



Welcome to the Light

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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.

CCL Learns about Bach's Mass in B Minor by Josh Messner

J. S. Bach's Mass in B Minor was the last major work he composed. It is a complete musical setting of the Latin Mass, conceived when few Lutheran composers set the full Roman mass to music. What were Bach's motivations for undertaking such an involved work? Why did he compose some movements from scratch, but, for others, rely on his own previous compositions? Is this monumental musical achievement Bach's last will and testament, his last musical-theological statement of faith? What is it like to listen to the entire piece, and how can we even approach such a work, written well over two centuries ago?

This winter, we at Christ Church will engage this remarkable work with: 1) an educational forum here, 2) a sacred music conference at Luther Seminary, and 3) a performance of the full work by the National Lutheran Choir. Full details are found in the winter forum brochure, but here is an overview.

March 10, Hearing Bach's Mass in B Minor

Sally Messner uses musical selections to explain the structure and context of this great work and prepare us for the upcoming conference and performance.

March 16, Bach and the Mass in B Minor, Sacred Music Conference at Luther Seminary

Christoph Wolff is widely recognized as the world's leading expert on Bach's life, music, and context, and we are fortunate enough to have him right here in town as the plenary speaker for this conference. Dr. Wolff has taught at Harvard University since 1976 and is the director of the Bach Archive in Leipzig. This is a rare opportunity to learn from an eminent scholar and the other wonderful presenters at this conference. Information on special Christ Church rates is in the forum brochure.


March 21, J. S. Bach's Mass in B Minor, National Lutheran Choir

Central Lutheran Church hosts what is sure to be a great performance of the full work. Information on special CCL rates is in the forum brochure.

During the great Christian festival of Lent, let Bach the Fifth Evangelist open to you anew the meaning of Christ crucified and risen again in glory and how this changes everything for you, for us, and for the whole world.

In addition to the forum brochure, an order form will be available in the Sunday bulletins in early February. You are most welcome to attend all of these events. You'll be glad you did!

Contacts and Information

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	Worship	
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday, followed by fellowship; an education hour follows at 11:15 a.m. (excluding summer months)	
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President:	Bob Victorin-Vangerud	
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Council Members as of February		
Pat Baehler Ann Davis Josh Messner Noah Niermann Rita Schoenike Luann Skrivseth		

***Next submission deadline for the *Courier*: February 15**

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

Announcements

Retirees

In February and March, there will be no meeting due to Lent and Easter. Please plan to come to the Wednesday Lenten service at 11:30, followed by a soup lunch.

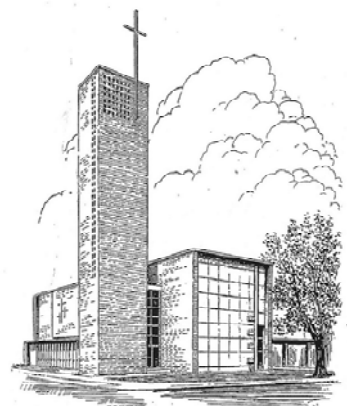
– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Change in *Courier* Editor

After eight years of creating the monthly *Courier*, I decided to “retire” from this role. As a friend of mine recently shared, “Someone’s volunteer endeavors should be completely different than one’s job, otherwise volunteering will feel like work.” I took this to heart. My “day job” consists almost entirely of being on a computer, so it is time for a change. I’m not sure what my next volunteer activity will be, but I look forward to something new.

Josh Messner will act as interim *Courier* editor, beginning with the April edition.

– Lynn Larson



Readings and Psalms

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]

Date: **February 13 – Ash Wednesday**

First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *or* Isa 58:1-12*

Psalm 51:1-17

Second Lesson: 2 Cor 5:20b–6:10

Gospel: Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

Date: **February 17**

First Lesson: Deut 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Lesson: Rom 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Date: **February 24**

First Lesson: Gen 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Second Lesson: Phil 3:17–4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Date: **March 3**

First Lesson: Isa 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

Second Lesson: 1 Cor 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



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

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.

