



## Welcome to the Light

**JANUARY 2013**  
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**Worship Services**  
9:30 a.m. each Sunday

**Educational 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 council meeting minutes are available separately.*

### Thank You

by Erik Haaland, council president

I want to say “thank you” to so many people... I sat in on the group council that studied the structure of our congregation and one thing I learned is how many people who quietly and unassumingly give so much to make this place “work.”

Of course, there’s our wonderful staff and the council, but we get our photos on a wall and folks generally know what we do. Then there are people like Darrell Anderson and Will Stark, who quietly get us \$78,000 worth of grant money. There’s Jan Radloff, who faithfully does all the recording of gifts given to the congregation. There are tellers who sit downstairs every week in their secret little room, counting the Sunday offering. There’s that incredible stationery group—those good folks who spend hours upon hours each month making beautiful little cards, selling them, and then supporting Christ Church Lutheran in so many ways. They buy refrigerators and poinsettias and give to our mission partners.

There’s Phyllis Mattill, our dutiful Sacristan. There’s the cadre of folks who help lead and welcome people to worship—the readers, assisting ministers, prayer writers, ushers and greeters. There’s Lucille Buelow and her crew of such competent and seemingly tireless altar guild workers.

Goodness...there’s the choir. There’s Ken Schoenike and Dave Kutzbach, always working on some painting and lighting project around the building. There’s our new member, Bob Davis, who has jumped right in and is now busy getting a bunch of our old chairs fixed. There’s Lynn Larson, who has faithfully produced the *Courier* each month. There are people like Mary Bode and Joanne Seltz who do so much work and organizing around here they should certainly be on the payroll, but they’re not. They just go on quietly to make all kinds of things happen.

It’s dangerous to do this...who am I forgetting? There’s Cathy Sieving, who cares for the plants all around the church. There’s Michael, who sets up coffee for us every single Sunday, and Josh and Sally, who have worked so hard on our new music series and adult education. There’s Juanita, who sets up the Helping Hands schedules every year. There are the Dunstones, who coordinate rides. And Noah, who brews beer! There’s Marilu and her constant, generous hospitality—and this incredible Christmas cookie project of hers!

We could and should go around thanking everyone—every single one of you—who have served on boards and committees, taught Sunday School, hung out with youth, delivered meals, cleaned up dishes, planted flowers, brought communion to the homebound. It goes on and on, doesn’t it?

All of you: Your commitment makes this community possible. And this community, by God’s grace, is for so many of us such an important sign of God’s presence and love in the world. A sign that God is here—right in the midst of this neighborhood—with mercy and hope abounding. This place is filled with Christ’s light and gratitude abounds.

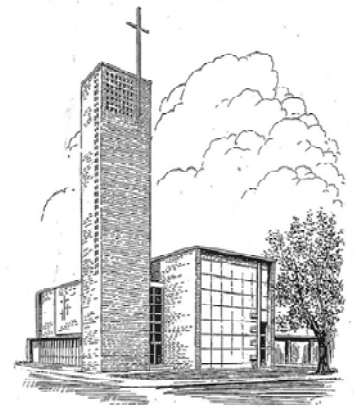
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	<b>Office Hours</b>	
	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday–Friday	
	<b>Worship</b>	
9:30 a.m. each Sunday, followed by fellowship Education hour follows at 11:15 a.m. (excluding summer months)		
<b>Contacts</b>		
Pastor:	Kristine Carlson	
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President:	Erik Haaland	
Vice President:	Kevin Olsen	
Secretary:	Josh Messner	
Treasurer:	Melody Pauling	
<b>Council</b>		
Pat Baehler Naomi Bruesehoff Dan Mueller Rita Schoenike Bob Victorin-Vangerud		

## Retirees

Join us on Wednesday, January 30, at 11:00 a.m. for a program (TBA). A potluck lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome—retired or not.

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone



### \*Next submission deadline for the *Courier*: January 15

To submit content, e-mail Lynn Larson at: [kevlar2955@hotmail.com](mailto:kevlar2955@hotmail.com) or give to Stephanie in the church office, who will pass along to Lynn.

