



Welcome to the Light

October — A Month of Celebrations

As the days grow shorter and the air takes on more of an autumn crispness, we appreciate even more the welcoming light we find at Christ Church Lutheran. And this month, some of that light will come from celebrations we will all share in.

A new beginning for education – Oct. 1

We already celebrated Welcome Sunday on September 17, and on Sunday, October 1, we begin our educational activities for the season. After worship and fellowship time, at 11:05 children age 3 and up are invited to classrooms for Godly Play and for Spark! See *The Little Courier* for details. Adults and youth, meanwhile, are invited to the Kretzmann Room at 11:15 for the first of the year’s forums, beginning with what promises to be a fascinating two-part discussion of Christian vocation in light of the Reformation anniversary. See page 7 for more details.

Guests and visitors become new members – Oct. 15

Our Christ Church family continues to grow! It is a joy to greet those who enter our beautiful buildings, and when they decide they would like to become a part of our worshipping and serving community, that’s truly cause for celebration. Welcome another group of new members on Sunday, October 15, in our worship service and at fellowship following.



Our courtyard is transformed! And it’s almost finished. Watch for an invitation to a ribbon-cutting ceremony, after worship some Sunday soon.

Free to Be, Free to Give – Oct. 22

Celebrating giving? Absolutely! Giving—whether to your family, to our nation, to important causes, or to Christ Church—is one of the best ways to feel truly a part rather than an outsider just looking on. On Sunday, October 22, after worship, we will enjoy an Oktoberfest luncheon, celebrate the kick-off of our fall stewardship campaign, and be inspired for generous giving to the ministries and mission of Christ Church Lutheran. and celebration. See page 7 for more details.

500 years—looking back, looking forward – Oct. 29

This year’s Reformation celebration is a Really Big Deal, because this year marks 500 years since an obscure professor named Martin Luther, in the backwater town of Wittenberg, Germany, posted 95 Theses, or topics for discussion. No one could have predicted that it would lead (through trials and tribulations) to a revitalized Christian church centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate that past, present, and future in a wonderful worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 29. Come and be a part of it!



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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

October through May

Godly Play for children ages 3–6, 11:05am–12:00

Spark! for children ages 7 & up, 11:05–12:00

Educational forum, 11:15–12:15pm

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October Birthdays

- 10/6 Gene Bruss
Matthew Courtney
- 10/10 Lena Kniebel
John Schmidt
- 10/11 Sarah Selden
- 10/16 Kate Haugen
Max Herzberg
- 10/19 Sylvia Bergquist
- 10/21 Colin Watkins
- 10/22 Jason Bergquist
Juanita Burke
- 10/23 Hilary Gebauer
Rosie Peters
- 10/24 Michelle Hovey
- 10/25 Victoria Perbix
- 10/27 Eleanor Uglum
- 10/30 Tim Hokkanen

Helping Hands for October

- 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.

The Autumn Leaves . . .

. . . herald another **Fellowship Dinner** on Saturday, October 14 at 6 p.m. Sign up to enjoy a time of wonderful conversation, amazing food, fun and laughter in a relaxed setting.

Each of these dinners typically include a group of 6–8 people who are hosted by one couple or individual who will prepare the main entrée for the meal, then invites others to come and bring a dish (appetizer, salad, side dish, bread, wine or dessert) to round out the meal. Every effort will be made to organize the dinners so that driving is as convenient as possible for those attending. Dinners start at 6 p.m.

Please join these delightful dinners and sign up by Sunday, October 8—either at coffee after church or by emailing johndschmidt@usfamily.net.

Whether you are a Christ Church member, visitor, guest, single, or couple, we are eager for you to come and join the fun!

Remembering Our Loved Ones

The festival of All Saints, celebrated on Sunday, November 5, is a time when the church gives thanks to God for the lives and witness of those who have died in the faith. It is a time to remember with fondness those most dear to us who have died and to rejoice in God's promise to us all that we will share in the resurrection with them. One of the ways the church remembers these saints is to speak their name during the tolling of a bell on All Saints Sunday. We continue this tradition at Christ Church this year by naming all in our congregation who have died since November 1, 2016. If you would like us to list others in your family who have died in the past year, we invite you to contact the church office by Sunday, October 29.

