



## Welcome to the Light

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Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Education  
Adult forums  
are held 11:15 a.m. to  
12:15 a.m. each Sunday,  
following the worship  
service and fellowship.

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*Note: The October council meeting minutes are provided separately as a two-page supplement to the Courier.*

### Christ Church Receives Award

Congratulations! The Minnesota Preservation Alliance presented the congregation of Christ Church Lutheran and the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran (FCCL) with an award at its annual Gala on September 20.



The 2012 preservation award was presented for the fine collaborative efforts between the congregation and the FCCL on the "Reaching New Heights" Tower Restoration Project.

Pictured are members of Christ Church Lutheran, the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran, and architect Bob Mack, all of whom were involved in this highly successful project.

### Choice Dollars


Christ Church Lutheran is an eligible recipient of Choice Dollars through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (the "Thrivent Choice Program"). This program allows congregation members to recommend where some of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' charitable outreach funds go. Please consider designating Christ Church Lutheran for this program by contacting your Thrivent representative.

### Longfellow Faith Forum

Longfellow Faith Forum brings together members of faith communities in the Longfellow area for partnership and exchange of ideas. It meets the second Tuesday of every month. Claire Wilson, voter outreach director for the Minnesota Secretary of State's office spoke at the October meeting about the constitutional amendments on this year's ballot. Please visit [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) and click on *My Ballot* to see a copy of the ballot you will use on Election Day (you can take it to the polls with you).

Longfellow Faith Forum meets again at 12:00 p.m. on November 13 at the offices of the Longfellow Community Council at 2727 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Minneapolis. The topic is the work of Transition Longfellow, an organization focused on sustainable energy. Good soup will be provided.

## Contacts and Information

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	<b>Office Hours</b>	
	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday–Friday	
	<b>Worship</b>	
9:30 a.m. each Sunday, followed by fellowship Education hour follows at 11:15 a.m. (excluding summer months)		
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**\*Next submission deadline for the *Courier*: November 15**

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## Announcements

### Retirees

There will be no meeting in November. Please look ahead and mark your calendars for the Christmas party on Wednesday, December 26.

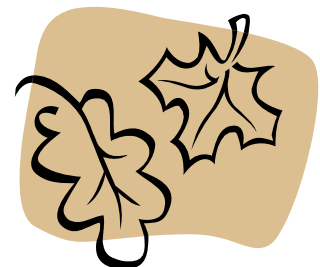
– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

### Donations for Food Shelf

There is a food shelf collection barrel outside the Luther Lounge. On October 1, 68 pounds of food were brought to the Salvation Army Pantry.

### CCL Ongoing Bake Sale

The next time you are doing some baking on a Saturday, consider baking a few extra goodies to bring to the ongoing bake sale on Sunday. Mark your contribution(s) “FIGs” and leave them on one of the tables in the education building before worship. Profits will go to the FIGs service projects and to supplement the adult forum fund. Please contact Marilu Peters if you have any questions. Thank you!



## Readings and Psalms

Date: **November 4 – All Saints Sunday**

First Lesson: Isa 25:6-9 or Deut 6:1-9\*

Psalm 24 or Psalm 119:1-8\*

Second Lesson: Rev 21:1-6a or Heb 9:11-14\*

Gospel: John 11:32-44 or Mark 12:28-34\*

Date: **November 11**

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Second Lesson: Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-55

Date: **November 18**

First Lesson: Dan 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Second Lesson: Heb 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Date: **November 22 – Thanksgiving Day**

First Lesson: Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126

Second Lesson: 1 Tim 2:1-7

Gospel: Matt 6:25-33

Date: **November 25 – Christ the King**

First Lesson: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Second Lesson: Rev 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Date: **December 2**

First Lesson: Jer 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Lesson: 1 Thess 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36



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

## Upcoming Adult Forums

A separate document provides the full descriptions of each forum, as well as other fellowship events scheduled for November. Contact the church office to obtain a copy. The following only addresses the 11:15 a.m. Sunday forums.

**November 4**

**Hoping for More**

**Deann Thompson**

*As a religion professor, Deanna Thompson gets paid to talk about God. But at 42 years old, a stage IV cancer diagnosis interrupts this conversation. In the face of a lousy prognosis, Thompson is learning to talk about faith while having cancer and to talk about cancer in the midst of faith. How do we hope for more in the face of life-threatening conditions?*

**November 11**

**Luther to Bach**

**Sally Messner**

*We celebrate Luther's 529<sup>th</sup> birthday (November 10) in good Lutheran fashion by learning about significant names and events in the history of church music and how those people and events relate to the Lutheran musical tradition as we know it. Come ready to sing!*

**November 18**

**Self-Harm and Self-Healing**

**Will Starkweather**

*Many people struggle with self-harm and need our support, prayers and love. Vicar Starkweather shares from personal experience and leads us in theological reflection.*

**November 25**

**Fellowship in the Luther Lounge (no forum)**

**December 2**

**Whole—But Not Perfect**

**Dick Bruesehoff**

*Every day we hear about the latest method of staying healthy, often with connections to spirituality. There are so many messages and they change so frequently. The Judeo-Christian tradition has a vision of health and well-being—of wholeness—that is rooted in life and community.*

## Thank You Note

*The following thank you note was submitted in early September for the October edition of the Courier, but was accidentally missed by the editor.*

We thank the Christ Church family, staff and all those who participated in the celebration of Don Swenson's life. Your kind words, thoughts, prayers and memorials were greatly appreciated.

– Bob and Ute Swenson, and  
Samantha, Dennis and Chloe Rice

## Sing Bach with Us!

The CCL choir wants you! Join us in leading an Advent Vespers service in December, including performing J. S. Bach's Cantata 61. If you can make the rehearsals listed below and want to sing great music, please consider joining us. It's a great way to try out the choir!

