



Welcome to the Light

Upcoming Food and Clothing Drive

March is Minnesota Food Share Month. Christ Church is participating by collecting non-perishable foods and cash donations for Community Emergency Service. This important neighborhood resource is counting on us to help stock its shelves. This year we are adding a clothes drive. All sorts of clean, used clothing in reasonably good shape is welcome. Clothing will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. Shoes, boots, hats, gloves, feather boas, pants, skirts, dresses, furs, your old haute couture, shirts, coats—you wore it, it's appropriate for donation.

Wheelbarrows will be available for the food, lawn bags will be available for clothing. Let's fill them up!

Worship for Lent and the Three Days

Morning Prayer 11:30am, Evening Prayer 7:00pm
March 2, 9, 16

Sunday of the Passion

20 March, 9:30am, Procession of Palms
"Cry of the Whole Congregation"
by Walter Wangerin

Maundy Thursday

24 March, 7:00pm
Footwashing and Holy Communion

Good Friday

25 March, 7:00pm, Veneration of the Cross
"Passion according to John" by William Byrd

Holy Saturday

26 March, 8:30pm, Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday

27 March, 9:30am, Resurrection Eucharist

“ The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it.

—St. Basil the Great

Safe House Updates

This year we are continuing to provide monthly meals to Safe House, the Lutheran Social Service shelter for youth experiencing homelessness. These are meals for eight young adults, prepared and delivered at around 7:00 pm to an address in St. Paul not far from Christ Church. We welcome the help of any and all volunteers—our next meal is on 10 March. The sign-up sheet is on the mission committee bulletin board in the Atrium, or contact the church office for available dates.

We have also learned of a new volunteer opportunity at Safe House. They now have volunteers involved in direct service. If you would like to volunteer for a shift from 8:00 to 11:00 pm, contact Michael Jefferis (michael.jefferis@gmail.com) or Pastor Haaland (ehaaland@christchurchluth.org) and we will put you in touch with the volunteer coordinator. This would be a great opportunity to both help and learn.

—Pastor Erik Haaland



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Office Hours

Monday–Friday 9:00 am–2:00 pm

Worship

Sunday 9:30 am, followed by fellowship

September through May:

Godly Play for children ages 3–12, 11:05–12:05

Educational forum 11:15 am–12:15 pm

Staff

Pastors	Pastor Kristine Carlson Pastor Erik Haaland Pastor Helge Voigt
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Council Members

Marcus Nooney	Matthew Courtney
Sarah Brunsvold	Dan Mueller
Luann Skrivseth	

Announcements

Retirees

They will be meeting at 11:00am on Wednesday 30 March. Potluck lunch. Watch the bulletin for details. Everyone is welcome.

Baptism

Viivi Louise Bodurtha, daughter of Nikki and Kent Bodurtha, was baptized on Sunday 31 January. Her sponsors are AnnaJean and Peter Johnson.

Installation

Rev. Helge Voigt was installed as a pastor of Christ Church on Sunday 7 February.

Funerals

Kari Polsfuss, 12 February
Virginia Buegel, 13 February

Helping Hands March/April

John & Birgitte Christianson
Daniel Holmgren
Harvey & Cheryl Leuning
Melody Pauling
Howard & Erla Polsfuss
Joanne & Martin Seltz
Cliff Siewert
Gary & Luann Skrivseth
Dick & Elayne Strom
Robert Swanson
Gary & Janice Wahlstrom

If you are named in the helping hands chart, please help with Sunday morning coffee fellowship in the form of set up, clean up, or treats. Contact Mary Bode or Joanne Seltz for details: mhbode@gmail.com | seltz4@aol.com

Finances Update

The finance committee wants to provide the most current information about our congregation's finances. Here is their overview of our operating budget as of the end of January. It is early in the year, but we already have a deficit in our member giving ("envelope giving"). Let's catch up! Let's give generously!