Lectionary Readings October 2017

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

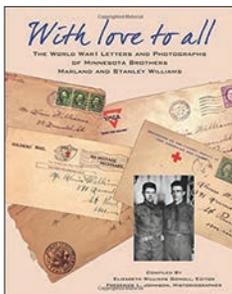
October 29

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

RETIRES IN OCTOBER

Join us Wednesday, October 25, at 11:00 a.m. to hear Liz Gomoll talk about her work in genealogy and her new book that came from her interest in that subject, *With Love to All: The World War I Letters and Photographs of Minnesota Brothers Marland and Stanley Williams*. After that, we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Check the Sunday bulletin for further information. Everyone is welcome!



From the Church Council

Update for October

DeAne Lagerquist provided a devotion on the change in the seasons, the busyness of this time of year, and the increase in activities as we start the church program and school years. She offered a prayer, asking for God's guidance and blessings.

As has been our routine of late, Council's business began with an update on the organ and courtyard projects. The organ's many facets continue, skillfully led by Darrell Anderson, Pastor Farlee, and Pastor Carlson. As for the courtyard, the restoration is enticingly near completion. The courtyard's final phases also mean that grant payments are being received as milestones are met. As mentioned last month, almost 90 percent of the \$390,000 courtyard project will be grant-funded, while the remaining costs will be supported through the generosity of the congregation and the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran. Council expressed its sincere appreciation for these gifts, as well as for the project's remarkable leadership, particularly that of Bob Davis, who has skillfully and ardently represented the congregation's interests.

Even amidst the dust of all this construction, the Project Management Task Force is diligently planning future preservation. A State of Minnesota Legacy Grant proposal to restore the sanctuary roof was submitted on September 15. Award decisions are expected in late November; if awarded, work on the sanctuary roof would begin in summer of 2018.

Council considered and approved a recommendation from the Mission Committee to support an estimated \$11,000 bathroom repair at LSS Safe House, an emergency shelter for youth 16-20 years old. The repair will be paid out of the total \$30,000 that our congregation pledged from Second Century Campaign funds to support the ministry of Safe House.

Council planned for developing the 2018 budget. Please mark your calendars: Council will discuss its recommended 2018 budget at the Adult Forum on December 3 and will present it for vote at the congregation's Annual Meeting on December 10. Regular reports were received. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Treasurer's Report

Thank you for your giving to the ministries and mission of Christ Church Lutheran. Our gifts together are doing important and transformational things among us and in this hurting world. Our giving and spending were in balance at the end of July, but our giving in August was less than our expenses, and less than budgeted. We hope that giving will increase with the autumn days. Let's all do what we can to be faithful to our pledges, and to give generously.

Christ Church Lutheran Finances

(As of August 31, 2017)	ACTUAL	BUDGET (8 mos.)	DIFFERENCE
<i>Member Giving/Envelopes</i>	183,432.17	198,666.68	(15,234.51)
<i>Other Income</i>	\$50,689.98	\$67,910.01	(17,220.03)
Total Income	234,122.15	266,576.69	(32,454.54)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$252,647.87	\$266,876.65	14,228.78
<i>Transfers Pending</i>	\$10,000.00		
Total Surplus (or Deficit)	(\$8,525.72)	(\$299.96)	(\$8,225.76)

Remembering Jeannette Kretzmann

The Eucharist memorial service for Jeannette Meyer Kretzmann was held at Christ Church on Wednesday, September 20, with Pastor Carlson preaching and Pastor Haaland presiding. Jeannette came to this congregation on October 5, 1964, with her husband, Pastor Norman Kretzmann. Active in the choir (she sang alto) and in the Stationery Group (she tatted 20 hours a week for 35 years!), we give thanks for her life and commend this good and gracious woman to God's everlasting care.

