



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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It's All the Buzz!

The beautiful new Christ Church Lutheran congregation directories have arrived! Distribution began January 29. If you are a member and have not picked up your copy, please see Mary Bode. Special thanks to Matt and Mary Woestehoff for donating their time and talents to the photography and layout. Thank you to Martin Seltz for overseeing this project. Thank you to Gary Wahlstrom's company, Chippewa Graphics, for the printing.

Easter Memorial Garden

Help us decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning with colorful plants and flowers! As in years past, we have a number of beautiful options. For complete details, refer to the separate order form or see Pat Baehler in the education wing on Sunday mornings. The plants and/or flowers will be yours to take home after Easter service. Please note that, due to our florist's early deadline, all orders must be submitted by **Sunday, March 18**.


Order Your
Easter
Memorial
Flowers/Plants
by March 18!

First Accordo Concert a Success

On February 6, 2012, chamber music enthusiasts flocked to Christ Church Lutheran for Accordo's season opener. This was the first of a three-concert series at Christ Church. The evening received rave reviews. The next concerts at Christ Church Lutheran will be Monday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase online at <http://www.schubert.org/accordo/> or at the door on the night of the concert—unless it is already sold out.



Contacts and Information

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	Fax: 612.728.0552 Web: http://christchurchluth.org	
	Office Hours	
	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	
Music:	Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee Pastor Martin Seltz	
Youth:	Luann Skrivseth	
Office:	Stephanie Okoneski	
Facilities:	Chuck Merrell	
Courier:	Lynn Larson	
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Secretary:	Josh Messner	
Treasurer:	Melody Pauling	
Council		
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Stewardship:	Grace Duddy	
Worship:	Pat Baehler	
Education:	Rita Schoenike	
Member-at-large:	Dan Mueller	

Announcements

Wednesday Lent Services

Worship services will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by a noon lunch, and 7:00 p.m., preceded by a 6:00 p.m. supper.

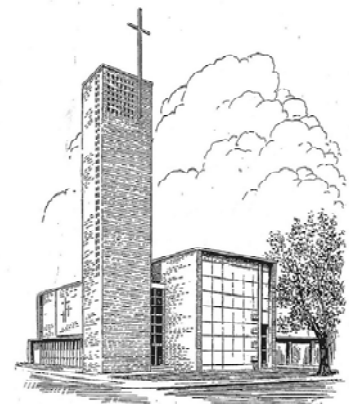
Retirees: No Meeting

There will be no regular meeting in March due to the Lenten services. However, “retirees” will serve the soup lunch on Wednesday, March 28. Attend the service at 11:30 and then join us for lunch. Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Courier Deadline

The next submission deadline is March 15. To submit content, e-mail Kevin and Lynn Larson at: kevlar2955@hotmail.com or give to the church office, who will pass along to Lynn (*Courier* editor).



Readings and Psalms

Date: **March 4**

First Lesson: Gen 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Second Lesson: Rom 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Date: **March 11**

First Lesson: Exod 20:1-17

Psalm 19

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Date: **March 18**

First Lesson: Num 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Second Lesson: Eph 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Date: **March 25**

First Lesson: Jer 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Second Lesson: Heb 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

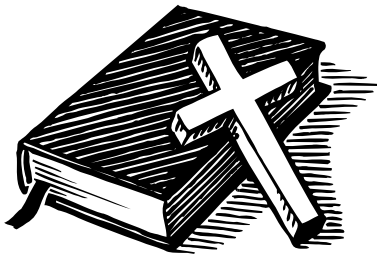
Date: **April 1 – Palm Sunday**

First Lesson: Isa 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Lesson: Phil 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47 *or*
Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]*



**Please contact the church office about which option will be used.*

Good Design is Forever

On January 28, 2012, a multi-generational crowd of more than 1,000 visitors attended this day-long event at Christ Church Lutheran to celebrate that good design is timeless, always current and relevant forever.

The event included exhibits of 1960s Finnish glass and textiles, hourly tours of Christ Church, documentary films, children's art projects, a café, live music in our sanctuary, and FinnStyle merchandise. This was a hugely successful cooperative effort among Christ Church Lutheran, Friends of Christ Church Lutheran and local Finnish organizations.



A look at the live music in the sanctuary...

Thank You Note

Thank you for the wonderful tribute during the annual congregation meeting on February 19. We were overwhelmed by the kind words, cake and gifts. We will both cherish our beautiful framed photos of Christ Church. We know that the congregation will be in good hands with the newly elected president and secretary, Erik Haaland and Josh Messner, respectively, as well as the re-elected vice president and treasurer, Kevin Olsen and Melody Pauling. Finally, we look forward to continue serving Christ Church in other capacities in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Gene Bruss and Jan Radloff

March Adult Forums

We will focus on the Gospel of John, featured this church year in the lectionary. For more information on all winter sessions, pick up an adult forum brochure or see the *Weekly Schedule* page on the church website—where you also can find pre-reading materials.

