



Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education
Adult Forums
11:10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
(following Sunday worship
services and fellowship)

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Christ Church Lutheran Anniversary 2011

+Bearing the Name of Christ+ is the theme for our 100th anniversary. What a joy to celebrate a century of witnessing to Jesus Christ as the people of Christ Church Lutheran.

The 100th year culminating events begin Saturday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m. in our education building. As guests arrive for the banquet, *A Foretaste of the Feast to Come*, they will be directed to check in at the registration table. Registered guests will receive a nametag with a dinner table number. Guests will be invited to hang coats in the adult forum room upstairs. The Luther lounge and skylight corridor will be gathering spaces for our social hour. Sparkling wine and non-alcoholic sparkling apple juice will be served at stations on the upper level. Local businesses and donors are donating wine for the evening.

At 5:00 p.m., guests will be invited to move to the gymnasium to an assigned table. After a welcome and table prayer, we will dine on mixed green salad, dinner rolls, roasted pork loin with apple cider sauce, red cabbage, wild rice pilaf, steamed broccoli and wine. (Menu is subject to change slightly.) During the program, an almond torte with lingonberry sauce and decaf coffee will be served. The meal will be prepared and served by Paul and Carol Hinderlie, formerly of the Harbor View Cafe in Pepin, Wisconsin, assisted by Luther Seminary students, so that all Christ Church members and guests may enjoy the food and fellowship.

The evening will begin early to encourage all to have a good night's rest and return the next morning, Sunday, November 20, for special music beginning at 9:30 a.m. and then a 10:00 a.m. festival Eucharist. Theologian Dr. Martin Marty from Chicago will preach and Pastor Carlson will preside. Special music with the Longfellow Brass and our choir will enrich our worship. A reception in the Luther lounge follows.

We hope your reservation is in. We look forward to a memorable weekend in the life of our congregation.

Another project of the anniversary committee will soon be completed. Congregational photo directories will include photos of our 100th anniversary celebration from the weekend of November 19–20. There will also be a historical booklet included with the directory. We hope to have these available before Christmas. Each household will receive one copy and extras can be purchased. Come to the adult forum on Sunday, November 13, when Kay Madsen and Martin Seltz will offer some highlights from their research in preparing the historical survey.

100th Anniversary Committee
Karen Woestehoff
Pastor Carlson
Martin Seltz
Robert Farlee
Mary Bode

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	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday–Friday
	Worship
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour follows at 11:10 a.m.
Contacts	
Pastor:	Pastor Kristine Carlson
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Announcements

Reminder: Turn Clocks Back

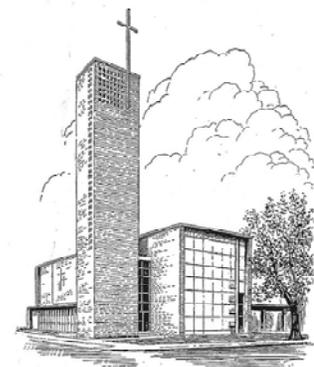
Daylight saving time ends on November 6. Before going to bed on Saturday, November 5, turn your clocks back one hour.

Building Tours

Beginning January 2012, docent-led tours of Christ Church will occur the second Sunday of each month, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the courtyard.

Courier Deadline

The next submission deadline is November 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: **November 6**—All Saints' Sunday

First Lesson: Rev 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matt 5:1-12

Date: **November 13**

First Lesson: Zeph 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

Second Lesson: 1 Thess 5:1-11

Gospel: Matt 25:14-30

Date: **November 20**—Christ the King

First Lesson: Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Second Lesson: Eph 1:15-23

Gospel: Matt 25:31-46

Date: **November 24**—Thanksgiving Day

First Lesson: Deut 8:7-18

Psalm 65

Second Lesson: 2 Cor 9:6-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Date: **November 27**

First Lesson: Isa 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Date: **December 4**

