



Welcome to the Light

September Brings Renewed Activity to Christ Church

Upcoming Sundays at Christ Church – You are welcome! All are welcome!

September 3

Come to worship at 9:30 a.m. on this Labor Day Weekend Sunday. An insert in the bulletin will tell you how to contribute to recovery efforts for Hurricane Harvey through Lutheran Disaster Response of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bring your checkbook!

September 10

Come to God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday. Worship at 9:30 a.m., and then stay for coffee and service projects for all ages in the gymnasium. We will be putting meals together for our homeless neighbors, through our partner in service—Our Saviour’s Homeless Shelter. Come and put your hands to work for God!



September 17

Come to Welcome Sunday! Worship at 9:30 a.m., and then stay for coffee, treats, and our Activity Fair. There will be information about the ministries of our congregation and ways for you to get involved. There will also be a Bounce House for children, and other fun things too.



September 24

Come to a celebration of Finland 100 during FinnFest Weekend in the Twin Cities. Before worship this Sunday, a Finnish Breakfast will be served in our gymnasium (this will be a ticketed event—watch for details—all are welcome). Come to worship at 9:30 a.m.—we will welcome many Finnish-American guests as well as visitors from Finland. Osmo Vänskä, the conductor of

the Minnesota Orchestra, will bring his clarinet and play in worship. So will the brass group Ameriikan Poijat (which includes Roger Gomoll). Our beautiful church building was designed by Eliel Saarinen and his son Eero Saarinen, both important Finnish-Americans, and we are delighted to welcome everyone to worship this FinnFest Weekend. After worship, stay for a Finnish Coffee time.



October 1

Come to worship at 9:30 a.m., hearing Jesus’ parable of the two sons and eating at Christ’s table. Coffee and fellowship will follow. After that, our fall educational programming begins at 11:05 a.m. with Godly Play (for children ages 4–6), Spark! (for children ages 7 and up), and at 12:15 p.m. an Adult Forum.

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Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Eucharist 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and
events

Staff

Pastors	Pastor Kristine Carlson Pastor Erik Haaland
Cantors	Pastor Robert Farlee Pastor Martin Seltz
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Congregation Council

President	Matthew Courtney
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Secretary	Dan Mueller
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Council Members	Sarah Brunsvold Kate Haugen Max Herzberg DeAne Lagerquist Marcus Nooney

September Birthdays

- 9/2 Julie Parkos
Hillary Watkins
- 9/4 Scott Schoenike
- 9/5 Zachary Swanson
- 9/8 Ivy Young
- 9/11 Tyler Larson
Jeff Weispfenning
- 9/12 Tim Brandon
Barb Revsbeck
- 9/13 Betsy Byers
Siri Caltvedt
- 9/14 Prince Faulk
Giselle Schoenike
Will Painter
Miriam Wieland
- 9/17 Dori Brandon
- 9/19 Vanessa Rempel
- 9/20 Cynthia Neubecker
Brian Woestehoff
- 9/21 William Woestehoff
- 9/26 Kevin Olsen
- 9/28 Sean Meier

Hand-Made Gifts that Support Christ Church

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.

Helping Hands for September

Jeanne & Darrell Anderson
Mary Bode
Molly Boes Ganza
Stephanie & Gary Gustafson
Marilyn & Wynn Johnston
Donna Lindberg
Greg Madson
Denise Morelock & Jeff Adams
Sharon & Dan Mueller
Carmen O'Halloran & Jason Weber
Marilu Peters
Vanessa Rempel & Matt Courtney
Rachel Slater

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.

Make a note—

Jonathan Stensland's telephone number is now 612.289.7835.

Also, Steve Seltz now has a new address and telephone number:

Walker Methodist Place
3701 Bryant Avenue S., #515
Minneapolis MN 55409
612.747.8101

#ChristChurchLutheran —we're on social media!

