



## Welcome to the Light

### Special Worship Service on July 9

All worship is special, of course, especially at Christ Church Lutheran! With inspired preaching, rich liturgy, beautiful music, and a warm and welcoming community, all within our masterful, award-winning architecture, every Sunday is memorable. July 9, though, will bring us some unusual gifts.

It will be the second Sunday in which we will be using piano for accompaniment in place of our now-departed organ. While we adjust to that, though, our music will be enhanced that day by a special choir. Some may remember the Elm Ensemble, a group of singers and instrumentalists that presented cantatas and other Early Lutheran Music (the source of the “Elm” name) at Christ Church and other locations. It was organized by members Josh and Sally Messner until they moved to Michigan. But they’re coming back for a visit, and are getting together the old gang to sing in our worship service.

The Messners had the idea of commissioning a new choral work, wanted Cantor Robert Farlee to write it, and the Council responded positively to the idea of helping to fund it. And so a new motet, “Come to Me,” was born and will be premiered that day.

The motet is a lovely five-part arrangement of some verses from the Gospel of Matthew (which will be read that day) juxtaposed with a brief excerpt from Luther’s last sermon in which Luther preaches on that same Matthew text:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28, 30).

Come to Christ, as he so lovingly invites us to do, and say: You alone are my beloved Lord and Master; I am your disciple (from Luther’s last sermon).

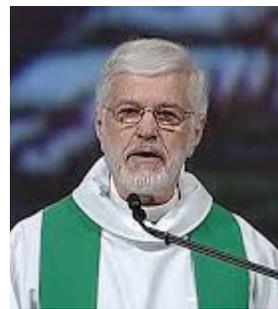
Christ Church with help from members of the Elm Ensemble commissioned the piece from Cantor Farlee on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. We hope the motet will be accessible to church choirs as well as professional ensembles. The piece is dedicated to the memory of

Dr. Kay Madson and was funded in part by gifts to her memorial fund. (See story below.)

The Elm Ensemble will be performing this new commission in worship that Sunday, as well as leading the psalm and singing a Reformation-era arrangement (Johann Staden) of “Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist” from the new *Augsburg Chorale Book* (edited by Zebulon Highben, who will be singing with us that Sunday and conducting the premiere of Farlee’s piece). And the Ensemble is joined this time around by a good number of folks from the Christ Church choir.

As they say in TV commercials, “But wait—there’s more!” By coincidence, Dr. Gordon Lathrop will be in town for a Lutheran church musicians conference and graciously agreed to preach here on July 9.

Gordon W. Lathrop is one of the most respected scholars of worship in the world today, as well as an outstanding preacher. He is Professor of Liturgy Emeritus at the Lutheran Theological



Seminary at Philadelphia. A pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, he is the author several books, including *Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology*, *Holy People: A Liturgical Ecclesiology*, *Holy Ground: A Liturgical Cosmology*, and *The Four Gospels on Sunday: The New Testament and the Reform of Christian Worship*. He was involved in the preparation of our red worship book,

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Lathrop has lectured widely, in several countries, and participated in the work of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Worship and Culture Study of the Lutheran World Federation.

Come and enjoy all these riches on Sunday, July 9, and bring some friends!

**Kay Madson** (1940–2015) was special to so many people and will forever be remembered at Christ Church Lutheran for her leadership, wisdom, gracious spirit, and faithfulness, and for her lovely wit and sense of humor. Kay and her husband Greg raised three children, Christine, Susan, and Gregory, and are proud, too, of their nine grandchildren.



Kay attended Augsburg College, majoring in Sociology. She taught at the University of Minnesota, Augsburg College, and Concordia University. She earned a Master’s degree and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Minnesota. Kay was a Professor in Sociology, Chair of the Social Sciences department (1990–93), and served as Executive Vice President of Concordia University (1993–2001).

Kay was active at Christ Church Lutheran, serving as President of the congregation; and she spent many years as a member of the choir, hosting the annual choir party. She and Greg traveled throughout the United States, Europe, Mexico, India, China, Costa Rica, and Thailand.