March 4. Pastor Carlson helps us sink deeply in the Passion narrative in the Gospel of John as we prepare to hear this story in worship and as we prepare to hear a local performance of Bach's *Saint John Passion*.

March 11. Paul Westermeyer, professor of church music and cantor at Luther Seminary, leads a discussion of J. S. Bach's life, vocation and cultural context, with reflections on Bach's musical and theological importance and the significance of his cantatas.

March 18. Paul Westermeyer returns to help us hear and understand Bach's music in new ways. Bach's *Saint John Passion* serves as a central part of the discussion.

March 24. Please join us this Saturday evening for a performance of Bach's monumental *Saint John Passion*. A group of Christ Church members and friends are planning to attend this performance together. All are welcome and the tickets are discounted. Please see Josh Messner or the display on the back table for more information.

Bach Society of Minnesota |
Saint Mary's Chapel | Saint Paul
Seminary, Saint Paul | 7:30 p.m.

March 25. The Visioning Committee will give us an update on how we are implementing our vision for Christ Church.

Happy Birthday to You!

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

- 3/7 Julia Boser, Gloria Sutherland
- 3/8 Joel Eisfelder, Shirley Miller
- 3/9 Michael Bergquist
- 3/10 Jason Wyatt
- 3/11 Ted Buegel
- 3/12 Greg Madson
- 3/13 Lucille Ebel
- 3/16 Renee Bergquist
- 3/18 Wendy Noakes, Margaret Graebner,
Pat Baehler
- 3/19 Lorelei Brekhuis
- 3/21 Christine Bier
- 3/22 Vivian Bartsch
- 3/23 Virginia Buegel
- 3/24 Howard Polsfuss, Sally Messner
- 3/27 Max McGlothlin
- 3/28 Phyllis Mattill
- 3/30 Mary Lou Doll, Andrew Hokkanen,
Avis Swenson

Helping Hands

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

March and April 2012

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| Erik Haaland | Dick & Elayne Strom |
| Daniel Holmgren | Robert & Annette Swanson |
| Melody Pauling | Gary & Janice Wahlstrom |
| Howard & Erla Polsfuss | Don & Marvel Walmann |
| Joanne & Martin Seltz | Evelyn & Wally Wermager |
| Cliff Siewert | |
| Gary & Luann Skrivseth
and family | |

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2012

Respectfully submitted by Josh Messner, council secretary

Committee Reports

Education: The education committee has decided to meet quarterly and will provide quarterly reports.

Mission: March is food month and will be a busy one for the mission committee. Food donations are always needed. Currently, monetary donations are needed to reimburse members for shelter meal spending.

- Michael attended the February meeting of the Longfellow Community ecumenical ministerium about food resources. The goal was to help charitable givers distinguish between the various organizations in the area to better maximize donations. This group is meeting in March at CCL.
- Volunteers are needed through the summer to help with shelter work. A back-up lead cook is needed for each quarterly meal that we organize (third Monday of the first month of each quarter) at Our Saviour's Housing.

Property: No report. Currently seeking a chair.

Stewardship: The stewardship committee will present an adult forum in April on stewarding our spiritual gifts. The committee continues research in planning for the 2012–2013 stewardship program.

Worship: The committee has held two meetings this year, both to plan for Lenten/Triduum worship. Midweek Lenten worship will be centered on the Psalms. The Easter flower garden campaign is starting.

Council at Large: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Both income and expenses were less than budgeted in January, leaving an operating surplus of \$1,284 for the month. January was a good month for investments; Thrivent earnings were strong.

- The success of the *Good Design Is Forever* event moved the Finlandia Foundation to give Christ Church \$1,000 in gratitude for our hospitality.
- Memorial gifts of \$2,000 were received in January.

Pastor's Report

- January 22: Twenty members of Christ Church Lutheran traveled to Saint Olaf in Northfield to participate in a Holtkamp organ demonstration with Dr. John Ferguson.
- January 28: *Good Design Is Forever*, a celebration of Finnish culture and design at Christ Church; more than 1,000 people came to tour the sanctuary and see exhibits.
- February 4 and 11, respectively: A third KidArt Saturday with two dozen children and a second Cabin Fever Saturday with almost 40 children and parents.
- February 4–5: A weekend away for me; thanks to Vicar Starkweather for preaching and to Pastor Farlee for presiding.
- February 6: Accordo concert, more than 300 chamber music fans in our sanctuary.
- February 17–18: Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly elected new bishop Rev. Ann Svennungsen; resounding vote against the Marriage Amendment.
- February 19: Annual Meeting followed by Mardi Gras Party in Concordia room and discussion with Chris Holtkamp about potential new organ for Christ Church; continued visits throughout winter to assess potential gifts to finance new organ.
- Looking ahead: March 8–15, week of vacation; March 22–24, Music That Makes Community, conference on leading worship hosted by Christ Church; March 24, Bach's Saint John Passion performance; April 1–8, Holy Week; April 9–18, continuing education trip to Finland with Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