<i>as of January 31, 2016</i>	ACTUAL	BUDGET (1 mo.)	DIFFERENCE
<i>Member Giving/ Envelopes</i>	\$20,270.47	\$25,500.00	(\$5,229.53)
<i>Other Income</i>	\$1,665.70	\$7,570.11	(\$5,904.41)
<i>Total Income</i>	\$21,936.17	\$33,070.11	(\$11,133.94)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$28,570.80	\$33,370.02	(\$4,799.22)
<i>Total Surplus (or Deficit)</i>	(\$6,634.63)	(\$299.91)	(\$6,334.72)

Book Club Meets March 12

The CCL book club will discuss William Kent Krueger's novel *Ordinary Grace* at its next meeting on Saturday 12 March from 10am to noon in the Luther Lounge. All are welcome. For more information, contact Bob Anderson at 952.937.8656. Two books are available free for the asking.

New Bremen, Minnesota, summer 1961 . . .

Thirteen-year-old Frank Drum stands at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. Thinking back on it forty years later, he will write, It was a summer in which death, in visitation, assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder. You might think I remember that summer as tragic and I do but not completely so. My father used to quote the Greek playwright Aeschylus. "He who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep pain, which cannot forget, falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God." What Frank remembers most from that time, however, is a table grace spoken by his younger brother, of which he says: "That was it. That was all of it. A grace so ordinary there was no reason at all to remember it. Yet I have never across the forty years since it was spoken forgotten a single word."

March Birthdays

3/7	Julia Boser		
	Gloria Sutherland	3/20	Kristine Browder
3/8	Joel Eisfelder	3/21	Christine Bier
	Shirley Miller	3/22	Vivian Bartsch
3/9	Mick Bergquist		Ann Davis
	Kiran Thamman		Pete Gawreluk
3/10	Jason Wyatt	3/23	Barbara Johnson
3/11	Ted Buegel	3/24	Howard Polsfuss
3/12	Greg Madson		Sally Messner
3/13	Denise Morelock	3/26	June Woestehoff
3/14	Jody McGuire	3/27	Max McGlothlin
3/16	Renee Bergquist	3/28	Phyllis Mattill
3/18	Wendy Noakes	3/29	Claire Rosenkvist
	Margaret Graebner	3/30	Mary Lou Doll
	Pat Baehler		Andrew Hokkanen
3/19	Loralei Brekhus		Avis Swenson



Children planting seeds on Sunday 28 February—
a Sermon on the Steps Project.

From the Church Council

February Council Meeting

Pastor Carlson led devotions, using the devotional booklet for Lent that has been made available to members of the congregation called *Bearing Fruit*.

We heard a proposal that the church consider hosting a charter school for the 2016–2017 school year. This suggestion is paired with a plan to use the revenue this school would create, as much as \$100,000, to engage a part time parish administrator. We have been aware for some time now that the growth of the congregation is stressing our normal systems of operation. This is the case in the area of building use management, communications, time spent by pastoral staff on tasks not specifically pastoral, and increasing demands on volunteer leadership in the congregation. Three years ago the staffing task force, whose recommendations led to calling an associate pastor, also acknowledged that added staff in parish administration was a real need in the near future. The request by this school to use our space seems like an opportunity to meet this need in the life of our congregation. We assembled a task force (Pat Baehler, Luann Skrivseth, and Chad Blihovde) to gather more information. If the result is promising, we will seek input from the congregation and make a decision. This contract with the Phillips School would be for one year.

We approved a request from the weaving group for funds toward creating a set of green paraments for use in worship. We believe the money in certain trust funds would be appropriately applied to this project.

We heard numerous reports from pastors, committees, and task forces. New projects at Safe House using Second Century Capital Campaign funds are underway. The project management task force is soliciting bids for work on the roof this summer. The property committee plans to purchase a new refrigerator/freezer unit for the kitchen to replace a unit that no longer functions. The preservation committee has decided that the best approach for the font is to replace the bowl with a new unit.

The council also spent the morning of Saturday 20 February 20 in retreat at the church. We spent time with our memories of church and how those help defined what we value in church. Then we discussed leadership and talked about budgeting philosophy. It was a good and relaxing time together. We had the opportunity for conversations that aren't really possible during monthly meetings when business is at hand.