On Sunday, July 9, we remember Kay with the motet “Come to Me” commissioned by the congregation, written by Pastor Robert Farlee, and dedicated to her memory.

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### Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9:00am–2:00pm

### Sunday Worship

Eucharist 9:30am, followed by fellowship

### Staff

Pastors	Pastor Kristine Carlson Pastor Erik Haaland
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### Congregation Council

President	Matthew Courtney
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## July Birthdays

- 7/1 Muriel Heller  
Alvin Weber  
Jason Weber
- 7/2 Margaret Doll
- 7/3 Eli Nooney  
Zander Nooney
- 7/5 Nicholas Boser  
Cora Selden
- 7/7 Mary Bode
- 7/9 Calvin Jenkins-Buegel  
Dick Strom  
Janice Wahlstrom
- 7/11 Chuck Merrell  
Nate Williams
- 7/13 Kelly Brandon
- 7/16 Ute Swenson
- 7/17 Mark Jensen
- 7/19 Donna Gawreluk
- 7/21 Christine Warner
- 7/23 Marilyn Johnston  
Marcus Nooney
- 7/24 Todd Schoenike
- 7/25 Molly Boes  
David Doll  
Donna Lindberg
- 7/27 Jon Woestehoff
- 7/28 Makenzie Marudas
- 7/29 Chloe Rice  
Augustus Byers
- 7/30 Leah Skrivseth

## Helping Hands for July

- Pat Baehler
- Fred Bentz
- Dori Brandon
- Lucille Buelow
- Ann & Bob Davis
- Max Herzberg
- Tatiana Lenskaia & Sergei Lenskii
- Cheryl & Harvey Leuning
- Phyllis Mattill
- April McMillan & Lynn Tollefson
- Bev Meakins & George Greenfield
- Victoria & Nate Perbix
- Kim & Chip Young
- Matthew and Pamela Krueger

*Each member is part of Helping Hands. You may be asked to help with Sunday Coffee and other hospitality related events as needs arise. Mary Bode and Joanne Seltz, coordinators.*

### A Unique Gift

Check out the hand crafted stationery by the women of Christ Church. A table is set up by the Yellow Room in the education wing each Sunday. Buy cards to send, or give a package of cards as a gift.

## RETIREES

Everyone welcome. Meet at **11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 26** in the Concordia Room. Bob Davis and Darrell Anderson will present Second Century Campaign project updates. Bob is overseeing the courtyard project and Darrell the organ project. Potluck lunch follows. Cold food for hot weather, please.

## June Pastoral Acts

June 8 – Funeral of Glen Polsfuss, led by Pastors Carlson and Haaland.

June 10 – Wedding of Clayton Smith and Jared Jelinek. Pastor Carlson presided. Clayton has changed his name to Clayton Jelinek. His new email address is: jelinek.clayton@gmail.com.

June 16 – Dorothy Iverson funeral. Dorothy passed away May 28. Pastor Carlson presided.

June 18 – Baptism of Lennox Anders Glen Stugelmeyer, son of Levi and Susan. Pastor Carlson presided.

*Thank you* to all our friends at Christ Church for your memorials and kind expressions of sympathy and comfort for my son, Glen. Special thanks to Pastor Carlson, Pastor Haaland, Pastor Farlee, and all the staff and volunteers who helped make it a beautiful service of love and support.

With sincere appreciation,  
 Howard Polsfuss

## Lectionary Readings July 2017

### July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

### July 9

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:1-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 23

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### July 30

1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



### Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Clayton and Jared on their recent marriage on a beautiful day at St. Olaf College. Pastor Carlson preached and shared presiding with Clayton's father, and Pastor Haaland attended. Joy to Clayton and Jared Jelinek!

## From the Church Council

### June 21 Meeting

Max Herzberg provided a devotion that reflected upon the way scientists quest to see the world from all sides, which also helps us to find beauty in the world around us. He read a poem by Wendell Berry that expressed a love for the complementarity in the natural world and concluded with a prayer to find joy in the complexity of God's daily creation.

