace Duddy Chuck Merrell	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	TBD	Karen Woestehoff