First Lesson: Isa 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Second Lesson: Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



President's Message

by Gene Bruss

Things don't always go exactly as planned... I stated in the September *Courier* that our tower project would be done in early September. We have had some delays, so, as I write this in early October, we are hoping it will be finished by the end of October. Xcel Energy was slow in moving the electric wires away from the chimney. They came the week of October 10, moving the wires to the west side of the alley. When the contractor came to work on the chimney, the wires were still too close, so Xcel Energy had to come back to move them farther away. I think the contractor can now work on the chimney. The only other things left to do are installing the access door in the roof of the tower and then putting the cross back up. A crane is needed for these two projects.

Darrell Anderson stated that he would like to have the grout between the bricks on the chimney dry naturally before the boiler is turned on. Let's pray for warm weather.

Our anniversary committee has been working long and hard to plan our 100th anniversary festivities. I urge all of you to attend the banquet on Saturday, November 19, beginning at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, November 20, there will be a special worship service with pre-service music at 9:30 a.m. The church service will begin at 10:00 a.m.; the Rev. Dr. Martin Marty will preach. All are invited to a reception in the Luther lounge following worship.



Retirees

There will be no meeting due to the 100th anniversary banquet and the Thanksgiving holiday.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Celebratory Picnic

by Mary Bode

At the *Reaching New Heights* (RNH) picnic on Sunday, October 9, CCL members and neighbors enjoyed the shaded courtyard setting with the fountain flowing on this warm Sunday afternoon. Many toasts were made by the RNH committee; following is a sample of these toasts.

We raise our glass and toast:

- the patience of neighbors as they dealt with the noise and dust of our tower project all summer
- the CCL members for their generous contributions and for fulfilling their pledge in order for our campaign to be successful
- those who went before us, having courage and foresight to build such a beautiful and well-built structure
- Darrell Anderson, our property committee, and Chuck Merrell for overseeing this project on behalf of Christ Church
- the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran for their support of this project financially as their first big, successful fundraising event
- our friend and fundraising consultant, Elaine Weber Nelson, for her fine work with the RNH committee—keeping us on track in making our visits and making us comfortable making those visits

Happy Birthday to You!

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

- 11/5 Taylor Brorby
- 11/6 Gary Bier
- 11/7 Cordell Bryan, Ethan Happe, Joan Messick, Abby Tindell
- 11/8 Angela (Anderson) Weicherding
- 11/17 Lucille Buelow, Helia Matthew
- 11/19 Myrna Murken
- 11/22 Lucy Woestehoff
- 11/23 Todd Brandon, Riley Jenkins
- 11/24 Cammie Bergsrud
- 11/25 Jesse Roberts, Jr.
- 11/26 Fred Bentz
- 11/27 Samantha Rice, Darrell Anderson
- 11/28 Edna Bull, Gary Skrivseth, Matt Woestehoff

The Art of Living

The art of living does not consist in preserving and clinging to a particular mode of happiness, but in allowing happiness to change its form without being disappointed in the change; happiness, like a child, must be allowed to grow up.

– Charles Morgan

Helping Hands

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

November and December 2011

Jason Bergquist
Mary Lou and Peter Doll
Donna & Pete Gawreluk
Dorothy Iverson
Phyllis Mattill
Marge Meffert

Chuck & Kristy Merrell
Janet Moede
Ray & Rosie Peters
Kevin Olsen & Will Stark

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted by Jan Radloff, council secretary

Committee Reports

Education and Youth: Julie Brandon is willing to teach Sunday school; proposals for music camp and a Saturday program, "Cabin Fever," have been received; nursery has been set up in the former preschool room. Liz Karlen is willing to coordinate the summer school program next year.

Mission: CCL serves at Our Saviour's Shelter on October 24. They are considering coordinating the meal for the shelter along with serving a meal at Safe House on October 22.