Maybe you already "like" Christ Church on Facebook, but did you know we're also on Instagram? You'll find us @ChristChurchLutheranMpls. And if you post photos on social media, please tag us! #christchurchlutheran or #christchurchlutheranmpls.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, September 16

The courtyard construction is near completion, but when completed there will be dust and dirt in the sanctuary and education building to clean up. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Tentative date is set for Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with a light lunch following. Please contact Rita Schoenike at 651.681.9975 or rschoenike@yahoo.com if you can help.

Lectionary Readings September 2017

September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

From the Church Council

Update for September

After a break in July, Council met in August. Melody Pauling led devotions, inviting reflection upon the passing of Will Stark, our Vice President. Members honored Will by sharing memories and gratitude for his many contributions to our congregation, our Council, and the preservation of our buildings. Melody offered a prayer of thanks for Will's exemplary life as a good and faithful servant in Christ.

Council reviewed ongoing construction projects. The organ construction is progressing on schedule, including recent removal of asbestos in the organ chamber. The courtyard restoration is also progressing well. The courtyard project is largely funded by two grants: State of Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant and a National Fund for Sacred Places (NFSP) Grant. A representative of the Minnesota Historic Preservation Office conducted a site visit, and she confirmed that the restoration meets the state's preservation and grant requirements. (See photo below.) The NFSP grant contract was received, and Council authorized the president to sign on behalf of the congregation. Remarkably, grant funds will pay for nearly ninety percent of the courtyard's expected total cost of \$390,000, and the remainder will be funded through the generosity of Christ Church members and the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran.

Council considered and approved a proposal to form a Racial Justice Task Force. Our Minneapolis Area Synod, in a resolution passed at 2016 Synod Assembly, has urged congregations to hold discussions that promote racial justice and to develop statements that support the synod's vision that we live in just and healthy neighborhoods. The task force will devise ways to listen to and engage the congregation over the several months, culminating in a racial justice statement that reflects Christ Church Lutheran; the statement will be presented to the congregation for formal adoption.

Council approved \$300 of Visioning Trust Funds be allocated for the Mission Committee's service project on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 10. The committee will organize preparation of sandwiches and snack bags for residents of Our Saviour's Shelter. Council began to discuss its fall retreat, scheduled for September 30 and to be facilitated by former member Dick Bruesehoff. Regular reports were received. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Second Century Campaign Project Updates

Organ

Most of the action these days is happening in tiny Lake City, Iowa (population 1,679). There, all the thousands of pieces that will make up our new pipe organ are being fabricated and assembled in the Dobson Organ Company shop. By January, they will be completed and ready to be brought up to Christ Church.

On August 23, two people from the company brought a sampling of the new pipes up to Christ Church to test them in our space. Cantor Robert Farlee was present for part of the afternoon, and reported that it was exciting to hear some of the actual sounds that the finished instrument will produce.

Meanwhile, more work is being done on the organ chamber that will contain the organ. More old construction has been removed, and soon workers will improve the wall surfaces so that the sound coming out of the chamber will be as good as possible.

Courtyard

If you have been at church recently, you know that the courtyard is rapidly nearing completion. Our project manager, Bob Davis, reports that it is also on budget. As of this writing, all the concrete has been laid, and the Kasota stone from around the fountain and the arcade has returned and will soon be reinstalled.



There was a lot of dust when the new concrete was sandblasted to get the correct finish to the two different types of historic character.



Enjoying a first walk on the new concrete under the arcade during the State of Minnesota inspection are Pastor Carlson, Angela Wolf Scott our architect, and Natascha Wiener from the Minnesota Historic Preservation office. Note that the concrete has been raised to eliminate the step both at the education building and the sanctuary doors.

Courier Closeup – Hilary Gebauer and Marc Katz

This month *Closeup* interviewed Hilary Gebauer and Marc Katz, members of Christ Church Lutheran for four years.

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

Hilary: In 2011, Pastor Haaland and Daniel Holmgren encouraged me to visit. I was impressed with the warm welcome.

Marc: Hilary introduced me to Christ Church Lutheran. Seeing that everyone was welcome at communion and people weren't judged based on gender or sexuality was a refreshing change from growing up in the Catholic Church.

Do you live in the neighborhood?