### Required Rehearsals

- Thursday, December 6, 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the gym
- Saturday, December 8, 2:30–4:30 p.m. (dress rehearsal)
- Sunday, December 9, 3:30 p.m. call (4:30 Vespers service with Cantata 61)

“Guest singers” also need to attend at least one of these two rehearsals:

- Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

You will be able to leave after we're done rehearsing the cantata music (approximately 7:30 p.m.).

# Happy Birthday to You!

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

- 11/1 Michael Jefferis
- 11/5 Taylor Brorby
- 11/6 Gary Bier
- 11/7 Cordell Bryan, Ethan Happe, Joan Messick, Abby Tindell
- 11/8 Angela (Anderson) Weicherding
- 11/12 Kevin Reuther
- 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



## 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 2012

Jason Bergquist  
Taylor Brorby  
Mary Lou and Peter Doll  
Donna & Pete Gawreluk  
Dorothy Iverson

Phyllis Mattill  
Marge Meffert  
Chuck & Kristy Merrell  
Kevin Olsen & Will Stark  
Ray & Rosie Peters

## New Members

On October 7, we welcomed new members:



Denise Morelock and Jeff Adams and their son, Hans, 3-1/2, came to Christ Church Lutheran because they live in the neighborhood.



Bob and Ann Davis transferred their membership from Mt. Olivet. Ann became familiar with Christ Church through her volunteer work as a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.



John and Birgitte Christianson met while students at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. Recently, they moved a lifetime of belongings from Decorah to their downtown Minneapolis condo.

## We Were Strangers and You Welcomed Us!

*From the October issue of InterActs, the newsletter of The Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

It seems like moving is almost always painful. But when moving means saying goodbye to friends, resigning from one job and beginning a new one, coming from a familiar city to an unfamiliar one, and leaving a wonderful congregation, the pain just seems to multiply. That was the experience my wife, Naomi, and I were having in March of this year.

New to the Twin Cities, beginning a new call at Portico Benefits Services, and still grieving over the congregation we had left in Park Ridge, Illinois, we visited Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis. We were met outside the door by a woman who greeted us warmly. She asked us about ourselves and immediately introduced us to people with whom we had things in common. We could almost feel people moving their chairs to make space for us at the table. And when we returned the following Sunday, we received the gift of being remembered and welcomed by name.

Thank you, good people of Christ Church Lutheran. We were strangers and you welcomed us in.

– Pastor Dick Bruesehoff,  
Outreach Coordinator,  
Portico Benefits Services

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Christ Church Lutheran November 2012</b>			1  7:00 PM Choir	2	3 10:00 AM Finnish School 10:00 AM Artwork Pickup  <i>Daylight            Savings Time            Ends</i>
4 <i>All Saints            Sunday</i>  <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b>  11:15 AM Education	5  7:00 PM Property Committee	6 <i>Election Day</i>  11:00 AM Tai Chi	7	8  Safe House Meal  7:00 PM Choir	9	10  9:00 AM Indoor Clean-Up Party
11 <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b> 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour 11:15 AM Education 6:00 PM Finn Movie	12	13  11:00 AM Tai Chi  7:00 PM Structure Committee	14  10:00 AM Staff Meeting	15  7:00 PM Book Launch  7:00 PM Choir	16	17  10:00 AM Finnish School
18 <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b>  11:15 AM Education	19	20  11:00 AM Tai Chi  7:00 PM Executive Committee  7:30 PM Council	21  7:00 PM Choir ( <i>Note            change of day</i> )	22  <i>Thanksgiving</i>  <b>10:00 AM            Worship</b>	23  <i>Office Closed</i>	24
25 <i>Christ the King            CCL's 101st            Anniversary</i>  <b>9:30 AM            Eucharist</b> with Confirmation of Andy Hokkanen 11:00 AM Fellowship	26	27  11:00 AM Tai Chi  7:00 PM Friends of CCL Board Meeting	28	29  7:00 PM Choir	30	

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Volunteer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services (9:30 a.m.) and Thanksgiving Day Worship (10:00 a.m.)

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
Nov. 4	Simo Sarkanen	Phyllis Mattill	Daniel Holmgren	Dave Kutzbach	Howard Polsfuss	Paul Hanson	Mary Lou Doll
	Will Starkweather	Jan Radloff (Torch)		Dick Thompson	Carol Flanders		
		Gene Bruss (Crucifer)					
Nov. 11	Jason Bergquist	Andy Hokkanen	Lynn Larson	Jeanne Anderson	Will Stark	Kristine Stedje	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
	Mary Bode	Phyllis Mattill		Taylor Brorby	Kevin Olsen		
Nov. 18	Kristine Stedje	Phyllis Mattill	Daniel Rinehart	Gary Skrivseth	Dick Bruesehoff	Pat Baehler	Traci Boser
	Erik Haaland	Noah Niermann		Dan Mueller	Naomi Bruesehoff		
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>							
Nov. 22	Will Starkweather	Phyllis Mattill	Paul Hanson	Michael Jefferis	Taylor Brorby	Will Starkweather	
Nov. 25	Taylor Brorby	Erik Haaland	Clayton Smith	Dave Kutzbach	Pat Baehler	Erik Haaland	Kelly Brandon
	Pat Baehler	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Rachel Mann		
		Melody Pauling (Crucifer)					
Dec. 2	Pat Baehler	Andy Hokkanen	Noah Niermann	Gary Skrivseth	Kristine Stedje	Sally Messner	Erin Anderson
	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill		Dan Mueller	Taylor Brorby		