Courier Closeup – Harvey and Cheryl Leuning

This month *Closeup* features Rev. Harvey and Dr. Cheryl Leuning, members of Christ Church Lutheran for six years.

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

We first attended in August 2011 after Harvey retired from parish ministry.

Do you live in the neighborhood?

We live in Eagan, but will be moving to Mendota Heights in October.

What about this congregation keeps you coming back?

We value the rich worship life at Christ Church—the sermons that proclaim clearly the gospel of Jesus Christ and the music that inspires and comforts. We also love the strong sense of community that is evident in Christ Church’s hospitality and gracious welcome.

Can you tell us about your time here and events or activities you have been involved in?

Harvey: I am grateful to be occasionally asked to preach and preside at worship when the pastors are away. I also serve on the Stewardship Committee and am learning to be a docent in order to lead tours of our historic building.

Cheryl: I appreciate getting to know members of the community and their diverse interests and gifts, many of which have been highlighted in adult forums.

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

The sermons that we hear each week connect our spiritual life with our daily life. We are encouraged to live in the promise of the gospel and to live as signs of God’s goodness and grace in the world.

Come to the Midtown Farmers Market!

On Saturday, October 7, Christ Church Lutheran and the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran are sponsoring a day at the Market. Come between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. for beautiful fruits and veggies as well as coffee and breakfast goodies. It’s the height of the harvest! Even more, come to meet and greet Christ Church friends and make new friends in our Longfellow community. Folks from Christ Church will be there the entire time with information about our church and letting the larger South Minneapolis community in on our hidden gem.

The Midtown Farmers Market is located at the corner of Lake Street and Hiawatha on the East side adjacent to the South Tower of the Blue Line LRT station. Plenty of parking at 2225 East Lake St, Minneapolis Public Schools’ Adult Basic Education building (former Brown Institute).

Questions? Call Gerry Tyrrell at 612.722.7444.

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

Cheryl: I am a full-time professor in the Department of Nursing at Augsburg University. I teach transcultural nursing content primarily in the graduate programs and facilitate population-focused practica among the Lakota people of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and the Old Order Amish of Harmony and Canton, Minnesota.

Harvey: I am happily retired working on projects at home and connecting with long-time friends.



Harvey, what did you do before you retired?

I was a pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran in St. Paul for 16 years. Before that, I served parishes in South Dakota and Utah. I was ordained in 1976.

Could you tell us about your time in Namibia?

Cheryl: I first visited Namibia in 1983 on a J-Term sabbatical to learn more about this country that was sending young people to Lutheran colleges in the U.S. I returned to Namibia in 1990 to conduct research for my doctoral dissertation. Since then I have taught courses and practica in Namibia and participated in various projects with Namibian nurses and graduate students from Augsburg.

Harvey: I accompanied Cheryl on these trips and spent a three-month sabbatical in Namibia in 2010. In 2012, we purchased a townhome in Windhoek, the capital city. We currently spend about three months there each year, enjoying our time with friends and traveling around the country to see Namibia’s amazing landscape and wildlife. While there, I also spend afternoons volunteering at an after-school program for elementary-aged children.

“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.

Organ Photos!



The console taking shape



Voicing a pipe

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—October 2017

Introducing Cradle Roll

Sunday mornings, 11:15–noon, Orange Room
Especially for parents of children 0–3 years old

This is a new program designed to help parents on their journey to and from the baptismal font. We will connect families through fellowship and conversation during our educational hour on Sunday mornings after worship and coffee (11:15 a.m. – noon).

Come to the Orange Room after Sunday coffee. This room offers a special space for parents to talk and for small children to play.

You are always welcome to attend the Forum (which meets in the Kretzmann Room on the lower level of the Education Building, 11:15 – 12:15 on Sunday mornings). But we also understand how parents of our smallest children might also need a different kind of space: one that is comfortable for your child and good for talking with adults.