Until 2014, we lived just a few blocks from church. Now we live in St. Paul near Como Park.

What about our church keeps you coming back?

Hilary: I appreciate the community of people here who are asked to participate in the work and play. I grew up in a very liturgical church and family, so the worship feels like home, but is always fresh and new.

Marc: The Arts Committee with a dedicated art gallery, drinking the beer club's brews, an amazing woman pastor, homemade desserts after church, beautiful music and beautiful people. It would be silly not to come back.

Can you tell us about events or activities you have been involved in at Christ Church Lutheran?

We have happy memories of Pastor Carlson marrying us here and our reception in the gym. We were new to the church but got the generous help of Chuck, Mary, Joanne, and many others. Our friends and family received such a warm welcome, which was important to us.



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

Hilary: Spending time at church, for worship, a meeting, or a social event, helps me view the world through the lens of the gospel and hospitality.

Marc: The Christ Church Lutheran community models openness and non-judgment, which is how I try to live my life.

You have a child (Nora!) who is 1½ years old. What are your hopes for her Christian learning at Christ Church?

We want her to feel part of the community here and learn from others what it means to live a life of faith, even beyond the classroom.

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

Hilary: I'm a registered dietitian and work in a clinic. Outside of work I love to bike, cook, camp, spend time with friends, and go to the farmers market.

Marc: I work for the Minnesota Department of Health's Indoor Air Unit. I'm also a photographer and love the outdoors.

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

Hilary: When I was 18, I went canoeing for 45 days in the Northwest Territories.

Marc: I am an amateur bread maker. I hope to get a sourdough starter from Naples, Italy, so I can make really delicious pizza!

"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.

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey

Our thoughts and prayers are with coastal Texas—including the city of Houston—and southwest Louisiana now.

We are already "on the ground" there, through the amazing work of Lutheran Disaster Relief—part of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We support this relief organization through our Sunday offerings and our annual congregation budget.

Pastor Carlson experienced first hand the work of Lutheran Disaster Relief when she lived in Fargo-Moorhead during the Flood of '97, when the Red River of the North flooded much of eastern North Dakota. Ever since, she has been a great supporter of Lutheran Disaster Relief—one of the most effective relief organizations in the world.

If you would like to give to recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, you can do this through our congregation. Make a check out to Christ Church Lutheran, mark the memo line "Hurricane Harvey Relief," and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

100% of everything you give will go directly to relief efforts for those suffering because of Hurricane Harvey.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40



The Little COURIER

*Jesus said, "Let the children come!"
At Christ Church Lutheran, we welcome
children and their families to the font, to
the table, and to worship.*

Children's Ministry at Christ Church Lutheran—September 2017

Extending our Green and Growing Time!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has helped make our Green and Growing Time this summer, and The Quiet Space in the chapel at the back of the sanctuary, such a success. This has helped children and their parents stay in church for the whole worship service. The Children's Ministry Committee is so excited about sharing all of worship with our children. Families and friends are raving about learning and growing together in worship too. We are thrilled to announce the decision to extend this opportunity of growth and learning to our children, and The Quiet Space, every Sunday of our life together at Christ Church. If you have suggestions or questions, email Maria Markman at mmarkman001@luthersem.edu or talk to Pastor Carlson.

Upcoming Events

September 10

The nursery in the Orange Room in the Education Building will be staffed with two volunteers beginning this Sunday. They will be in the nursery during the "Word" part of worship—after the Sermon on the Steps until the Peace. The nursery is for our youngest children, ages 0–3. After worship, everyone is invited to God's Work, Our Hands in the Gymnasium. There will be service projects for all ages. Come and serve!

September 17

Welcome Sunday! This will be a celebration full of learning about different programming and ministries offered at Christ Church Lutheran. Come and find ways to get involved. There will be a bounce house for children and lots of fun for everyone!

September 24

Our Finnish neighbors are celebrating 100 years of independence—this is the weekend of FinnFest in the Twin Cities. This Sunday, there will be a Finnish breakfast served in the Gymnasium before

worship. It will be a ticketed event. Watch for details. You are welcome!

