



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—August 2011

Dear Friends,

This summer, we are gifted in so many ways by our summer vocational intern, Scott Krepsky. He comes to us through the generosity of the Lilly Foundation and St. Olaf College, where he is a student. The Lilly Foundation pays for his living expenses and provides him with a stipend. St. Olaf College offers a faculty member to serve as his advisor, so that he can receive academic credit. Scott is working closely with me during the 10 weeks he is here and I am thoroughly enjoying it. I asked him to write about himself and his time with us. Here's what Scott wrote:

I am from Lino Lakes, Minnesota. In the fall, I will return to St. Olaf where I will begin my senior year, majoring in psychology and religion. I enjoy being active in various parts of campus life; for example, I'm the treasurer of the student congregation, work as a resident assistant and do research in the Psychology Department.

This summer, I have witnessed much of the behind-the-scenes work that keeps a church busy throughout the week—beyond preparing for the weekly Sunday service. During July, I focused on the summer preschool program, teaching the Vacation Bible School week (July 5-9) in addition to the Arts week (July 25-29), and helping with the other two weeks. I had a great time with the Longfellow neighborhood children. Their questions and constant activity kept me on my toes, but their outlook on life can be refreshing.

The intention of the Lilly Program that provides the funding for my internship is to give opportunities for students to discover their own sense of vocation. In addition to working at Christ Church Lutheran, four other summer interns and I meet with former Luther Seminary professor, Randy Nelson. He leads our weekly discussion and helps us to gain insight from our experiences. This summer is the second time that I have been a recipient of Lilly's grants. Two summers ago I spent a month teaching English in Cairo, Egypt. Thank you, Lilly!

Last summer, I worked as a counselor at Camp Onomia, a Lutheran camp in Onamia, Minnesota. My experiences there led me to consider a calling to the ministry. Yet, my interests also lie in psychology, especially where it crosses with religion. It is unclear whether I will continue to explore my passions in an academic or ministry setting, but I look forward to seeing where life's journey leads me!

~ Scott Krepsky, St. Olaf College Summer Vocational Intern

Christ Church Lutheran has a gift for mentoring people in vocations of ministry. It is one of the things we enjoy and do well. We are delighted to walk with Scott in his vocational journey and we are very grateful for the fine work he is doing in our midst this summer. We look also forward to next month and doing it again as we welcome our new vicar, Will Starkweather, from Luther Seminary, and his wife Molly Wright.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and mission.

Pastor Kristine Carlson

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Announcements

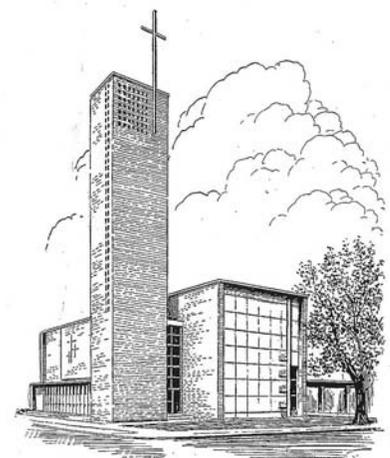
Mpls. Area Synod News

Our synod bishop, Craig Johnson, resigned to become senior pastor at Mt. Olivet Lutheran, whose pastor, Paul Youngdahl, died. An interim bishop will be appointed.

In addition, associate to the bishop, Rev. David Wangaard, resigned recently to take a call as interim senior pastor in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Courier Deadline

The next submission deadline is August 15. To submit content, send an e-mail to Jan Radloff at: jan.radloff@mpls.k12.mn.us or give to the church office.



Readings and Psalms

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

Date: **August 14**

First Lesson: Isa 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Second Lesson: Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matt 15:[10-20] 21-28

Date: **August 21**

First Lesson: Isa 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Second Lesson: Rom 12:1-8

Gospel: Matt 16:13-20

Date: **August 28**

First Lesson: Jer 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Second Lesson: Rom 12:9-21

Gospel: Matt 16:21-28

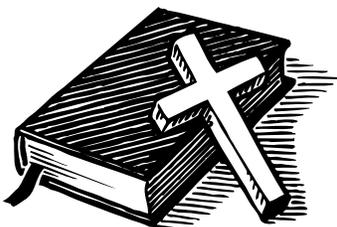
Date: **September 4**

First Lesson: Ezek 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Second Lesson: Rom 13:8-14

Gospel: Matt 18:15-20



Weeds vs. Wheat

by Lynn Larson

At my husband's Catholic church one Sunday in July, the priest's sermon addressed the gospel from Matthew about the weeds and wheat. (Refresher: A man sowed good seed in his field, but his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.) The priest's message that day was how people could be viewed as being one or the other (weeds or wheat), but, in reality, each of us is a mix of both.