Come for rich conversation and fellowship! These first gatherings this fall will help give shape to this time together—your input is valued. If you have questions, be in touch with seminarian Maria Markman—mmarkman001@luthersem.edu.

Kid's Corner

*Learning about the children at Christ Church and
what they love most!*

This is Freddie.

His favorite color is **purple**.

His favorite animal is a T. Rex dinosaur.

He loves cheeseburgers and French fries.

He likes to play in the bouncy house a lot because he likes bouncing!

And he likes bouncing with his friend Hans.



Sunday Morning Quiet Space and Nursery

Over the summer, we tried out a new thing for children on Sunday mornings and it went very well—so we are continuing it this fall. Here’s how it works:

Children and parents—and the congregation—are all liking the Quiet Space in the Chapel at the back of the sanctuary. This is a place for a child and a parent to go when they need a break from being in the pew during worship. There you can find quiet things for a child to do: books to read, paper and crayons for drawing, a rocking chair to be cozy in, puppies to sit on. You can return to your pew when you are ready. This makes it possible for everyone to stay in worship the whole

time—a happy and important thing at Christ Church, where worship is the center of our lives.

On Sunday mornings, the Nursery will also be available, if it is needed by a parent and a small child who might need to leave worship for awhile. The Nursery will not be staffed. But a parent and small child are welcome to stay there as needed, and return to worship when they can.

We certainly welcome thoughts and feedback about both of these things. Talk to Pastor Carlson or to our seminarian, Maria Markman. We want to do all we can to be welcoming to all ages, and we hope these things are helpful.

October Volunteer Schedule

Date	Godly Play Lesson	Storyteller	Doorkeeper	Spark Lesson	Mentor 1	Mentor 2
10/1	Circle of the Church Year	Donna	Yi-ru	The Chief Priests	Denise	Bob V-V
10/8	The Holy Family	Maria	Denise	Parable of the Vineyard	Mary	Luther
10/15	The Parable of Parables	Jonathan	Yi-ru	The Wedding Banquet	Mary	Luther
10/22	Stewardship Lunch after worship, for all ages!					
10/29	Parable of the Sower	Maria	Robyn	The Greatest Commandment	Denise	Marcus

October Baptism Birthdays

October 20
Freddie

October 28
Chloe

Faith at Home

Blessing your Child

In the morning as you wake your child, make the sign of the cross on their forehead and encourage them to do the same for you. Then say this prayer from Luther’s Small Catechism. “God, watch over me. Amen.”

Repeat this action in the evening as you are tucking your child into bed. Make the sign of the cross on their forehead and encourage them to do the same for you. Then repeat this small prayer: “God, watch over me. Amen.”

October Forum Schedule

Forums begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Kretzmann Room on the lower level of the education building. Listen for the bell to ring as a reminder the forum is beginning.

October 1

Reformation 500 – Vocation in Daily Life (Part 1)

One of the great themes of the Reformation is vocation—the notion that each of us has a sacred baptismal calling to live our lives in love and service to God and neighbor. We do this in myriad and diverse ways, and a Lutheran theology of vocation honors them all. As we open our educational forums this year, come and hear stories and reflections on vocation in daily life from members of our own community. Speakers include Carmen O’Halloran, Katie Swanson, Noah Niermann, Mary Bode, and Simo Sarkanen. Come for a rich and provocative conversation about the sacredness of our daily lives.

October 8

Reformation 500 – Vocation in Daily Life (Part 2)

See description for October 1

October 15

Begin With Wonder: Music, Cosmos and Care of the Earth

Susan Palo Cherwien

God’s breath moves throughout creation. We hear it in the motion of the stars, the crashing of the sea, the song of birds, our own heartbeat. Begin with wonder. Move to gratitude and love. Those are the sustainable starting places for care of creation. Guilt erodes. Anger lashes out. Fear scapegoats. Begin with wonder.