The Congregation Council reviewed current construction projects and discussed related contracts to complete them. A tentative agreement with Watson-Forsberg has been outlined for work to prepare the organ chamber and loft for installation of the new Dobson organ. Council voted to approve the draft contract, with the understanding the final terms may evolve. As with most projects in our historic building, the preparation of the loft and installation of the new organ will need to respond to discoveries throughout the process. Council is grateful to the dedicated, talented team guiding this important work.

Council considered a recommendation from Project Management Task Force (PMTF) that a State of Minnesota 2018 Legacy Preservation grant application be developed to support restoration of the sanctuary roof. The roof is one of the next large projects on PMTF's restoration list. The Friends of Christ Church Lutheran would be our sponsoring partner and lead

applicant. Council voted to support applying for the grant's first round in July. If awarded later in the fall, capital funds from the Second Century campaign are available to match the grant.

Council briefly discussed the annual budgeting process. With new officers and at-large members this year, the Executive Committee is taking preliminary steps to develop the 2018 budget. Council members generally agreed that creating sustainable, balanced budgets which faithfully support Christ Church Lutheran's vision is a top priority. Regular reports were received. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### Do You (or Did You) Play an Instrument?

It's July, our organ has been removed, and we will be worshiping without it for nearly a year. How will the music be led during that time? By our cantors, in a number of ways. We have our beautiful Yamaha grand piano, now sitting near the front of the nave. And we will be trying out some different ways of singing together—some of it without paper in front of us.

But we would also like to take the opportunity to feature more of the musicians among us. Do you play an instrument? (Or would you like to get those dormant abilities back in shape?) Would you be willing to share your talents with our worshiping assembly? It can be as simple or as elaborate as you would like—playing along with the piano on a hymn; playing a little piece before or during the service; joining with others in playing together. The cantors are happy to help you out! Talk to Pastor Farlee or Pastor Seltz, and we'll get you on the schedule.



Thank you Thrivent members for directing your Choice Dollars® to Christ Church Lutheran. Through your membership with Thrivent we can make an impact at Christ Church.

A total of \$3,498 Choice Dollars grant funds went to Christ Church Lutheran so far this year.

If you have Choice Dollars to direct and have questions on how to do this, please contact Melody Pauling.

## Courier Closeup – Will Stark

**Closeup** is a Courier feature to help us get better acquainted with our fellow members. If you would like to share your story in Closeup, call Donna Lindberg at 651.552.8499.

This month Closeup interviews Will Stark, who has been a member of Christ Church Lutheran for four years.

**When did you start attending Christ Church Lutheran and what brought you here?**

In 2004, Kevin and I started looking for a church home. We were intrigued by Christ Church Lutheran's historic Saarinen design. Paul Rogers was serving as interim pastor. The church was struggling, but had made the decision to call a new pastor. We saw hope there and envisioned a role for us to play as the congregation reformed itself.

**Do you live in the neighborhood?**

Yes, we live in the Longfellow neighborhood near the river, just a short bike ride or nice walk away from church.

**What about our church keeps you coming back?**

We came for the architecture and stayed for the people who were genuinely welcoming. I enjoy the friendship and support of the congregation, the thoughtful and creative worship experience, and even the fellowship of many committee meetings!

**Do you have any stories to tell about your time here or about events or activities you have been involved in?**

I have been involved with the Preservation Committee and the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran that was formed in 2008 to support the preservation of the building. Besides its mission of providing education and creating public awareness, Friends



have raised funds or awarded funds from other grants toward building preservation. In 2009, we celebrated the church being designated as a National Historic Landmark. We were also part of an Eero Saarinen exhibit co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center that helped raise public awareness of our "hidden gem."

**How does Christ Church help you live and share your faith?**

I was raised Presbyterian and since coming to Christ Church I've learned a lot about faith and the Lutheran tradition through sermons and readings. So many people in the congregation have taught me patience, humility, and courage in the face of life's challenges.