Our worship at 9:30 a.m. that morning will include Finnish-American guests. (See page 1 of the Courier for more details.)

After worship, there will be a Finnish Coffee time for everyone.

October 1

Full fall programming is underway: The Quiet Space will be in the chapel at the back of the sanctuary. The nursery in the Orange Room will be staffed. Godly Play will begin with the story of the Circle of the Church year. Spark! will begin with a lesson on the chief priests.



Scheduling

This year in Children’s Ministry at Christ Church we are going to try a new volunteer schedule. This schedule will function much like the schedule for Helping Hands and worship leadership. When the Courier is published, the schedule for Children’s Ministry will be published and sent out. Volunteers are then responsible for the day they have been assigned. If volunteers cannot fulfill their duties for any reason, they need to notify Maria Markman and find a replacement volunteer for that Sunday. If you have questions, contact Maria Markman (mmarkman001@luthersem.edu) or Pastor Carlson.

Date	Godly Play	Storyteller	Door Keeper	Spark	Mentor	Mentor	Nursery Volunteer	Nursery Volunteer
9/10 God’s Work, Our Hands Service Project after worship; Nursery Begins							Dori	Yi-Ru
9/17 Welcome Sunday							Yi-Ru	Sarah B
9/24 Worship and celebration of Finland 100							Luann	Hilary G
10/1 Fall Program begins	Circle of the church year	Donna	Marcus	The Chief Priests	Denise	Bob V-V	Robyn	Sarah B

Cradle Roll

Are you a parent of a 0–3 year old? The Children’s Ministry committee is listening, and we know faith formation begins before, through, and beyond our baptisms. This year we are going to try new programming just for you! After coffee fellowship, you are invited back to the nursery with your child. We are willing to mold this time around you and your needs. If you have suggestions please reach out to Maria, Sarah Brunsvold, Marcus Nooney, or Pastor Carlson. We will have a lesson provided, a series of questions following the readings for that particular Sunday. Our hope is that these questions will deepen your understanding of the text, while growing in relationship with one another and tackling the challenges of raising your little one(s) in faith.

September Baptism Birthday
September 14 Prince



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels operates under a Board of Directors which is currently composed of representatives from member churches. At the present time there are 17 member churches in the program with one voting representative/director from each church. The board has been undergoing a huge revitalization plan which will go into effect on January 1, 2018. As a part of this restructuring process we are opening up our board membership applications to additional members of our congregations and the community at large. The main areas that we are focusing on are:

- Strategic Planning (making short- and long-term planning with measures of success)
- Public Relations (being an ambassador to our community)
- Governance (assure that decisions are made transparently)
- Finance and Fund-Raising (to ensure the financial stability of the organization)

Having a more diversified board will enable our program to serve the needs and well being of our clients more effectively. Interested parties can call us at 612.817.5900 or email us at somplsmow@gmail.com, or contact your South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels church representative. Thank you for your continuing support of this program which strengthens our community by allowing our community members to stay in our community.

Nominating Committee of South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels

Return of the Choir!

After taking a well-deserved summer break, our choir resumes its rehearsals this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for leading our singing in worship. This is especially helpful in these months when we are without an organ. The choir will also be starting to work on anthems that will beautify our worship services.

And we wonder, **Would you like to sing with the choir?** If that is something that has crossed your mind, come and give it a try! We would love to have your voice combining with ours, and our happy group enjoys welcoming new members. Talk to Cantor Farlee or Seltz, or just come on Thursday. (Until the courtyard is finished, use the north door on 34th Avenue.)

Christ Church Book Club— Reminder and a Request

The Book Club meets Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m.–noon, in the Luther Lounge, to discuss Jeannette Walls' memoir, *The Glass Castle*. All are invited.

A request from the facilitator:

When I volunteer for something I usually make a commitment of two years, then step back and reassess. I'd like your help in that process. After this meeting, I will step down as facilitator, making room for new energy and direction. I believe in the power and value of book groups and have gained much through my participation in this one. I'm grateful to all of you for making this such a worthwhile experience. I plan to remain a member whatever direction or form the group takes if it continues. Because the group has been largely self-directed, the job of facilitator is simple and straightforward, requiring little time and energy.