Susan Palo Cherwien is a freelance writer and musician. She has composed numerous hymn texts which appear in denominational hymnals in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

October 22

No Forum - Stewardship Luncheon

October 29 (Reformation Sunday)

Reformation 500: The Church in the Land of Luther

Pastor Carlson and Pastor Haaland

This past May, Pastor Carlson and Pastor Haaland were honored to be part of a delegation to Leipzig from the Minneapolis Area Synod. There they were able to participate in events surrounding Reformation 500 Kirchentag Celebration, the largest single Reformation 500 event in Germany. They will share stories from their time in Leipzig and Wittenberg and offer reflections on ways the German Lutheran church is commemorating this most significant anniversary.

Stewardship campaign begins with Oktoberfest Gemütlichkeit

Everyone is invited to the annual Stewardship Luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, October 22nd. We will kick off this year’s campaign with an Oktoberfest celebration.

The campaign theme this year is “Free to Be, Free to Give.” It is inspired from the well known Lutheran handbook *Free to Be*, which explores Martin Luther’s small catechism. We will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a



fabulous German luncheon with brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, Black Forest Cake, and beer. Please RSVP in person after church on October 1st, October 8th, or October 15th. If you don’t think you’ll be attending worship any of those Sundays, but still wish to join us, please email Stephanie Okoneski at mail@christchurchluth.org.

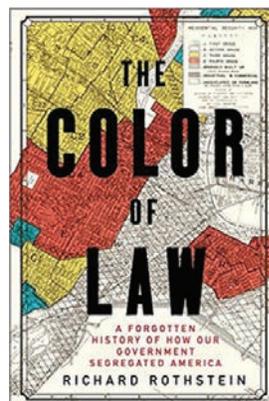
Our campaign will culminate on November 12th with a processional offering of our 2018 pledges and a special coffee hour after worship.

We look forward to celebrating our life in Stewardship this year!

The Color of Law

On Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. the Mission Committee is sponsoring a discussion about how long-term segregation in housing caused significant racial injustice in our nation. *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein lays bare the explicit housing policies which were responsible for the extreme segregation in housing, beginning at least in the 1930s, and the devastating effects these policies had on black communities. *The Color of Law* is available at your local bookseller. Digital versions are also available through Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Read the book and come!

If you are unable to find a copy of the book (or don’t have time to read it), you can listen to a Terry Gross interview with Richard Rothstein from the May 3, 2017, episode of *Fresh Air* at [Terry Gross–Fresh Air](#). It is free. All are welcome to come and engage in this important conversation.



October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday, October 1 9:30am Eucharist • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Nominating Committee • 11:15am Adult Forum	2	3 7:00pm Preservation, Property	4	5 7:00pm Choir	6	7 8am-1pm Christ Church Day at Midtown Mkt
8 Sunday, October 8 9:30am Eucharist • Building Tour • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Adult Forum	9	10	11 10:00am Stationery • 1:00pm Staff • 7:00pm Children's Ministry	12 Safe House Meal • 7:00pm Choir • 7:30pm Project Mgmt	13	14 10:00am New Mem- ber Informa- tional Mtg • 10-4 Beer Club
15 Sunday, October 15 9:30am Eucharist with New Member Welcome • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Adult Forum	16 Monday – Friday: Meals on Wheels	17 7:00pm Church Council	18	19 7:00pm Choir	20	21 10:00am Book discussion: <i>The Color of Law</i> • 10:30am Set-up for Stewardship
22 Sunday, September 22 9:30am Eucharist • After worship, Stewardship Launch with Oktoberfest Luncheon	23	24 5:30pm Church Council Budgeting • 7:30 FCCL Bd	25 11:00am Retirees	26 7:00pm Choir	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Festival Eucharist • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Adult Forum	30	31				

A REMINDER

South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels is restructuring, and is looking for people from member churches to serve on committees. For more information, see the article in last month's Courier, or talk to Cathy Sieving.

Beautiful Cards to Send or to Give

For many years, our Stationery Group has sold hand-made cards, and in the process these talented people have funded many important projects at Christ Church. This month, in addition to the general cards, they are selling Halloween cards for 50¢ each. See them on Sunday after church in the Education Building.