February 3

Council Forum on Annual Meeting

February 10

Annual Meeting

February 17

Planning Your Estate

Andrew Carlson, former ELCA pastor who is now an attorney in Minneapolis (Carlson Law Office)

February 24

Planning Your Funeral

Pastor Carlson and Pastor Farlee

March 3

The Gospel of Luke

Pastor Carlson

March 10

Hearing Bach's Mass in B Minor (*see page 1*)

Sally Messner

+News in the Body of Christ+

Long-time, beloved member and friend, Doris Gliem, passed away Thursday, January 10. Pastor Carlson was at her side as she took her last breath.

She is survived by her husband, Dick, of 70 years and son Gary.

Doris was an active member of Christ Church Lutheran. For 35 years, Doris served on the Altar Guild, created stationery, and served as an usher.

Memorial service details were pending at the time of the *Courier* release.

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.

2/3 Alan Ebel, Saige Wyatt
2/4 Amy Sampson, Cathy Polsfuss
2/6 Noah Niermann
2/7 Lee Schuett
2/11 Sharon Mueller, Alexander Jenkins-Buegel
2/14 David Kutzbach
2/15 Gary Gustafson
2/16 Leonard Rabe
2/18 Jane Buckley Farlee
2/22 Henry Painter, Elizabeth Pinske
2/23 Robert Buckley Farlee
2/26 Bob Victorin-Vangerud

Celebrating 50 Years



Greg and Kay Madson celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a special reception for family and friends at Christ Church Lutheran.

Christmas Cookie Bake Sale a Sweet Success

Thank you to the many involved in this cookie baking project, especially Marilu, the organizer. Three hundred dozen cookies were made! That is 3,600 total cookies! Don't ask how many pounds of butter and sugar...

Thank you for supporting the cookie bake by purchasing and sharing the Christmas cookies. The sweet efforts resulted in a \$500.00 donation by Christ Church to Community Emergency Services (CES), which is a designated mission in the budget of Christ Church Lutheran. Visit cesmn.org for more.

If you would like to bring your red-topped cookie container back to church, we will use them again for the next cookie bake. Please put containers on the coffee cart.

Generosity of Christ Church

Thanks to you for wonderful gifts in the time of Epiphany, Christ revealed.

Before Christmas, a fortuitous visit to Community Emergency Services (CES) by Pastor Carlson and Bob Victorin-Vangerud brought to light an urgent need in their large food shelf operation. Families need food, but they also need diapers and personal care items—all those expensive items that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Pastor sent out the call and Christ Church Lutheran answered! In two weeks, we brought in 300 pounds of taxable products:

- 53 toothpastes and 45 toothbrushes
- 122 bars of soap and 52 deodorants
- 59 rolls of toilet paper
- 300 oz. of laundry soap
- 880 baby wipes and 1,400 diapers—enough for the food shelf to supplement the supply for 118 children for one week
- Plus lip balms, cotton swabs, razors, facial tissue, hygiene products, mouth wash, hand lotion, shampoo and a variety of other useful items

As noted on page 4, the Christmas cookie project also resulted in a \$500.00 donation to the Community Emergency Services!

Thanks to Michael Jefferis and Bob Victorin-Vangerud for being the bearers of these gifts to CES. It was a full car! See photos at right.

Don't Forget...

Year-round, please bring non-perishable food items for the collection barrel outside the Luther Lounge. Each month, Shawn Deresch brings your donations to the Salvation Army food shelf.

Thank you to Shawn and to all who give to those in need.

Photo Gallery

Bringing our gifts to CES (see article at left)...



Thank You Letter

Christ Church Lutheran received this letter, dated December 14, 2012.

Dear Pastor Carlson,

On behalf of Our Saviour's Housing, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Christ Church Lutheran for the donation of \$250.00, dated 11/16/2012.

We appreciate your generosity so much, especially during difficult economic times. Your gift makes it possible to continue our work during these hard times, providing warm shelter, meals, support advocacy, employment, and support services to homeless men and women.

"I feel so blessed, so relieved, so at peace. No longer do I worry where I am going to lay my head and where I'll wake up," shared Jerry, a permanent supportive housing resident.