Property: The property board has a number of items on their list needing attention, including repair of the elevator, the courtyard, accessibility to the church. A suggestion was made that a one-time task force could meet and come up with a priority list. Agenda item for October: priority list.

Stewardship: Grace Duddy is working on the annual stewardship campaign.

Worship: Will be purchasing four new albs for sacristy; have set a worship planning meeting for September 25.

Council Member-at-Large: Have had three planning meetings; met with Elaine Weber Nelson; will plan specific actions to focus on for next year. Visioning committee will have the adult forum presentation on November 6.

Treasurer's Report: Council members reviewed the January–August 2011 profit & loss budget vs. actual report and the CCL balance sheet August 31, 2011. The anticipated end-of-year deficit is about \$14,000.00. We hope to make up this deficit through a special appeal to the members of the congregation. Envelopes will be placed in the bulletin to encourage extra giving.

Pastor's Report

Highlights from the past month include:

- Bidding farewell to our St. Olaf College vocational intern for the summer, Scott Krepsky.
- Participating in three small group conversations in our congregational visioning process, led by Elaine Weber Nelson, and focusing in three areas: worship, community life and outreach.
- Meetings with our 100th anniversary committee to continue planning the fall events happening around our milestone celebrations.
- Numerous pastoral conversations with people worshipping at Christ Church Lutheran—both members and potential new members.
- Welcoming our new vicar, William Starkweather, from Luther Seminary.
- Working with Josh Messner to set up our fall 2011 adult forum schedule.
- Meeting with Sally Messner to plan a music camp (at our church) for children some Saturdays.
- Working with the organ project on design, preservation issues and fundraising.
- Meeting with people from the Schubert Club, Northrop Auditorium, Accordo, and Friends of Christ Church Lutheran to work out a contractual arrangement for Accordo to have three concerts in our sanctuary this winter/spring—February 6, March 12, May 14.

Old Business

Organ Project: Erik handed out copies of the letter sent to the Minnesota Historical Society outlining the organ proposal and the plans from Chris Holtkamp. Preliminary indication is that the Preservation Office will not approve these plans, calling out the pipes that would be placed in front of the screen and the rückpositive on the front of the balcony as sticking points. There will be a presentation on the organ project at the adult forum December 4. They are planning for an article in the *Courier*, as well as exploring other ways of communicating with and getting feedback from the congregation. A delegation from the National Park Service will be at CCL on October 4 to look over the tower and discuss the organ project.

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Vicar Program Funding: Luther Seminary will give us \$4,000 in October and \$4,000 in June 2012. CCL funding for 2011 will include \$1,524, which will come from *Making a World of Difference* and the Buege Scholarship funds; we will need to come up with \$4,512 for 2012 and \$1,905 in 2013. This will cover the half-time vicar for 21 months.

New Business

Stewardship Appeal: At the August council meeting, it was requested that a small group meet to discuss the decline in envelope giving, so Kevin reported that this group had met and had prepared the insert included in the September 18 bulletin, "Funding the Mission of Christ Church."

Grace Duddy spoke about the pledge drive for October. The theme for this year's drive is *Celebrating God's Abundance*. The campaign will end on October 30, Reformation Sunday, with an all-church celebration.

End of Council Minutes

The Busy Life of Our Building

by Pastor Carlson

Many things happen in our beautiful church building on the week days—our stationery group; retirees; church meetings; choir practice; our church staff hard at work; the work of the people who rent our purple room, such as the Inter-tribal Elders Services; summer preschool; the men working on our tower restoration project; basketball in the gym on certain days; musical groups rehearsing; gatherings of community groups; visitors dropping by to see our remarkable sanctuary and education wing; classes from colleges and universities touring and studying our building; photographers taking photos of our building; and people of Christ Church Lutheran doing their work in the building (working in the archives, painting rooms, cleaning, preparing for ministry events, watering the plants, etc.). It's a wonderful, rich, lively life!