Fellowship Dinner

Here's the group that gathered for a fellowship dinner on 20 February at the home of John Schmidt and Bob Anderson. It was a delightful evening. Plan on joining us for the next round of fellowship dinners.



Prayers for Will Stark

Will Stark invites the prayers of the Christ Church family in light of his recent diagnosis. Visit Will's CaringBridge website for updates:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/willstark



Will Stark

Music for a Masterpiece

Friends of Christ Church Lutheran Concert Raises over \$22,000 for Second Century Campaign

Tuesday 2 February was an exceptionally snowy night in Minneapolis. Heavy clouds covered the skies and dropped over six inches of snow on the Longfellow neighborhood. Inside Christ Church Lutheran, however, we were warm and could see all the stars.

The Minnesota Orchestra's conductor, Osmo Vänskä, laid down his baton and picked up his clarinet for an evening of chamber music. He was joined by fellow Minnesota Orchestra musicians, concertmaster Erin Keefe and principal cellist Anthony Ross. The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra's concertmaster Steven Copes and principal violist Maiya Papach also appeared for a program of Prokofiev, Crusell, and Brahms. About 300 listeners had braved the snow and wind to witness this great evening.

This great evening was a benefit for Christ Church Lutheran's Second Century campaign. With the help of Thrivent Financial, MacDonald & Mack Architects, Watson-Forsberg Contractors, and an anonymous friend of Christ Church Lutheran, the Friends were able to cover the costs of the concert. That meant that every dollar of ticket sales, which topped \$22,000, was dedicated to the campaign.

The result was a magical evening of chamber music. A feature article on Tuesday 2 February in the *Star Tribune* highlighted the concert, the Second Century campaign, and the structural needs of our building. Minnesota Public Radio was our media sponsor, promoting the concert and airing interview bits from the players in the days leading up to the event. The result was more than just dollars raised. It raised awareness of our church and its place in architectural history.

It was indeed a glorious night of music for our masterpiece. Thanks are due to the task force members who planned the evening and to all who contributed to making it such an enormous success.

—Roger Gomoll



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Lectionary Readings March 2016

Sunday 6 March

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sunday 13 March

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sunday 20 March

Sunday of the Passion

Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

Thursday 24 March

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday 25 March

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday 26 March

Resurrection of Our Lord— Vigil of Easter

Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Upcoming Educational Forums Sundays 11:15am

6 March

Bearing Fruit: Sunday— Keeping the Feast

Gertrud Mueller Nelson

In addition to her workshop on Saturday, March 5 (The Home and What's Holy: Nourishing Faith in the Home), Gertrud Mueller Nelson will also be leading that weekend's Sunday Forum. She will teach about what is perhaps the most central Christian practice of all—the Sunday gathering. Each week, on the day of Christ's resurrection, Christians throughout the world gather together to share the Gospel word, to pray for the world, to share in Christ's meal, and to be sent out in love and hope. Come and explore the practices and meaning of "Sunday" with noted artist, author and teacher, Gertrud Mueller Nelson.

13 March

Bearing Fruit: Praying Grace-fully Samuel Rahberg

From biblical times through the modern day, Christians have

asserted that the practice of prayer is essential to the life of discipleship. Unfortunately, prayer can also become a source of shame and inadequacy. Who among us doesn't feel that our prayer life isn't what it should be? There is practical wisdom to be found in Scripture, a renewed sense of grace, and even the unique example of Benedictine prayer and community. Join Sam Rahberg, a spiritual director and member of Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill, to explore some of these insights and practices for praying grace-fully and how they relate to you.

20 March

Palm/Passion Sunday

No forum – Please plan to attend the Cantata Vespers service that afternoon at 4pm.


27 March

Easter Sunday

No forum.