**What do you do when you're not in church?**

We enjoy spending time at our weekend retreat in Wisconsin and traveling. In the last twelve months we've traveled to four continents!

**What is your career background?**

I worked for ten years in human resources benefits administration, but I've always enjoyed old buildings and the urban environment. I left my job in 1997 to earn my master's degree in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University. I worked for a St. Paul consulting firm for seven years, and I've had my own consulting business for ten years.

**What can you tell us about yourself that we may not have known?**

I grew up in Kansas City, went to college in San Antonio, Texas, and lived in Washington, D.C. for ten years. Now I'm happy to be settled in Minnesota.

### New Home for Our Ethiopian Refugees

Paul and Ariat and their children, the family that we helped sponsor along with St. John's Lutheran in Northfield, moved in June from their temporary home here to St. Cloud, where they have family and where Paul has a new job. Thanks to the team that helped with the move, and all who supported this housing effort.



### Like to See Our Organ Being Built?

Plans are in the works to take a day trip to Lake City, Iowa to tour the Dobson Pipe Organ Workshop and see the progress on our new Christ Church Lutheran organ. The trip will happen in the fall and will most likely take place on a weekday, since we are limited to days when the workshop is open.

Right now we are trying to gauge interest to see how many people might make the trip. If you have any interest in going, please let the planning team know by going to the URL below and responding to a short survey, or by talking to one of the Organ Launch Task Force members: Vanessa Rempel, Siri Calvedt, Hilary Gebauer, Mary Bode. This is not a commitment to go, but we will keep you updated as plans are being made.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GTC9GQN>

# The Courtyard and Organ Projects Are Well Underway!

Summer is a slower time in many respects, but our two big Second Century Campaign projects have been busy.



We have completed the first month of three months of courtyard construction. We have discovered some surprises as we excavated nine feet deep. Some of the waterproofing details have been changed and have required waiting for new materials. The construction is now back to the original schedule that will mean completion in mid to late August. There will be four different systems of pipes and waterproofing that will keep the rainwater from leaking into our tunnels and through lower level exterior walls.



As of the one month milestone we are meeting our timeline and slightly under budget. The project management task force is satisfied that we will have a good team and a conscientious contractor. Cost-saving ideas have been found and are exceeding extra costs that have come up.

Meanwhile, the organ that served us for over 60 years was removed in the last week

of June. A team from Dobson Organ Company teamed with other local organ crews and our own volunteers, and over a period of three days all the hundreds of pipes (from smaller than a pencil to over sixteen feet long) were removed and packed for shipment, along with wooden components that move air around inside the organ and a lot of framework. Some of the parts will be reused in our new organ, while others will be used for an organ at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Farmington, MN.

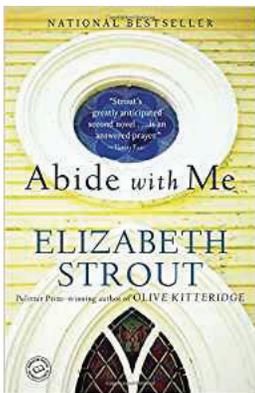


Now we have empty rooms in the balcony where the organ was. Soon those will be worked on to provide improved sound for the new organ. The new organ pieces will be delivered next January, and we hope to hear the result next April.

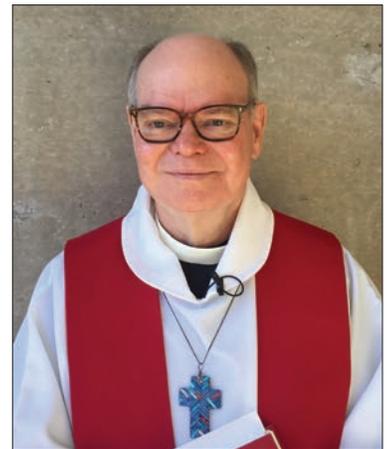


## Book Club to discuss *Abide with Me*

The Christ Church book club meets Saturday, July 8, from 10 to noon in the Luther Lounge. We will discuss Elizabeth Strout's novel *Abide with Me*. In the late 1950s in the small town of West Annett, Maine, a minister struggles to regain his calling, his family, and his happiness in the wake of profound loss. At the same time, the community he has served so charismatically must come to terms with its own strengths and failings—faith and hypocrisy, loyalty and abandonment—when a dark secret is revealed. Come join the discussion. All are welcome.