One of the things happening this past year in our building is the increase in what we call "outside weddings." These are weddings of non-members who seek out our church because it offers a beautiful space to be married in and a dedicated, caring church staff that will help their wedding happen. These weddings are an outreach ministry for us, as well as, a source of income for our church budget.

Joanne Seltz serves as our wedding coordinator. She has worked hard with Stephanie Okoneski, our church office secretary, to prepare a wedding handbook that offers our hospitality and our guidelines for use of our church.

We work with each inquiring couple to determine if they will be a good "fit" for our church. Our goal is to have about 6–8 "outside weddings" a year (this is over-and-above any weddings that might involve members of the church—they are a priority and a joy for us!). I'm always involved in meeting with each couple, helping them plan their wedding and getting to know them, so that I can preside well at their particular wedding. The couple also meets with Joanne to go over the details of their wedding and with cantor Robert Farlee or Martin Seltz to plan the music.

We are receiving very positive feedback from the couples married in our church. As we vision together about our ministries of hospitality and outreach, we will be assessing our outreach through this wedding ministry. It's an exciting way the Spirit is bringing new people to our church!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christ Church Lutheran November 2011		1 <i>All Saints Day</i> 7:00 PM Common Committees	2	3 7:00 PM Choir	4	5* <i>See reminder below</i> 10:00 AM Finnish Language School
		6 <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour 11:10 AM Education	7	8 <i>Election Day</i> 7:30 PM Organ Committee	9 9:00 AM Stationery 7:00 PM 100 th Anniversary Committee	10 7:00 PM Choir
13 9:30 AM Eucharist followed by: Reception honoring Pastor Farlee for 30 years of ministry at CCL 11:10 AM Education	14	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i> 7:00 PM Executive Committee 7:30 PM Council	16	17 7:00 PM Choir and Longfellow Brass	18	19 10:00 AM Finnish Language School 4:00 PM 100 th Anniversary Celebration Gala
20 <i>Christ the King 100th Anniversary</i> 9:30 AM Music 10:00 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Reception	21	22	23 7:00 PM Choir	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 10:00 AM Worship	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 9:00 AM Advent Decorating
27 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education	28	29 7:00 PM FCCL Board Meeting	30	*Reminder: Turn your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5.		

**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
November 6	Taylor Brorby	Phyllis Mattill	Simo Sarkanen	Jeanne Anderson	Kevin Olsen	Sally Messner	Marni Schmidt
	Rachel Mann	Jan Radloff		Pat Baehler	Will Stark		
		Chuck Merrell					
		Gene Bruss					
November 13	Grace Duddy	Andy Hokkanen	Lynn Larson	Dave Kutzbach	Bob Swenson	Will Starkweather	Samantha Rice
	Will Starkweather	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Ute Swenson		
November 20*	Simo Sarkanen	Donna Torgerson	Daniel Holmgren	Gary Skrivseth	Carol Flanders	Erik Haaland	Luann Skrivseth
Christ the King Sunday and 100th Anniversary	Phyllis Mattill	Taylor Brorby		Michael Jefferis	Juanita Burke		
		Phyllis Mattill			Taylor Brorby		
		Melody Pauling			Rachel Mann		
		Gene Bruss					
November 24	Will Starkweather	Phyllis Mattill	Mary Lou Doll	Michael Jefferis		Paul Hanson	
Thanksgiving 10:00 a.m.							
November 27	Jason Bergquist	Sami Hoss	Paul Hanson	Jeanne Anderson	Howard Polsfuss	Dan Rinehart	Karen Woestehoff
	Taylor Brorby	Phyllis Mattill		Greg Madson	Pat Baehler		
December 4	Mary Bode	Donna Torgerson	Marni Schmidt	Dave Kutzbach	Kevin Olsen	Pat Baehler	Traci Boser
	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Will Stark		

*9:30 a.m. music; 10:00 a.m. Eucharist