The COURIER

Christ Church Lutheran
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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.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2013

Midweek Lenten Worship and Meals
Wednesdays: March 6, 13 and 20

11:30 a.m. – Morning prayer in the chapel
12:00 p.m. – Soup lunch*
6:00 p.m. – Soup supper*
7:00 p.m. – Evening prayer in the chapel

**See page 3 for details about the meals*

Sunday, March 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship
Palm Sunday—The Passion of Our Lord

Gather in the education building and receive a palm before processing into church.

March 28: Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – Washing of Feet and Eucharist

March 29: Good Friday

7:00 p.m. – Service of the Cross

March 30: Vigil of Easter

8:30 p.m. – Worship begins in the courtyard
Following worship – Alleluia à la Mode reception

March 31: Easter Sunday Festival Worship

9:30 a.m. – Worship service
Following worship – Continental breakfast in the atrium

Contacts and Information

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	Office Hours
	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday–Friday
	Worship
	9:30 a.m. each Sunday, followed by fellowship; an education hour follows at 11:15 a.m. (excluding summer months)

Contacts	
Pastor:	Kristine Carlson
Music:	Pastor Robert Buckley Farlee Pastor Martin Seltz
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Officers as of February	
President:	Bob Victorin-Vangerud
Vice President:	Dan Mueller
Secretary:	Naomi Bruesehoff
Treasurer:	Melody Pauling

Council Members as of February

Pat Baehler
Ann Davis
Josh Messner
Noah Niermann
Rita Schoenike
Luann Skrivseth

Announcements

Retirees

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

– Bill and Phyllis Dunstone

Doris Gliem

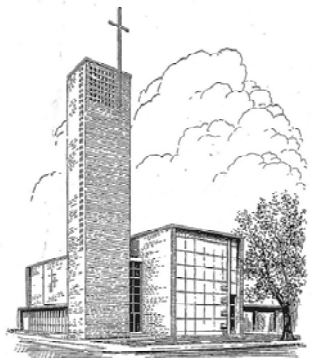
Doris' funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. (She passed away on Thursday, January 10.)

Change in *Courier* Editor

This edition is the last one by Lynn Larson. Josh Messner will act as interim *Courier* editor, beginning with the April edition.

Courier Submission Deadline

The next submission deadline for the *Courier* is March 15. To submit content, please forward to Stephanie in the church office: mail@christchurchluth.org.



Readings and Psalms

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

Date: **March 10**
First Lesson: Josh 5:9–12
Psalm 32
Second Lesson: 2 Cor 5:16–21
Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Date: **March 17**
First Lesson: Isa 43:16–21
Psalm 126
Second Lesson: Phil 3:4b–14
Gospel: John 12:1–8

Date: **March 24—Passion/Palm Sunday**
First Lesson: Isa 50:4–9a
Psalm 31:9–16
Second Lesson: Phil 2:5–11
Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56 *or* Luke 23:1–49*

Date: **March 28—Maundy Thursday**
First Lesson: Exod 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
Second Lesson: 1 Cor 11:23–26
Gospel: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Date: **March 29—Good Friday**
First Lesson: Isa 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Second Lesson: Heb 10:16–25 *or* Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9*
Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

Date: **March 30—Easter Vigil**
Second Lesson: Rom 6:3–11 (no First Lesson or Psalm)
Gospel: John 20:1–18

Date: **March 31—Easter Day**
First Lesson: Acts 10:34–43 *or* Isa 65:17–25*
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24
Second Lesson: 1 Cor 15:19–26 *or* Acts 10:34–43*
Gospel: Luke 24:1–12 *or* John 20:1–18*

Date: **April 7**
First Lesson: Acts 5:27–32
Psalm 118:14–29 *or* Ps 150*
Second Lesson: Rev 1:4–8
Gospel: John 20:19–31

**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.

March 3
The Gospel of Luke
Pastor Carlson

March 10
Hearing Bach's Mass in B Minor
Sally Messner

March 17
The Passion According to Luke
Daniel Rinehart

March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday) and
March 31 (Easter Sunday)
Fellowship in the Luther lounge after worship; no forum on these days

Soup's On!

Submitted by Mary Bode, on behalf of the Hospitality Committee

A meal of hot soup, bread, crackers and cookies is served in the Concordia room **twice** every Wednesday during Lent at:

- approximately 12:00 p.m., following the 11:30 a.m. worship service
- 6:00 p.m., prior to the 7:00 p.m. worship

All are welcome! Thank you to everyone who is helping with the ten Wednesday soup meals. Whether you are setting tables, making soup, serving soup or cleaning up, we appreciate your willingness to make these meals possible.

Thank you: Donna and Pete, Marilyn, Marge, John and Brigita, Erik and Daniel, Jan, Gerry and Kevin, Naomi and Dick, Harvey, Kevin and Will, Pat, Noah, Rita, Cynthia, Marni, Liz and Roger, Karen, Marilu, Joanne.