New Photo Directory

A new photo directory is in the works. It has been five years since the last directory. Find a photo session that works for you either at 10:45am every Sunday in March or 1:15pm Wednesdays, March 2, 9, and 16. Come to the church office to sign in. Church directory team: Anke Voigt, Anna Mason, Kate Haugen, Mary Bode.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>March 2016</p> 						
		<p><i>1</i></p> <p>2:00pm Genealogy</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>9:00am - Arts</p> <p>11:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>Noon - Lunch</p> <p>6:00pm - Supper</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>10:00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Ministry • Finn School <p>1:00pm "The Home and What's Holy" - Gertrud Mueller Nelson</p>
<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9:30am Eucharist</p> <p>11:05am Godly Play</p> <p>11:15am Forum</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>1:00pm Tai Chi Chih</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>7:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property • Visioning 	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9:30am - Stationery</p> <p>11:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>Noon - Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm - Staff</p> <p>6:00pm - Supper</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>LSS Safe House Meal</p> <p>2:00pm Pastors Conference</p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>10:00am Book Club</p> <p>7:30pm "American Roots" - The Rose Ensemble</p> <p><u>Reset Clocks</u></p>
<p><i>13</i></p> <p>9:30am Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Tour</p> <p>11:05am Godly Play</p> <p>11:15am Forum</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>1:00pm Tai Chi Chih</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>7:00pm Executive Board</p> <p>7:30pm Council</p> <p><i>Courier Deadline</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>11:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>Noon - Lunch</p> <p>6:00pm - Supper</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>Our Saviour's Shelter Meal</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>10:00am Finnish School</p>
<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Passion Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Eucharist</p> <p>4:00pm Evening Prayer & Bach Cantata</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>1:00pm Tai Chi Chih</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>7:00pm Eucharist with Foot Washing</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Building Closed</p> <p>7:00pm Worship</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>8:30pm Vigil of Easter followed by Alleluia a la Mode</p>
<p>Holy Week</p>						
<p><i>27</i></p> <p>Easter</p> <p>9:30am Eucharist</p> <p><i>Following worship Easter Coffee</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>1:00pm Tai Chi Chih</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>7:00pm FCCL Board</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>11:00am Retirees</p> <p>7:00pm Project Management</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>March is Food Share Month</p> <p>Share your non-perishable foods and this year donate wearable clothing</p>	

Volunteer Schedule

Sunday Worship Services - 9:30am

Date	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lectors	Head Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Writers
March 6	Jason Bergquist	Phyllis Mattill	Cathy Sieving	Simo Sarkanen	Gary Skrivseth	Luann Skrivseth	Pat Baehler
	Chuck Merrell	Jan Radloff			Matt Courtney	Mary Bode	
March 13	Pat Baehler	Phyllis Mattill	Daniel Holmgren	Rachel Slater	Dave Kutzbach	Bob & Ute Swenson	DeAne Lagerquist
	Bob Victorin-Vangerud	Donna Gawreluk			Dick Thompson	Samantha, Chloe Rice	
March 20	TBD	Phyllis Mattill	Max Herzberg	John Schmidt	Bob Davis	Donna Gawreluk	Melody Pauling
	Molly Boes	Jan Radloff			Gary Wahlstrom	Pete Gawreluk	
					Jeff Weispfenning		
Maundy Thursday - Worship at 7:00 p.m.							
March 24	Mary Bode	Donna Gawreluk		Carmen O'Halloran	Michael Jefferis		
	Jan Radloff	Chuck Merrell					
Good Friday - Worship at 7:00 p.m.							
March 25	Jason Bergquist	Donna Gawreluk		DeAne Lagerquist			
Vigil of Easter - Worship at 8:30 p.m.							
March 26	Pat Baehler	Jason Bergquist		Simo Sarkanen	Dave Kutzbach		
	Sarah Brunsvold	Chuck Merrell			Dick Thompson		
Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day - Worship at 9:30 a.m.							
March 27	Simo Sarkanen	Phyllis Mattill	Gene Bruss	Daniel Holmgren	Gary Skrivseth	Luann Skrivseth	Pr. Helge Voigt
	Donna Gawreluk	Jan Radloff			Matt Courtney	Mary Bode	
April 3	Mary Bode	Donna Gawreluk	Clayton Smith	Max Herzberg	Bob Davis	Kevin Olsen	Pat Baehler
	Jason Bergquist	Jan Radloff			Dawn Dankers	Will Stark	