## Readings and Psalms

Date: **January 6—Epiphany of Our Lord**

First Lesson: Isa 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

Second Lesson: Eph 3:1–12

Gospel: Matt 2:1–12

Date: **January 13—Baptism of Our Lord**

First Lesson: Isa 43:1–7

Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14–17

Gospel: Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Date: **January 20**

First Lesson: Isa 62:1–5

Psalm 36:5–10

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 12:1–11

Gospel: John 2:1–11

Date: **January 27**

First Lesson: Neh 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm 19

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 12:12–31a

Gospel: Luke 4:14–21

Date: **February 3**

First Lesson: Jer 1:4–10

Psalm 71:1–6

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 13:1–13

Gospel: Luke 4:21–30

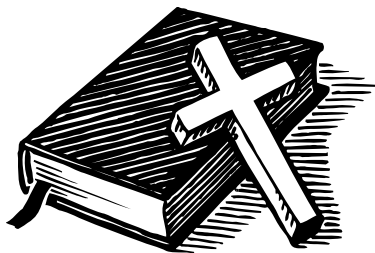
Date: **February 10 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

First Lesson: Exod 34:29–35

Psalm 99

Second Lesson: 2 Cor 3:12–4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28–36 [37–43]



## Upcoming Forums

Adult forums begin at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday. For details about the forums, please contact the church office. Brochures are available.

**January 6**

***How to Sing, How to Sing Hymns***

**Sally Messner**

**January 13**

***Hearing Voices: The Role of Memory in the Congregation***

**Paul Daniels**, archivist for the nine synods and their congregations on ELCA Region 3

**January 20**

***Poetry of Faith***

**Pat Baehler**

**January 27**

***Practicing Biblical Care Today***

**Jessicah Duckworth**, assistant professor of congregational and community care at Luther Seminary

**February 3**

***Council Forum on Annual Meeting***

**February 10**

***Annual Meeting***

## Helping Hands

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

### January and February 2013

John and Virginia Buegel  
Ted Buegel and Amanda Jenkins-Buegel  
Bob Farlee  
Donna and Pete Gawreluk  
Roger and Liz Gomoll  
Paul Hanson  
Lynn Larson  
Kay and Greg Madson  
Cynthia Neubecker  
Robyn and Marcus Nooney  
Marni Schmidt  
Rita and Ken Schoenike  
Cathy Sieving

# Happy Birthday to You!

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

1/2 Raymond Peters  
1/4 LeAnn (Bergquist) Marudas, Dylan Larson,  
Rachel Lokken,  
1/5 Dorothy Hewitt  
1/6 Evelyn Wermager  
1/10 Meyer Schoenike, Christian Schoenike  
1/18 Amanda Jenkins-Buegel  
1/19 Micah Buckley-Farlee  
1/20 Daniel Holmgren, Allison Weimer  
1/21 John Christianson, Marvel Walmann  
1/25 Kylie Tindell  
1/26 Caleb Jenkins-Buegel

## Volunteer Opportunity

Each year, the International Christian Literature Distributors (ICLD) ship approximately 24,000 pounds of quality, used Christian books, Bibles, and magazines to Africa, India, the Philippines and other developing countries. Christ Church Lutheran accepts your **non-denominational** donations for this mission.

Please place your donations in the wooden box marked *International Christian Literature* in the Luther Lounge closet.

We are in need of a volunteer to deliver these donations once each month or so (on a Wednesday or Friday morning) to the ICLD office at 3446 Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis. If this is something you can help with, please contact the church office at 612.721.6611.

## Shopping for a Good Cause

Gary and Luann shop for hundreds of dollars of toys for the Plymouth Youth Center children's Christmas gift sale. Thank you, Christ Church Lutheran, for your generous donations to this ministry for children. Most years, donations total \$400 to \$500. This year, the total was an amazing \$1,400!



## 2013 Calendar for Our Saviour's Housing Meals

In 2013, we have six opportunities to shop, chop, stir, stew, bake, take, share and care for 40–50 adult guests at Our Saviour's Housing (Chicago Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Minneapolis) in 2013.

Our dates are:

- Monday, January 28
- Friday, March 15
- Friday, May 17
- Friday, July 19
- Friday, September 20
- Friday, November 15

We bring a main dish (no pork), a vegetarian choice, a salad or other side dish, fresh fruit, brownies/bars, condiments and beverages (unsweetened iced tea, lemonade, and the all-important four gallons of milk!).