Helping Hands

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

March and April 2013

John and Birgitte Christianson
Erik Haaland and Daniel Holmgren
Harvey and Cheryl Leuning
Melody Pauling
Howard and Erla Polsfuss
Martin and Joanne Seltz
Cliff Siewert
Gary and Luann Skrivseth and family
Dick and Elayne Strom
Robert and Annette Swanson
Gary and Janice Wahlstrom
Marvel Walmann

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, Denise Morelock
3/16	Renee Bergquist
3/18	Wendy Noakes, Margaret Graebner, and Pat Baehler
3/19	Loralei Brekhus, Pete Gawreluk
3/30	Kristine Browder
3/21	Christine Bier
3/22	Vivian Bartsch, Ann Davis
3/23	Virginia Buegel
3/24	Howard Polsfuss, Sally Messner
3/26	June Woestehoff
3/27	Max McGlothlin
3/28	Phyllis Mattill
3/30	Mary Lou Doll, Andrew Hokkanen, and Avis Swenson

Sprucing Up

Thank you, Pete Gaweluk and Ken Schoenike, for sprucing up the coat room under the narthex. Check it out!

Baptisms

Baptized February 10 were Kristine Ashley Browder and her son, Liam John Browder.

Applause!

Submitted by the Communication Committee

Thank you, Lynn, for serving as Christ Church *Courier* editor for 8 years! You faithfully organized and edited the articles submitted.

Thank you for working with us to change the format in order for the *Courier* to be available online. That was a big step. We want you to know how much we all appreciate you! We are grateful.

Congregation Gift to Holden Village

For six years now, Christ Church Lutheran has had two copies of the beautiful blue lectionary that we use in worship for the readings during this "year of Luke"—when our gospel readings are primarily from the Gospel According to Luke—also known as "Year C." (During Year A, the readings are primarily from Matthew and the lectionary book is green, and, during Year B, the readings are primarily from Mark and the lectionary book is red.)

When we originally ordered our blue lectionary, it arrived with damaged corners. When we called to report this to Augsburg Fortress Publishing House, they immediately sent us a new book and told us to keep the old one. Ever since, we have been looking for an appropriate thing to do with our extra, ever-so-slightly damaged blue lectionary.

This past fall, when Pastor Carlson spent a week at Holden Village, she noticed that they had no lectionary books to use in worship. She checked with the village pastor and he said they would be delighted to receive our second blue lectionary. When she returned home, she worked with our church secretary, Stephanie Okoneski, to get it mailed out to Holden Village.

Recently, Pastor Carlson received this thank you:

Dear Pr. Carlson and the People of Christ Church,

Thank you so much for the gift of a beautiful lectionary book for Year C. We will think of you and give thanks as we journey with Luke throughout this year!

Pax Christi, Scott Kershner, Village Pastor

p.s. What a gift Taylor Brorby has been to Holden for the past five weeks!

Longfellow Faith Forum

Submitted by Bob Victorin-Vangerud

The Longfellow Faith Forum is a monthly meeting of congregations in the Longfellow neighborhood, gathering for outreach in our community. Congregations represented include: Bethlehem Covenant, Bethany Lutheran, Epworth United Methodist, Faith Mennonite, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Minnehaha Communion Lutheran, St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, St. James A.M.E., The Community of St. Martin, Living Table U.C.C., and Christ Church Lutheran.

February's meeting included a presentation from Elizabeth Miller of HIRED, a non-profit group working to help unemployed persons find long-term employment. For details, visit http://www.hired.org/. HIRED has been successful in helping many individuals find work, including some who have been homeless, on welfare, or who have a criminal history.

The March meeting of the Longfellow Faith Forum will take place at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church at 12:00 p.m. on March 12. Fish will be served!

March is Food Share Month

"Fish banks" were distributed on Sunday, February 10. If you did not receive one, you may pick one up from the table at the back of the church. Please use the box to deposit coins during Lent and then return the box in the offering during Holy Week. Please give generously!

Money collected will be given to our local food shelf, Salvation Army Food Pantry on Minnehaha Avenue. All donations given by Longfellow area churches during March (Food Share Month) will be matched by Minnesota FoodShare. For more information about this organization, please visit http://mnfoodshare.gmcc.org/.

Marie Dammann Gift to the Endowment of Christ Church Lutheran

The estate of Ella Marie Dammann has given Christ Church Lutheran $150,000, designated for the Christ Church Lutheran Endowment Fund. We gratefully received a check for this amount in December 2012.

Marie's niece, Louise Dammann, enclosed the check in a Christmas card she had found, which had been signed by Marie herself. The text of the card was, "May the miracle of Christ's birth bring the miracle of His love to your heart." Louise expressed her appreciation for the care and help given to Marie and her family by Pastor Carlson, Vicar Starkweather, our office secretary Stephanie Okoneski, and this congregation community.

Marie Dammann grew up on a farm outside Glencoe, Minnesota. According to her niece, Marie had no inheritance from her family—she worked as a lab tech at the VA Hospital. She lived sensibly with her money and invested it wisely. Over the years, Marie was very generous to Christ Church Lutheran, both in her regular offerings and in the anonymous gifts she gave to help with building improvements, especially to help make our building more sustainable. For instance, Marie's gifts enabled us to replace all the lighting in our education building and in the lower level of our sanctuary to "green, energy-efficient" lighting.