During his sermon, the priest also recalled the life of Oskar Schindler (1908–1974), noting how he was a drinker and womanizer who profited from the Nazi activities. Of course, he also went on to save more than 1,000 Jews during World War II. A man who some could have cast aside as a weed of society emerged as golden wheat.

This sermon occurred the week after I had attempted to weed my husband's vegetable garden. In the process, I started questioning if I was mistaking some good plants as weeds, tossing them into my trash bag. My approach was based on appearance; that is, I assumed the tallest things were weeds, towering over the shorter good plants. It wasn't always easy to tell the difference. Similarly, it isn't always easy to "read" people correctly.

While listening to the priest that day, I thought about a Larson family wedding that my husband and I attended in July. Two of Kevin's cousins—two brothers—are close in age and both have names starting with "D." One is awaiting a hearing in conjunction with a crime he committed. We couldn't remember which brother was which. One family member assumed that the shaggy-haired, earring-clad brother was the one with the legal trouble. After all, the other brother was gregarious and clean-cut. Later in the evening, we learned that it was the clean-cut brother who is awaiting trial. Appearances can, indeed, be deceiving.

No one particular aspect of a person—like appearance—defines who someone is. As the priest observed, we are all a mix of traits. Sometimes we are hard on ourselves over an undesirable trait or negative behavior. Perhaps we also judge others harshly because of one aspect of who they are. During such judgments, it is good to remember that, among the weeds, there is also wheat to be recognized and nurtured.

Retirees

Join us on Wednesday, August 31, at 11:00 a.m. for Bingo. Please bring a wrapped gift if you have one. A potluck lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Member Death

Pearl Foss passed away July 11. Her funeral service was held July 17.

100th 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 100th 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 100th Anniversary Committee,

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

Happy Birthday to You!

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

8/1 Glen Polsfuss
8/2 Olaf Carlson-Wee
8/3 Greg Madson (G.T.), Chris Schmidt
8/5 Kay Madson, Loren Wiklander
8/6 Alan Graebner
8/7 Matias Sarkanen
8/8 Linda Petro
8/11 Don Swenson
8/12 Noah Buckley-Farlee, Danielle Tucker
8/14 Peter Doll
8/15 Jan Radloff, Joanne Seltz, Karen Woestehoff
8/16 Gloria Johnson
8/17 Henry Polsfuss
8/21 Bernice Eisfelder, James Gawreluk,
Josh Messner
8/22 David Petro, Sandra Tindell
8/23 Wally Wermager, Richard Thompson
8/25 Jamie Hembroff, Lucas Reiger
8/26 Terra Girard
8/27 Bob Swenson, Lisa Smetana
8/28 Henri Kukkonen
8/29 Luann Skrivseth
8/31 Gerald Girard

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 June 21, 2011

Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Committee Reports

Education: Did not meet; no report

Mission: Working on National Night Out and Corn Feed planning; brainstorming ideas for mission outreach; and planning for the next Our Saviour's Shelter meal. They have been contacted by Safe House re: scheduling a meal.

Property: Tower project is going pretty well; there have been a few issues with the neighborhood. Planning a clean-up day once the project is finished. May or may not do mud-jacking in the courtyard; still looking at the arcade pillars; handicap access is still on the list.

Stewardship: Did not meet; no report

Worship: Did not meet; no report

Council at Large: Report given earlier in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Melody provided budget reports—Assets & Trusts and Income & Expenses through May 31, 2011, and lists of which group/individual is responsible for each account. Expenses and income are almost the same for the period of January–May 2011. Kevin praised Melody on the fantastic job preparing these documents.

Pastor's Report

Report was not submitted prior to the *Courier* publication.

Old Business

Task Force to Study Finnish Request for Space at CCL: Feel that we should take some time before making any decision and give congregation time for input. We do not yet have a concrete proposal from the Finnish group. Will need to contact them for a proposal. The task force will meet later on, not making any decision until this fall.