We can prepare the meal in our homes, at church or at Our Saviour's.

In the past, we've served cafeteria-style, but family-style (for three tables of 16) would allow us more time to sit and visit with guests. We just need to get the food there hot by 6:45 p.m. to serve at 7:00 p.m., and cleanup usually wraps up by approximately 8:30 p.m.

Please contact Rachel Mann at 612.729.5664 (text or call) or [ms.rachel.mann@gmail.com](mailto:ms.rachel.mann@gmail.com) with your availability and menu ideas.



## Thank You Note

*We thank everyone at Christ Church Lutheran for making Andrew's Confirmation day, November 25, such a wonderful experience. The service was so uplifting and inspiring.*

*Special thanks to Andrew's teachers, Vicar Will Starkweather and Daniel Rinehart, for sharing their knowledge and insights each week at class.*

*Thanks also to everyone who planned and served at the lovely reception in the Luther Lounge. It was so enjoyable talking with so many people there.*

*Those unable to attend due to illness were in our prayers. As many have stated, it takes a village to raise a child and we are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to Andrew's Christian development over the years. Again, thank you.*

Tim and Nancy Hokkanen



*Photo taken by Stephanie Gustafson*

## 2013 Christ Church Council Nominations

President: Bob Victorin-Vangerud  
Vice President: Dan Mueller  
Secretary: Naomi Bruesehoff  
Treasurer: Melody Pauling

Council Members-at-Large:  
Pat Baehler, Ann Davis, Josh Messner,  
Noah Niermann, Rita Schoenike and Luann Skrivseth



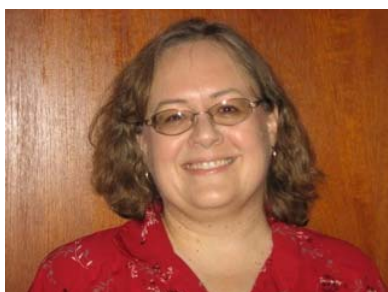
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Luann Skrivseth

# Christ Church Lutheran—January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i>  Office Closed	2	3  7:00 PM Choir	4	5  10:00 AM Finnish School
6  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:15 AM Education	7	8  11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih  7:00 PM Property Committee	9  9:00 AM Stationery  11:00 AM Staff Meeting	10  7:00 PM Choir	11	12
13  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:00 AM Bldg. Tour 11:15 AM Education  6:00 PM Finnish Movie	14	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i>  11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih  7:00 PM Executive Board  7:30 PM Council Meeting	16	17  7:00 PM Choir	18	19  10:00 AM Finnish School
20  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:15 AM Education  12:30 PM Worship Planning	21  <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>  Office Closed	22  11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih	23	24  7:00 PM Choir	25	26  10:00 AM KidArt
27  <b>9:30 AM Eucharist</b>  11:15 AM Education	28	29  11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih	30  11:00 AM Retirees	31  7:00 PM Choir		

**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>
Jan. 6	Mary Bode	Phyllis Mattill	Daniel Rinehart	Jeanne Anderson	Pat Baehler	Will Starkweather	Samantha Rice
	Erik Haaland	Donna Gawreluk		Bob Davis	Taylor Brorby		
		Gene Bruss					
Jan. 13	Simo Sarkanen	Andy Hokkanen	Clayton Smith	Gary Skrivseth	Howard Polsfuss	Virginia Buegel	Ute Swenson
	Donna Gawreluk	Phyllis Mattill		Dan Mueller	Bob Davis		
Jan. 20	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill	Noah Niermann	Dave Kutzbach	Will Stark	Kristine Stedje	Traci Boser
	Pat Baehler	Donna Gawreluk		Dick Thompson	Kevin Olsen		
Jan. 27	Will Starkweather	Andy Hokkanen	Lynn Larson	Jeanne Anderson	Kristine Stedje	Sally Messner	Kelly Brandon
	Taylor Brorby	Phyllis Mattill		Bob Davis	Taylor Brorby		
Feb. 3	Kristine Stedje	Phyllis Mattill	Simo Sarkanen	Gary Skrivseth	Howard Polsfuss	Taylor Brorby	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
	Jason Bergquist	Donna Gawreluk		Dan Mueller	Bob Davis		