We know that our work can only continue to go forward with the help of partners like you, and thank you again for making it possible to help out those who need it most at this time.

In peace,


Sandra J. Aslaksen
Executive Director
Our Saviour's Housing, a program of Our Saviour's Community Services

Sermon with Special Meaning by Donna Lindberg

It was so special to me to hear Pastor Carlson talk about my grandson, Prince, as part of her sermon on Sunday, January 13. She shared that Doris Gliem loved sermon-on-the-steps and, before her death, remembered when Prince reminded "Carl Pastor" (as he called her) to give the kids the sign of the cross on their foreheads as they were at the font learning about baptism. This was probably a whole year ago now. I was so touched!

It makes me realize how much my grandchildren are getting out of their experience at Christ Church Lutheran and how much they are also giving back to the congregation. They always tell me, "I love when you bring us to church, Grandma!"



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Christ Church Lutheran February 2013					1	2 10:00 AM • Elm Rehearsal • Finn. Schl.
3 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:15 AM Education 4:30 PM Vespers Service	4 7:30 PM Accordo Concert	5 11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih 7:00 PM • Property • Finance 7:30 PM Communi- cation	6 7:30 PM Endowment	7 7:00 PM Choir	8	9
10 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:30 AM Eucharist with Holy Baptism 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour 11:15 AM Annual Meeting	11 9:00 AM Stationery 10:30 AM U of M Continuing Ed. Bldg. Tour	12 11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih	13 Ash Wednesday 11:30 AM Eucharist 7:00 PM Eucharist	14 7:00 PM Choir	15 <i>Courier Deadline</i>	16 9:00 AM Council Retreat 10:00 AM Finnish School
17 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:15 AM Education 12:15 PM Pastoral Support	18 <i>Presidents' Day</i> Office Closed Mon.–Fri. Meals on Wheels	19 11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih 7:00 PM Executive Board 7:30 PM Council	20 11:30 AM Morning Prayer Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Vespers	21 7:00 PM Choir	22	23 10:00 AM Class on Lutheranism
24 9:30 AM Eucharist 11:15 AM Education	25	26 11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih 7:00 PM Friends of Christ Church Lutheran Board	27 11:30 AM Morning Prayer Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper 7:00 PM Vespers	28 7:00 PM Choir		

Christ Church Lutheran
Volunteer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services (9:30 a.m.) and Ash Wednesday

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
Feb. 3	Kristine Stedje	Phyllis Mattill	Simo Sarkanen	Gary Skrivseth	Howard Polsfuss	Will Starkweather	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
	Jason Bergquist	Donna Gawreluk		Luann Skrivseth	Bob Davis		
Feb. 10	Rachel Mann	Andy Hokkanen	Daniel Rinehart	Dave Kutzbach	Will Stark	Melody Pauling	Ute Swenson
	Ben Cherland	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Kevin Olsen		
Feb. 13	Ash Wednesday						
11:30 a.m.	Pat Baehler	Phyllis Mattill	Daniel Holmgren	Michael Jefferis		Daniel Rinehart	
	Lucille Buelow	Chuck Merrell					
7:00 p.m.	Will Starkweather	Donna Gawreluk	Marni Schmidt	Greg Madson		Daniel Rinehart	
	Taylor Brorby	Jan Radloff		Bob Davis			
Feb. 17	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill	Clayton Smith	Gary Skrivseth	Howard Polsfuss	Paul Hanson	Marni Schmidt
	Mary Bode	Lucille Buelow		Dan Mueller	Bob Davis		
Feb. 24	Simo Sarkanen	Andy Hokkanen	Lynn Larson	Dave Kutzbach	Dick Bruesehoff	Pat Baehler	Karen Woestehoff
	Pat Baehler	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Naomi Bruesehoff		
March 3	Kristine Stedje	Phyllis Mattill	James Yao	Gary Skrivseth	Will Stark	Erik Haaland	Luann Skrivseth
	Erik Haaland	Donna Gawreluk		Dan Mueller	Kevin Olsen		