



Welcome to the Light

BECAUSE OF THE COLLISION OF CHRISTMAS AND DEADLINES, the Courier editors decided to expand the December 2017 issue to cover also the beginning of this month. Therefore, instead of a full January Courier, this supplement provides brief news about events in the

second half of January and the very beginning of February. Please refer back to the December Courier for full January schedules as well as the Little Courier. The regular Courier will resume at the beginning of February.

The Organ Is Coming! Help Bring It In

On Monday, January 29, Dobson Organ Company will be delivering our new organ. Of course, it will be in pieces. But that presents an opportunity for Christ Church members: **we need a lot of hands to carry those pieces in** from the truck, beginning around 1:00 p.m. The parts will range in size from large to small, so all kinds of carriers are welcome! And if you aren't able to lift and carry, but just want to see all the thousands of pieces that go into our new pipe organ, you're invited to come and watch.

The assembly of the organ will happen over the following weeks, and then it will be voiced, or customized for our room. It's scheduled to be completed in mid April.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Lutheran-Roman Catholic Evening Liturgy Sunday, January 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, the Saint Paul Area Synod, and the Minneapolis Area Synod will bring the 500th anniversary commemorations of the Reformation to a close with a joint liturgy of evening prayer for Christian unity. The National Lutheran Choir under the direction of David Cherwien will lead the liturgy; Bishop Patricia Lull will preach; and Bishop Ann Svennungsen and Archbishop Bernard Hebda will serve as liturgists. A reception will follow the liturgy. Pastor Carlson and Pastor Haaland will be attending—come and join them in this ecumenical evening liturgy!

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Forum Schedule, Late January

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.

January 14 (Second Sunday after Epiphany) **Housing Justice – Part II** Rev. Ron Johnson

Engage with a theological statement that articulates the imperative for the church addressing homelessness; a brief history of homelessness in America; a delineation of who is homeless and why; and advocacy efforts, current and needed.

January 21 (Third Sunday after Epiphany) **Lutherans and Catholics Praying Together**

Prof. Dirk Lange – Luther Seminary

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation was launched with a joint Lutheran–Catholic liturgy in Lund. What was behind that event and what does it mean for us today?

January 28 (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany) **Social Media and the Church** Pat Baehler

We'll learn some basics of social media, look at what Christ Church is doing, and discuss the reasons why churches are making technology work for ministry.

Mardi Gras and Carnival –

A Jazz Benefit Concert for Puerto Rico



Christ Church Lutheran – 3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 11

Come for an afternoon of top-quality jazz at Christ Church. The concert is free; an offering will be taken to support hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico. Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

Funeral for Steve Wilmot was Dec. 17. Pastor Carlson preached & presided; Pat Baehler served as assisting minister; Pastor Farlee as cantor; Mary Bode as reception coordinator. Generous memorials came to the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran.

First Fellowship Dinner of 2018

Our next Fellowship Dinner is coming up on Saturday, February 10 at 6 p.m. Sign up to enjoy a time of wonderful conversation, good food, fun and laughter in a relaxed setting. Each of these dinners typically includes 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. **Sign up by Sunday, February 4**—either at coffee after church or by emailing johndschmidt@usfamily.net. Whether you are a Christ Church member, visitor, guest, single, family, or couple, you are welcome to come and join the fun!

Service Opportunities

A Shelter Meal at Our Saviour's is coming up on Friday, January 19. We'll be prepping for the meal on Wednesday, January 17. We'll have pizza for dinner beginning around 6 p.m. and then prepare the meal together after that. Let Pastor Haaland know if you are available to help.

There's a new sign-up for our monthly Safe House meals posted in the atrium hallway. Check it out and sign up! These are smaller meals, for eight young people, delivered to Safe House—nearby in Saint Paul—on the second Thursday of the month. If you would like more information about this ministry, please talk to Pastor Haaland.

Christ Church Lutheran Book Group

Come to a book discussion on Saturday, February 17 at 10 a.m. in the Luther Lounge, of the New York Times bestseller *A Man Called Ove* by Swedish author Fredrik Backman. Look for more details in the February Courier. All are welcome!

Retirees become B.A.S.I.C.

About thirty years ago a group was started at Christ Church Lutheran called "Retirees." This group met in the daytime. There was also a group called "B.A.S.I.C." (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) who met in the evening. We have decided to change our name from "Retirees" to "B.A.S.I.C." We wish to welcome not only retirees, but those who don't work, work at home, work odd hours, etc. We meet the last Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Concordia Room. A program is usually planned by the pastors, followed by either a potluck lunch or a meal prepared by others. Come on Wednesday, January 31st, at 11:00. We will enjoy a program followed by potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Winter Warmers – Saturdays, January 13, February 10, March 10, 8:30–11:30 a.m.

After lamenting the gloom of winter, the Children's Ministry Committee has reserved the gym for coffee and hot cocoa, fun, games, and fellowship, to turn our lamenting into songs of joy! Come this Saturday for the first event—fun times for kids and adults alike.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am Eucharist • 11:00 Tour • 11:05 Sunday School • 11:15am Forum	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office/Bldg Closed	16 7pm Council	17 6pm Shelter Meal Cooking	18 7pm Choir	19 Sheridan Story • Shelter Meal	20
21 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am Eucharist • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Forum	22	23	24	25 7pm Choir	26	27
28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am Eucharist • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Forum	29 1pm Organ Delivery Volunteers Needed	30 7pm Racial Justice TF • FCCL Board	31 11am B.A.S.I.C. • 1pm Staff	February 1 7pm Choir	2 Sheridan Story delivery	3