When Marie Dammann died, her will designated this portion of her estate to our endowment. It is a generous gift to this congregation, a legacy that will "keep on giving" in the interest it provides in perpetuity, in the confidence it shows in our future, and in the joy it tells of God's work in and through us for the sake of the world.

This legacy from Marie Dammann brings the total of the permanent endowment to over $416,000. This is getting very close to half a million dollars! The permanent endowment is invested and earning money to be used for the mission and ministry of Christ Church Lutheran. Already we have been using earnings (the interest) from the permanent endowment to fund initiatives connected with Christ Church Lutheran's visioning process.

Is Christ Church Lutheran in your will? We invite you to follow the example of Marie Dammann. Whatever the amount, it is a way to continue to uphold God's mission in this place for years to come.

Members of the Endowment Committee are: Donna Lindberg (chair), Birgitte Christianson, Elio (Leo) Lopez, Sharon Mueller, Gerry Tyrrell, and our congregation treasurer, Melody Pauling, as the liaison to the church council.

You will be hearing more about the endowment this coming year.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 AM ● Class on Lutheranism ● Finn. Schl.
3 **9:30 AM Eucharist** 11:15 AM Education	4	5 11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih 7:00 PM Property	6 **11:30 AM Morn. Prayer** Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper **7:00 PM Eve. Vespers**	7 7:00 PM Choir	8 10:00 AM Stationery	9 10:00 AM Class on Lutheranism **Set clocks forward**
10 **9:30 AM Eucharist** 11:00 AM Bldg. Tour 11:15 AM Education 6:00 PM Finnish Movie	11	12	13 **11:30 AM Morn. Prayer** Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper **7:00 PM Eve. Vespers**	14 7:00 PM Choir	15 The Shelter *Courier* Deadline	16 10:00 AM Finnish School
17 **9:30 AM Eucharist** 11:15 AM Education	18	19 11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih 7:00 PM Exec. Board 7:30 PM Council	20 **11:30 AM Morn. Prayer** Noon Lunch 6:00 PM Supper **7:00 PM Eve. Vespers**	21 7:00 PM Choir	22	23
24 ***Passion Sunday*** **9:30 AM Eucharist** 11:15 AM Education	25	26 11:00 AM Tai Chi Chih 7:00 PM Friends Board	27 7:00 PM Choir	28 ***Maundy Thursday*** **7:00 PM Eucharist**	29 ***Good Friday*** Office closed **7:00 PM Service of the Cross**	30 **8:30 PM Easter Vigil** Followed by Alleluia a la Mode
31 ***Easter*** **9:30 AM Eucharist**	April 1 Office closed					

Christ Church Lutheran
Volunteer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services (9:30 a.m.) and Evening Holy Week Services

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers	Nursery Workers
March 3	Kristine Stedje	Phyllis Mattill	James Yao	Gary Skrivseth	Will Stark	Erik Haaland	Luann Skrivseth
	Erik Haaland	Donna Gawreluk		Dan Mueller	Kevin Olsen		
March 10	Taylor Brorby	Andy Hokkanen	Lynn Larson	Dave Kutzbach	Pat Baehler	Will Starkweather	Kelly Brandon
	Jan Radloff	Phyllis Mattill		Dick Thompson	Kara Middleton		
March 17	Pat Baehler	Phyllis Mattill	Noah Niermann	Jeanne Anderson	Taylor Brorby	Virginia Buegel	Traci Boser
	Ben Cherland	Donna Gawreluk		Bob Davis	Naomi Bruesehoff		
March 24 Passion Sunday							
	Will Starkweather	Phyllis Mattill	Daniel Rinehart	Gary Skrivseth	Kristine Stedje	Kristine Stedje	Mary Lou Doll
	Jason Bergquist	Jan Radloff		Dan Mueller	Taylor Brorby		
		Melody Pauling					
March 28 Maundy Thursday							
7:00 PM	Taylor Brorby	Donna Gawreluk	Daniel Holmgren	Michael Jefferis		Sally Messner	
	Mary Bode	Jan Radloff					
March 29 Good Friday							
7:00 PM	Jason Bergquist	Donna Gawreluk	Mary Lou Doll	Gary Skrivseth			
March 30 Vigil of Easter							
8:30 PM	Will Starkweather	Pat Baehler	Simo Sarkanen	Jeanne Anderson		Taylor Brorby	
	Erik Haaland	Chuck Merrell		Greg Madson			
March 31 Resurrection of Our Lord							
	Simo Sarkanen	Phyllis Mattill	Clayton Smith	Dave Kutzbach	Howard Polsfuss	Melody Pauling	Yi-ru Chen-Sarkanen
	Taylor Brorby	Donna Gawreluk		Dick Thompson	Bob Davis		
		Gene Bruss					
April 7	Mary Bode	Andy Hokkanen	Marni Schmidt	Gary Skrivseth	Will Stark	Daniel Rinehart	Samantha Rice
	Erik Haaland	Phyllis Mattill		Dan Mueller	Kevin Olsen		
		Melody Pauling					