



## 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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### Stewards of the Story: Easter Vigil

by Grace Duddy

How is stewardship being lived out at Christ Church? Each month there will be a short article to name examples of stewardship in our congregation and draw attention to upcoming events. This month I would like to lift up the Easter Vigil as an example of congregational stewardship.

While the Easter Vigil service was astounding in many ways, one of the most striking parts for me was the readings in the Luther Lounge. This winter, the stewardship committee lifted up the theme “Stewards of the Story.” These readings were a pivotal example of that theme. Each of the readings were so different—some were humorous, others heartfelt; some were dramatic, others were delicately understated; some were lyrical, others were stark—yet all of the readings told the story of God’s promises and the movement from death to life. We steward the story best when we tell it in our own voice out of our own experience from our heart. We each have a unique voice with which to proclaim God’s story. In the Easter season, we are reminded of the radical, miraculous message of Christianity. Let us steward the story together, proclaiming our telling of God’s salvation loud for all to hear!

### Introducing: Fostering Interest Groups (FIGs)


One step toward realizing the vision adopted for Christ Church Lutheran (CCL) is to strengthen our CCL community by developing a variety of interest groups. We (Taylor Brorby, Marilyn Johnston, Noah Niermann, Cynthia Neubecker, Melody Pauling, Marilu Peters, Rita Schoenike, and Molly Starkweather) have taken this on for our mission. We call ourselves FIGs (Fostering Interest Groups).

After placing inserts in the bulletin on March 25 and April 1, we have received an abundance of interests from our congregants; the following is by no means an exhaustive list:

- baking, brewing beer, Bible studies, bicycling, book discussions
- cooking, card games, dancing, film discussions, fundraising
- gardening, genealogy, hiking, knitting/crafts
- music, organ maintenance, photography walk
- service projects, travel, weaving, yoga/Pilates

Would you like to “branch out” and lead/join an interest group with the help of FIGs? We would love to help you get in touch with the groups that are forming. Please feel free to contact Molly Wright Starkweather to get “rooted” with us!

## Contacts and Information

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	<b>Office Hours</b>	
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	<b>Worship</b>	
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday Education hour follows at 11:10 a.m.	
<b>Contacts</b>		
Pastor:	Pastor Kristine Carlson	
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Courier:	Lynn Larson	
<b>Officers</b>		
President:	Erik Haaland	
Vice President:	Kevin Olsen	
Secretary:	Josh Messner	
Treasurer:	Melody Pauling	
<b>Council</b>		
Mission:	Michael Jefferis	
Property:	Open/TBD	
Stewardship:	Grace Duddy	
Worship:	Pat Baehler	
Education:	Rita Schoenike	
Member-at-large:	Dan Mueller	

## Announcements

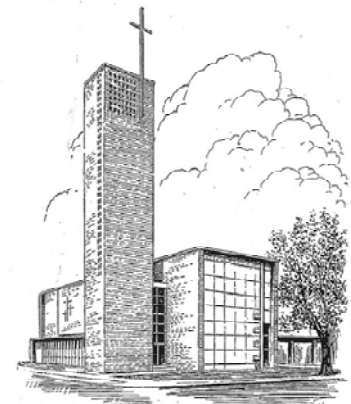
### Retirees

On Wednesday, May 30, join us for a social time at 11:00 a.m., followed by a delicious potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

### Courier Deadline

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



## Readings and Psalms

Date: **May 6**

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Date: **May 13**

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Date: **May 17 – 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: **May 20**

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel: John 17:6-19

Date: **May 27 – Day of Pentecost**

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezek 37:1-14\*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Lesson: Rom 8:22-27  
*or* Acts 2:1-21\*

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

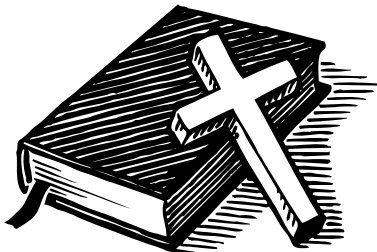
Date: **June 3 – The Holy Trinity**

First Lesson: Isa 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Rom 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17



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

## Easter Photos

*Preparation in progress...*



*Easter Vigil begins with a new fire that is used to light the new Paschal candle, which then lights the candles of the whole assembly.*



*Following the Easter Vigil worship service, Alleluia a la Mode was enjoyed by all!*



## May Adult Forums

**May 6.** CCL member Daniel Holmgren explains how Lutheran Social Service—where he works—serves more than 100,000 people in our state each year.