Please come prepared to discuss your ideas and suggestions for going forward, and if the group continues in some form, please be prepared to recommend and pick a book and set a date for the next meeting. Thanks for your participation in this process.

Bob Anderson

Retirees

Everyone is welcome! We gather next on Wednesday, September 27, 11 a.m. in the Kretzmann Room. Potluck lunch follows at noon. Bring a dish to share with friends.

PASTORAL ACTS

Jon Woestehoff died August 7, 2017. His funeral was held at Christ Church on August 16 with Pastor Carlson preaching and presiding.

Gloria Johnson died August 11. Her memorial service was held at Christ Church on August 22 with Pastor Carlson preaching and Pastor Haaland presiding.

Will Stark died August 12. His funeral was held on August 19 at Christ Church. Pastor Haaland presided and Pastor Carlson preached.

Christ Church Lutheran Finances

(As of July 31, 2017)	ACTUAL	BUDGET (7 mos.)	DIFFERENCE
<i>Member Giving/Envelopes</i>	165,884.98	173,833.34	-7,948.36
<i>Other Income</i>	\$46,199.58	\$59,421.24	(\$13,221.66)
<i>Total Income</i>	<u>212,084.56</u>	<u>233,254.58</u>	<u>-21,170.02</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$218,181.79</u>	<u>\$233,629.51</u>	<u>\$15,447.72</u>
<i>Transfers Pending</i>	\$6,750.00		
<i>Total Surplus (or Deficit)</i>	<u>\$652.77</u>	<u>(\$374.93)</u>	<u>\$1,027.70</u>

Good News on the Financial Front!

Often, summer is a bleak time for congregational giving, with so many people away on travels or at the cabin. But this amazing congregation actually caught up some on the budgeted giving and, combined with lower expenses, we are in the black! Let's keep it up and put financial concerns behind us.

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Sunday, September 3 9:30am Eucharist	4 Labor Day Building Closed	5 7:00pm Preservation, Property	6	7 7:00pm Choir	8	9 10:00am Book Club
10 Sunday, September 10 9:30am Eucharist	God's Work, Our Hands Sunday After worship, Coffee and Service Projects • 11:00am Building Tour & Nominating Comm.					
	11 1:00pm Genealogy Group	12	13 10:00am Stationery • 6:00pm Shelter Meal Cooking • 7:00pm Children's Ministry	14 7:00pm Choir • 7:00pm Project Mgmt	15 Shelter Meal served • Courier deadline	16 9:00–noon Church Cleanup (tentative— watch for updates)
17 Sunday, September 17 9:30am Eucharist	Welcome Sunday After worship, Welcome Event, Activity Fair • 3:00pm Mimmi Fulmer concert, Sanctuary					
	18	19 7:00pm Council	20 2:00pm Jeannette Kretzmann memorial	21 7:00pm Choir	22	23
24 Sunday, September 24 8:00am Finnish Breakfast in Gym	Finland 100 Celebration 9:30am Festival Eucharist • After worship, Finnish Coffee					
	25	26 7:00pm FCCL Bd	27 11:00am Retirees	28 7:00pm Choir (?) • 7:00pm Finnish Men's Chorus concert	29	30 9am–noon Council Retreat

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 1	Sunday School (11:05 a.m.) and Adult Forum (11:15 a.m.) begin
Saturday, October 7	Christ Church Day at the Midtown Market
Saturday, October 14	New member informational gathering, 10:00 a.m. in the Luther Lounge. Talk to Pastor Carlson or Pastor Haaland if you're interested in becoming a member of Christ Church.
Sunday, October 15	New member welcome in worship
Sunday, October 22	Stewardship Sunday, with Oktoberfest Luncheon following worship—all are welcome
Sunday, October 29	Reformation Sunday, marking the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting the 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany
Date TBD	Trip to Dobson Organ Company, Lake City, Iowa