Great thanks to the Rev. Harvey Leuning, who led our worship so well while Pastors Carlson and Haaland were in Germany in May and June—preaching and presiding on May 28, and preaching again on Pentecost, June 4. We are very blessed to have such a capable and caring substitute in our midst!



# My Neighbor Is a Muslim Teenager

## Learning about another culture among us

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 11, Christ Church hosted a remarkable program: “My Neighbor is a Muslim Teenager: Youth Voices.” Ina Ziegler, a teacher at Roosevelt High School, invited three young Muslim women to share a bit about their life and their faith. Two of them shared poetry they had written. They talked about their families, the importance of their faith, and what it means for them to wear a hijab. They also spoke about the animosity and abuse they sometimes face—right here in our own community—because they claim their Muslim faith. For me it was a very significant afternoon, and I’m so grateful that people from Christ Church turned out on a Sunday to hear their stories. I am especially grateful to Ina for making these connections and introducing us to these gifted, faithful young women.

—*Pastor Haaland*



Meeting the three Muslim young women from Roosevelt High School was an enriching experience. I found these women very brave to have grown up in refugee camps in Africa, come to a very different culture, learn a new language and strive to become educated so when their homelands become stable they can return to rebuild new communities. This, they told us, was a goal of theirs. Another goal is to help Ameri-

cans learn and understand who they really are, not terrorists but people with faith, hopes and dreams of a better life. They helped us learn more about their faith life and why they dress as they do. I was impressed by the importance of maintaining the values taught by their faith and the tight knit community with strong respect for their elders.

We went overtime with many questions and we all agreed to another visit together. There is a lot to learn on both sides. Many thanks to Ina Ziegler for organizing this!

—*Cathy Sieving*

Like others who attended, I was struck by the poise of the guest speakers. Yes, they were at times giggly teenagers, yet they were forthright in answering some delicate questions (like “What is it like to not eat anything during Ramadan when so many of your classmates are eating?” and fervent in their beliefs. They invited any women there to

try on a hijab (which they view as a source of strength, not of shame), and Pastor Carlson took them up on it. I think we all came away reinforced in the knowledge that we have nothing to fear from these good Muslim immigrants living among us.

—*Pastor Farlee*



## Finnish Voices at Christ Church

Our wonderful architecture benefits us in all kinds of ways! On Sunday, June 11, it brought us a wonderful choir from Finland, the Naantali Chamber Choir. They were in the U.S. for a brief year, and asked to sing for our worship because of our church designed by Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen. Despite a stormy morning, it was a treat to hear them!

Another new member was received into the body of Christ on Sunday, June 18, as Lennox Anders Glen Stugelmeyer was baptized by Pastor Carlson.



# The Little COURIER

Children's Ministry at Christ Church Lutheran—July 2017

Welcome to **Green & Growing Time** for Children . . .

. . . and for Our Whole Community

Starting Sunday, July 2, we will begin our NEW summer programming in our children's ministry—our Green & Growing Time.

Our goal for this Green & Growing Time is to help all our children remain in worship the whole time. Children will not leave the sanctuary after Sermon on the Steps. Instead, they will head back to the pews where they will continue to worship with their families.