**May 13.** Robin Jensen, Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Art and Worship at Vanderbilt University, helps us understand what it means for Christians to say that God was incarnated in the likeness of our own form and flesh.

**May 20.** Eminent Paul scholar Neil Elliott returns to Christ Church to read Romans 1 with us in detail, focusing on the Roman imperial context of Paul's writings.

**May 27.** Holiday weekend; no forum.

## ...All Blessings Flow!

Chuck and Ken got our fountain up and running in March this year. A record indeed! The fountain was also running for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 20, 2011. Thank you, Chuck and Ken.



# Happy Birthday to You!

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

5/2 Cliff Siewert  
5/10 Tillie Wiklander  
5/12 Elias Selden, Patricia Solie  
5/15 Eb Revsbeck  
5/18 Anders Carlson-Wee, Shay Roberts  
5/20 Bill Dunstone, Ardell Rogers  
5/22 Dick Gliem, Donna Torgerson  
5/24 Tony Girard  
5/26 Stephanie Gustafson, Marilu Peters, Jeff Sutherland  
5/27 Ken Koense, Jennifer Sutherland  
5/28 Christian Bergsrud

## Baptism

Calvin William Jenkins-Buegel, son of Ted Buegel and Amanda Jenkins-Buegel, was baptized during the Easter Vigil service, April 7. His sponsors are Marcy Alatalo and Erin and Katie Schattler. Calvin was born July 9, 2011.

## Member Death

Long-time member Don Walmann died April 18. His funeral was held on April 24; Pastor Carlson officiated.

## 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 2012

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

## A Million Thanks...

...are not enough. We would like to express our gratitude to LuAnn and Gary Skrivseth for their years of dedication to our youth program and families. Many times, they sacrificed weekends, personal and vacation time as they molded our youth by example—with patience, experience and individual concern.

There are so many congregation events and gatherings where you will always hear someone discussing a past experience with them, which normally includes a laugh or two. We can recall several ourselves, including the games of spoons, pizza and movie nights and, of course, making many meals in the kitchen. We'll remember the road trip across the country (which even involved camping once!).

We are proud to call the Skrivseth family our friends and will grow together in Christ's work.

The Bergquist family,  
Mick, Reneé, Jason and LeAnn



## Music that Makes Community

by Erik Haaland

March 22–24 were three lovely days during which Christ Church Lutheran was honored to host “Music that Makes Community—Minneapolis,” a unique learning experience for over 50 church musicians and worship leaders. It drew participants from around the Midwest and even as far away as Vermont! A number of us from Christ Church were able to attend. I was there, along with our pastor, cantors and vicar. Seminarians Daniel Rinehart and Ben Cherland were also able to attend.

So what is “Music that Makes Community?” I had no idea what to expect. I knew it had to do with “paperless singing”—leading music without help from books and printed pages—but that was about it. I was delighted to experience something utterly unique. We did learn to lead music without printed materials. Beyond that, the experience was designed to lead us into a place of freedom and improvisation—beyond our self-consciousness—in order to allow our singing and our moving (and even our dancing!) to lead us more deeply into community and into joyous praise of God.

We had a watchword for those three days: “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Cor. 3:17). And there is indeed a wondrous freedom as the Spirit of God moves us out beyond ourselves—into each other's lives and a Gospel story that encompasses all things. At Christ Church, we experienced a taste of this at our Easter Vigil this year. It was beautiful to be so engaged with each other as we heard and sang, danced and proclaimed God's unconquerable love in Christ. It was a memorable night and it was delightful to see “Music that Makes Community” already bearing fruit among us.

Many people made the event a success. This was the seventeenth “Music that Makes Community” and the event's leaders repeatedly expressed their gratitude for the hospitality on display at Christ Church. They said they thought it was their best event yet. Many thanks to our pastor and cantors for their leadership and planning. Great thanks also to Chuck Merrell for much extra work. Many others helped, too, but perhaps our highest thanks should go to Chris Tou (of Mardi Gras fame) and his dear friend Molly Tulkki who, together, catered the event and made our hospitality shine. Thanks to them and to all.