Organ Project: Erik Haaland will be the liaison between the council and organ committee (organ study group). The group met on June 1; the discussion included:

- reviewing new drawings for the organ—the new design was well-liked
- the design's workability with CCL's historic designation; a general sense that the design has real potential, so a subcommittee was formed to pursue questions along these lines
- CCL's current organ; need to determine the costs of keeping it, including the cost of eventual replacement
- the need to raise funds if the congregation decides to pursue; second subcommittee was formed to work on this
- the need to tie this project into the CCL visioning work; organ would attract musicians and musical groups, opening up our space to the wider community for concerts/events and outreach and support of the arts

Organ study group's next meeting is July 12. The original purpose of this group was to prepare a recommendation for a process for the congregation to make a decision about the organ. There has been no official vote on proceeding with the organ project. Next steps would include: having a firm proposal, art work to present to the congregation, a time frame, possible sources of funding, and information needed for the congregation to make an intelligent decision.

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes continued on next page

New Business

Visioning Committee Proposal: The next step for the Visioning Committee is to develop a solid action plan to implement the vision. Because past CCL planning efforts have stalled at this critical point in the planning process, the committee recommends hiring Elaine Weber Nelson to help gather input, identify tactics and develop a timeline to set in motion CCL's vision goals during the next five years.

Motion by Kevin Olsen: The Visioning Committee moves that the council approve contracting with Elaine Weber Nelson of Weber Nelson Consulting (from June 30, 2011, through September 30, 2011) to assist the Visioning Committee in developing an action plan to implement the CCL vision at a cost of \$2,650 to be paid from the Endowment Interest trust fund. Second by Melody Pauling. Motion passed.

Pastor Carlson expressed gratitude to the Visioning Committee on behalf of the council, thanking them for their time, energy and leadership.

End of Council Minutes

Tower Project Update



Photo taken by congregation president, Gene Bruss

As reported in July 10 Sunday bulletin, the workers have been finishing the east and west sides of the tower, continuing to replace damaged bricks and put in new mortar. The architect is very pleased with the fine quality of the match of the new bricks with the old.

Next, the swing stages will be moved to the north and south sides, where wet-grinding of mortar and removal of damaged bricks will be done.

The cross, taken down a few weeks ago, is being repaired at a welding shop in Bloomington. It will be reinstalled after all the mortar and brick repair work is finished. When the cross was removed, it was weighed (the crane that took it down had a scale), coming in at 500 pounds!

Our Reaching New Heights campaign, in partnership with the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran, matched the grant given to us by the Department of the Interior to pay for this project. Gratitude to all who contributed and to our property committee, especially Darrell Anderson for being the contact person for the architect and contractor.

Christ Church Lutheran—August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>National Night Out</i>	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour	8 7:00 PM Finnish Violin Ensemble Concert	9 7:00 PM Common Committees	10 9:00 AM Stationery 11:45 AM Staff Lunch, Goodbye to Scott Krepsky	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Eucharist	15 <i>Courier</i> Deadline	16 7:00 PM Executive Committee 7:30 PM Council	17	18	19 <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	20 1:00 PM <i>Wedding</i>
ELCA Church-wide Assembly in Orlando, Florida						
21 9:30 AM Eucharist	22	23 7:00 PM Organ Committee	24 12:00 PM Staff Meeting	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Eucharist	29	30	31 11:00 AM Retirees			

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

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
August 7	Grace Duddy Chuck Merrell	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Carol Flanders Juanita Burke	Grace Duddy	Karen Woestehoff
August 14	Taylor Brorby Rachel Mann	Phyllis Mattill Ben Cherland	Paul Hanson	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Howard Polsfuss Robert Swanson	Pat Baehler	Kelly Brandon
August 21	Mary Bode Jason Bergquist	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Lynn Larson	Gary Skrivseth Michael Jefferis	Bob Swenson Ute Swenson	Taylor Brorby	Ute Swenson
August 28	Pat Baehler Erik Haaland	Sami Hoss Phyllis Mattill	Simo Sarkanen	Max Wipperman Fred Bentz	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	Sally Messner	Marni Schmidt
September 4	Simo Sarkanen Taylor Brorby	Phyllis Mattill Chuck Merrell	Ben Cherland	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Michael Jefferis	Pat Baehler	TBD