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Vicar's Report (submitted in writing)

- I continue to be blessed with opportunities to preach, assist in worship and sing in the choir. I preached on February 5 on the healing of Simon's mother-in-law; also attended worship planning meetings to prepare for Lenten worship and celebration of the Three Days.
- Confirmation classes are a joy. I am grateful for Daniel Rinehart's able assistance in lesson planning and teaching; pastoral care visits continue.
- February 17–18: Attended Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly. While not a voting delegate, I was grateful for insight into the synod's operations and the chance to observe the election of a new bishop.
- Update on the other half of my time: Spring semester classes have begun at Luther Seminary. Mine include Gospel and Epistles of John, Ministry with Persons with Mental Illness and Their Families, and Money and the Mission of the Church.

Old Business

Organ Project Report: The organ project task force is looking for a chairperson to replace Erik Haaland. We are moving forward this winter with Steve Edwins to create three-dimensional graphics of the organ proposal.

Visioning Report: The visioning committee's activities were reported in full at the congregational meeting and will be the focus of a church council retreat this Saturday, February 25.

New Business

Historical Structures Report: Will Stark's report from the congregational meeting was reviewed briefly. The grant money will stay with the Friends of CCL budget, so it will not be part of the church budget.

General Council Meeting Processes: Council approved a plan to reduce paper usage for council meetings. Council also agreed to approve minutes of regular meetings within a day or two of the meeting in order to meet *Courier* printing deadlines and to provide the congregation with information in a more timely manner.

End of Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker April 22


The Rev. Dr. Frederick Niedner, Professor of Theology at Valparaiso University, is coming to Christ Church Lutheran on Sunday, April 22, as a 100th anniversary guest. He is the grandson of Pastor Friedrich Niedner, the first full-time pastor of Christ Church.

Dr. Niedner will preach at our 9:30 a.m. worship service and will bring some family archives to share during coffee fellowship. He also will teach the adult forum that morning. His session is titled "How Do You Know a Resurrected Person When You See One?" and will address how the four Gospels respond to questions about Jesus' resurrection and what this means for us.



The forum will start promptly at 11:10 a.m. Dr. Niedner will talk briefly about his grandfather before beginning the Bible study. We hope you can join us for the entire morning!

Christ Church Lutheran—March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>March is Minnesota Food Share Month</i>			1 7:00 PM Choir	2	3 10:00 AM Finnish Language School
4 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education	5	6 7:00 PM Common Committees	7 11:30 AM Worship Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship	8 Safe House Meal 7:00 PM Choir	9	10 9:30 AM Cabin Fever <i>Reset clocks forward one hour at bed- time</i>
11 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:00 AM Building Tour 11:10 AM Education	12 9:00 AM Stationery 7:30 PM Accordo Concert	13	14 11:30 AM Worship Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship	15 7:00 PM Choir	16	17 10:00 AM KidArt 10:00 AM Finnish Language School
18 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education 6:00 PM Finnish Movie	19	20 7:00 PM Executive Board 7:30 PM Council Meeting	21 11:30 AM Worship Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship 7:30 PM Choir	22 8:30 AM— 5:00 PM Music that Makes Community <i>(three-day conference)</i>	23 8:30 AM— 5:00 PM Music that Makes Community	24 9:00 AM— 2:00 PM Music that Makes Community
25 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:10 AM Education	26	27 7:00 PM Friends of Christ Church Lutheran Board Meeting	28 11:30 AM Worship Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Worship	29 7:00 PM Choir	30	31

**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
March 4	Jason Bergquist Mary Bode	Andy Hokkanen Phyllis Mattill	Liz Gomoll	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Pat Baehler Rachel Mann	Melody Pauling	Samantha Rice
March 11	Simo Sarkanen Donna Gawreluk	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Lynn Larson	Gary Skrivseth Dan Mueller	Bob Swenson Ute Swenson	Daniel Rinehart	Traci Boser
March 18	Grace Duddy Erik Haaland	Sami Hoss Will Starkweather	Noah Niermann	Michael Jefferis Taylor Brorby	Howard Polsfuss	Paul Hanson	Kelly Brandon
March 25	Taylor Brorby Donna Gawreluk	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill	Clayton Smith	Jeanne Anderson Greg Madson	Carol Flanders	Grace Duddy	Ute Swenson
April 1 – Passion Sunday							
	Mary Bode Will Starkweather	Phyllis Mattill Donna Gawreluk	Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Pat Baehler Rachel Mann	Pat Baehler	Marni Schmidt
		Chuck Merrell					