Worship is the most important thing we do together at Christ Church. We want to help our children and our community live into this as fully as possible. We are doing these things in worship this summer to help this growth:

- **As children leave Sermon on the Steps**, the pastor will give each child a special children's bulletin, designed for that particular Sunday, for them to work on in their pew during the "Word" part of worship if they want.
- **The pastors will talk with the children** during Sermon on the Steps about worship, and why we want them to learn to worship for the whole service.
- **At the back of the sanctuary**, in the Chapel, we are creating a quiet space where a child and a parent/grandparent/guardian can go for awhile, if they need to move out of their pew. There will be a carpet on the floor, a rocking chair, some small tables and chairs—and quiet reflective activities for a child to do for awhile before returning to their pew. Children should not go to this quiet space by themselves—it will work best if an adult goes with them while they are there.
- **The Activity Bag Tree** will be found in a new place—at the entrance to the Chapel. Children can take an activity bag



with them to their pew. Or, if a child comes to the quiet space with an adult, the activity bags will be there for their use.

During her travels to Germany and Norway, Pastor Carlson noticed quiet spaces for children in churches there. Maria Markman has also seen this practice in congregations around the Twin Cities. It is an idea that has been percolating among us for awhile. We have been listening to our own community and to communities around the world, and this seems to our Children's Ministry Committee to be a good time and a good new way to say, as Jesus did, "Let the Children Come!" Let us worship together!

In our Godly Play lesson The Circle of the Church Year, we talk about the green growing days of summer: a time when the plants and trees are growing all around us, and we too are growing. Part of growth is learning. We are inviting children and their families, and our community, to keep learning ways to be in worship together.

For those children who are older, the summer is a great time to worship with everyone in the pews. Come and sit close to the front and watch all of the action of the service, learn all that worship leaders do because at some point they will be helping lead worship.

Note that for the summer, the Nursery in the Orange Room will be available if a parent and very young child need to leave the worship space for awhile. It will not be staffed.

Note too that during this Green & Growing Time, from July 2 through Labor Day Weekend, there will be no Red Room.

Questions or suggestions? Contact Maria Markman at [mmarkman001@luthersem.edu](mailto:mmarkman001@luthersem.edu) or talk with Pastor Carlson.

## We are UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Here is how children can enjoy the fellowship time after worship

During our summer construction project, after worship all are invited to the Luther Lounge for fellowship and treats. This is an important part of community life at Christ Church. In order to ensure places to sit in the Luther Lounge for those who need them, we ask the children to continue on through the Lounge to the foyer by the North Door. There they will find even more snacks and activities. The cart will be there, too, with toys and games for outside. Children are welcome to go outside and enjoy the summer weather; however, they need to be outside with an adult! If there is anything missing from the cart that you think would be a great addition please let Maria Markman know at [mmarkman001@luthersem.edu](mailto:mmarkman001@luthersem.edu) and she will gladly add it.

### July Baptism Birthdays

July 2 Zacarias      July 5 Nadezhda

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Remember that the more accurate and up-to-date calendar is published each week in the bulletin.  Looking for the Worship Leadership Schedule? It was sent in the same email with the Courier.						1
2  <b>9:30am</b> <b>Eucharist,</b> <b>Holy Baptism</b> <b>of Zacarias</b> <b>Sundgaard</b>	3	4  <i>Independence</i> <i>Day</i>  Building Closed	5	6	7	8  4:00pm Motet Rehearsal
9  <b>9:30am</b> <b>Eucharist</b>  11:00am Bldg. Tour	10	11     7:00pm Preservation	12  10:00am Stationery  1:00pm Staff  7:00pm Children's Ministry	13     LSS Safe House Meal	14	15  10:00am Book Group
16  <b>9:30am</b> <b>Eucharist</b>	17	18     7:00pm Council	19     6:00pm Shelter Meal Cooking:	20	21     The Shelter Meal	22
23  <b>9:30am</b> <b>Eucharist</b>	24  St. John's Lutheran Youth Group Overnight	25     7:00pm FCCL Board	26  11:00am Retirees  1:00pm Staff	27	28	29
30  <b>9:30am</b> <b>Eucharist</b>	31	<i>August 1</i>     <i>National Night</i> <i>Out</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 3</i>	<i>August 4</i>	<i>August 5</i>