# Summary of Council Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2012

*Cordially submitted by Josh Messner, council secretary*

## Committee Reports

**Education:** No report.

**Mission:** No report.

**Property:** Basement nursery demo moved ahead; construction waste still needs to be removed. Elevator project is proceeding (see below). To aid the organ planning, the property committee is seeking estimates on the organ chamber. Garbage costs have been running over budget. Spring cleanup is on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Worship:** No report.

**Council at Large:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rental income and envelope giving are still down. Especially in light of not having an active finance committee and also in light of various capital campaigns, we are considering having an external party evaluate our general financial picture and give us some ideas about moving forward responsibly. We are also beginning a conversation about the systemic budget shortfall. Council will convene a reconstituted finance committee to discuss all of these matters.

## Business

### Visioning Implementation Updates

- The Fostering Interest Groups (FIGs) is facilitating the organization of small groups and encouraging them to start gathering. The role of FIGs is to facilitate the genesis of small-group ministry, but they do not intend to coordinate the logistics of any of the groups. They plan to meet quarterly to move this initiative forward.
- The structure, communication, and invitational evangelism groups are also moving forward with plans.
- The tagline group is having a conversation about how to move forward with identity-type statements about the congregation that would be used publicly.

### Elevator Project: Next Steps

Water problems in the elevator pit occurred at some point due to temporary sump pump failure. The situation will be clarified after a meeting with a city inspector. The elevator equipment room is not up to code. The new elevator would need to include new electrical capacity unless it can be grandfathered by an inspector. The jack shaft needs replacing. Council reviewed and approved \$4,200 for consultant fees at the council meeting on November 15, 2011. The project is still being evaluated, with the goal of allocating funding for the full elevator repairs in the near future. A legacy grant (for accessibility) is possible, though the Friends of CCL would have to apply for it.

### Assigning Budget-Line Responsibilities


The treasurer presented an annotated version of the budget that explains which groups or individuals in the congregation are responsible for each budget line. This provided clarity for the council by connecting discrete budget lines to actual decision-makers in the congregation. This resource will lend accuracy to our conversations and aid future budget discussions in other ways.

### Announcements

- Two teller positions are open. Necessary qualifications include the ability to use a calculator.
- Copies of *The Lutheran* were distributed to council members, per a free subscription from the synod.

## End of Meeting Minutes

# Christ Church Lutheran—May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 PM Common Committees	2 7:00 PM Commun- ication Committee	3 7:00 PM Choir	4	5 10:00 AM Finnish School
6 <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b> 11:10 AM Education	7	8	9 9:00 AM Stationery	10 LSS Safe House Meal 7:00 PM Choir	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b> 11:00 AM Building Tour 11:10 AM Education	14 7:30 PM ACCORDO Concert	15 7:00 PM Executive Committee 7:30 PM Council Meeting	16	17 <i>Ascension            Day</i> 9:00 AM Church Facilitators' Meeting	18	19 9:00 AM Clean-up Day 10:00 AM Finnish School
20 <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b> 11:10 AM Education 6:00 PM Finn. Movie	21	22	23	24 7:00 PM Choir	25	26
27 <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b>	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed	29 7:00 PM Friends of CCL Board Meeting	30 11:00 AM Retirees	31		

**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>
May 6	Rachel Mann Ben Cherland	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill Gene Bruss	Liz Gomoll	Jeanne Anderson Greg Madson	Howard Polsfuss Taylor Brorby	Will Starkweather	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
May 13	Simo Sarkanen Taylor Brorby	Sami Hoss Phyllis Mattill Melody Pauling	Noah Niermann	Max Wiperman Fred Bentz	Pat Baehler Rachel Mann	Taylor Brorby	Traci Boser
May 20	Grace Duddy Jason Bergquist	Andy Hokkanen Phyllis Mattill Chuck Merrell	Clayton Smith	Gary Skrivseth Dan Mueller	Kevin Olsen Will Stark	Melody Pauling	Kelly Brandon
May 27	Jason Bergquist Will Starkweather	Phyllis Mattill Jan Radloff Gene Bruss	Grace Duddy	Michael Jefferis Taylor Brorby	Jan Radloff	Daniel Rinehart	Erin Anderson
June 3	Pat Baehler Erik Haaland	Donna Torgerson Phyllis Mattill Melody Pauling	Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach Dick Thompson	Carol Flanders	Paul Hanson	Ute Swenson